



Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 15, 2023, 6:00PM

In Attendance

Committee Members: Nisha George (Chair), Nanda Siddaiah (Secretary), James Terwilliger, Kate Nelson, Jane Leo, Jacqui Orenda-Weber

Staff: Keith Watson (Support Services Manager), Cameron Hall (Park Maintenance North Supervisor), Peter Swinton (Urban Planner)

Board Liaison: Miles Palacios (absent)

Absent: Hilary Blum, Carolina Martins, Erica Soto

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Keith called meeting to order at 6:04PM
2. **Approval of Minutes from October 2023**
Jane moved to approve (with 1 correction updated: spelling correction)
James seconded, Team approved
3. **Public Comment**
James (commenting as a member of the public): Few weeks ago, made thought known to the Beaverton City council. We have the concept of Sister cities, and has gone dormant due to cost issues. Proposed to do this in a low-cost way. We could piggy back on this program, in the context of the parks in those sister cities and share how we compare across the cities
4. **Member Check-in**
 - a. James: Tree planting coming up in Greenway Park this Saturday – volunteers welcome to join
 - b. Kate: coming back thru Foege Park, the bridge across Cedar Hills is slippery during rain and cold. Can Parks district to do take some action to improve those.
Cameron: some bridges are the responsibility of City of Beaverton, Wa. County and THPRD. Cameron will follow up accordingly
 - c. Keith was at the NRPA conference in Dallas, and took trip thru 6 downtown parks. City was built for traffic primarily, and have done a good job integrating the parks into the City

5. New Business

a. Sunset Station Community Plan: Pedestrian Safety/Access (Q&A with Peter Swinton, Urban Planner)

- i. How many ways planned for pedestrians to cross. The concept map indicates what's current, and will be finalized as construction gets closer
5 across Barnes, 1 across sunset hwy, 2 across Cedar Hills Blvd. Pedestrian improvement proposals are definitely part of this as we get closer.
- ii. Physical distance between different pedestrian crossings – Peter will follow up with consultant to get more details; as this is usually not part of the concept plan. Will be clearer when the developer detailed plans develop.
- iii. Will these crossings be at street level or elevated – Planning is at-grade crossings. Barnes is expected to widen due to upcoming development. Concern is that Barnes and Cedar Hills are 'fast' – and the proposed park access will be challenging. Peter anticipates the traffic adjustments will slow down the traffic a bit; and development code will likely include more intensive traffic considerations for pedestrians. Peter will follow up with the consultant on specifics about what's planned for pedestrian crossings in that high traffic intersection. The City is also aware of the traffic challenges in that area.
- iv. Is there a proposal to connect the regional trail with all the parks proposed?
We have taken into consideration access possibilities as well as parking options and is part of the plan. Though, right of way along Cedar Hills belongs to City of Beaverton. The Parks 1,7,12,17 are planned to provide close access to development in those parcels.
- v. Are there traffic control signals at pedestrian crossings – the concept plan does not deal with crossings for City of Beaverton right of way. Others will be addressed by code definitions as we get closer to developing, along with the site-specific amenities to be built
- vi. Is there consideration for connectivity to existing sidewalks near St. Vincent and Peterkort complex. This plan does not specifically define it, but the conditional use permits will define how this will stitch into the existing infrastructure (There are significant upgrades planned in the area ex: adding bike lanes into key intersections and sidewalks). Also in general, trail signage is included when trail systems are built up.
- vii. Co-operation with other agencies (ex: Tri-met, St.Vincents) for shared funding in this project ? This concept plan is done along with the Peterkort foundation and THPRD system development fund. Tri-met, St.Vincent are not involved in the funding, but are included as community members in the design and development

- viii. Timeline for this project – Peter mentioned the timeline has not been well defined. The area is expected to generate a lot of SDCs due to the development planned, and this necessitates serving that area with parks. Timeline depends on how quickly developers will execute.
- ix. When will THPRD know about the sizes of the neighborhood parks – hopefully very soon; THPRD has been insistent on defining this soon to enable planning. Peter hopes to receive a draft of the updated plan as early as this week. We have our functional plans, and can use that as leverage to push for parks’ locations/sizes from the developer if they want to ‘share’ the development and maintenance of the parks.
- x. Peter is hoping to take this to the board in December. Will update when there’s an updated draft of this plan to share.

b. 2024 Committee Planning: New Member Recruitment Update

- i. Cameron will be leading this committee starting January
- ii. James, Keith and Cam have been interviewing potential candidates 9 candidates; looking to bring in 6 new committee members

6. Old Business

a. Challenge Grant Project Update

- i. This is moving along really well and fast and are ~99% there
- ii. Cooking classes scheduled this week Friday and Saturday
- iii. We have used only ~1/2 of the Grant budget; as THPRD staff was able to do much of the labor
Possibly use for a tabletop oven. Or consider a portable induction unit, possibly for other centers
Keith to follow up

b. Keith shared update on Community gardens shared with the City of Beaverton – walked thru the many upgrades in-progress at Kennedy Garden; and at Schiffler Park

c. Working with City of Beaverton related to adding Dog park at Ridgewood – there’s been some challenges working thru the process, as city deems this as a new-use case which comes with constraints and requires a long, drawn-out process. We are very close to construction.

7. Wrap Up

a. Next meeting

Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 (6PM, Location likely at Cedar Hills Recreation Center)

8. Adjourn

a. Meeting adjourned @ 7:21PM