



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Nature & Trails Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: March 21, 2026

Time: 6:35 pm

Location: Fanno Creek Service Center and Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

In Attendance

Committee Members: Carl Nelson (chair), Tina Ricks (secretary), Matthew Shepherd, Erich Pacheco, Tom Erwin, Marty Hite, Sharon Keiser, Vidy Kulkarni, Erik Lehr

Absent: Sharon Keiser

Board Liaison: Barbie Minor

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails Manager, Nicole Paulson, Planning Supervisor, Rene Brucker, Park Planner

Guests: None

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed. Marty moved to approve. Tom seconded the motion. February 2024 minutes were approved as written.

III. New Business

Climate plan approved by the board. There are measurable outcomes in the plan. There are some metrics to demonstrate, accountability is built in. Bruce is the person in charge of making the plan happen.

Parks and Facilities committee will be joining us for a presentation from Nicole Paulsen, Planning Supervisor.

There is a new and exciting parks and trail concept design. The interim name is Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park and Trail. THPRD is asking for comments and feedback. This is in the North Bethany area, just north of Pirate Park. The park has a grant from Metro. Clean Water Services has conducted riparian restoration along the creek adjacent to the park. The emphasis in this park is on access to nature.

THPRD had community input and incorporated that into the park. The community was presented with 3 options, chose option B. The community interested in pollinator and butterfly gardens.

The park includes a “gleaning garden.” We had some questions about how a gleaning garden works? Does it have maintenance difficulty? Answer: we have a gleaning garden Recuerdo Park near Beaver Acres elementary school. We have an orchardist volunteer who maintains the gleaning garden.

Washington County will install an at-grade crossing on Kaiser Road (like at Springville Road) at the same time that they improve the road.

Equity Access Presentation from Nicole Paulsen

THPRD has recently updated their Level of Service Analysis. Some of this information was presented to this committee in 2022.

Level of Service analyzes how we serve members of the district, and it helps identify gaps, via the GRASP process (Geo Referenced Amenities Standards Process)

This project shows the quantity and quality of the district’s amenities. This helps to answer the question: where should we be increasing service?

This is the link to these documents:

<https://www.thprd.org/pdfs2/document5188.pdf>

The maps showing the levels of service are fascinating. The pedestrian barriers are interesting. In North Bethany and South Cooper Mountain, the developers set aside park property from the beginning, as housing was constructed. Sometimes THPRD strikes deals with developers to get parks constructed.

IV. Old Business

Update on the Trail Gaps Project

The other THPRD committees (Parks and Events committees) approved our grant request. Staff will be doing what they can. At this point, it’s the staff coordinating and getting the project organized. The intent of the committee is clear, regardless of funding source.

We are toying with a regional transportation grant from Metro, which may improve signage on the whole trail network, across the district. These improvements will help a broad swath of the community understand where they can go on the trail network. This project may combine with community outreach.

The primary driver for this project is that 15 years ago, The Intertwine came up with a signage standard for the trail network. This would be the second iteration of signage. Many of the older signs are lost or damaged.

Carl wrote a letter in support of the “Getting There by Trail” grant proposal. We all approved.

THPRD is still backed up from storm damage across the district. There are still hazard trees leaning, storm cleanup is still happening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. PST.

There were amazing pastries at the meeting!

La Norteña is the bakery that these pastries come from. Off Allen Blvd.
6109 SW 124th Ave. Beaverton

Marty recommends

Ome Calli is on Canyon and Rose Biggi. Directly South of the food cart pod.
<https://www.omecallifrozentreats.com>

Vidy is bringing food next time!

V. Next Meeting will be held on

April 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm. This will be a joint meeting with other committees. Bruce will re-send the calendar invite. Meeting will be hybrid.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Ricks

Recording Secretary