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## Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: May 18, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Garden Home Recreation Center

#### In Attendance

Committee Members:

Adam Bless, Leslie Coefield, Paige Dickson, Deanna Draper, Bob Miller, Alaka Sarangdhar

Absent:

Sharon Peters

Staff:

Lindsay Bjork, Eric Owens

Guest:

Judi Graeper

#### I. Call to Order

Eric Owens opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

Committee members approved the minutes.

#### III. Financial Report

N/A

#### IV. Old Business

No old business discussed.

#### V. New Business

Tour of Garden Home: Lindsay Bjork, Garden Home Center Supervisor, gave the Committee a tour of the facility. The Committee was able to see each room while Lindsay gave an overview of what types of programs and activities occur in each space.

Center Presentation: Lindsay gave a presentation as to what the Center has to offer, as well as, current successes and future plans. Lindsay described the successful after school program and that it operates not only at Garden Home, but off site at McKay Elementary School and Hazeldale Elementary School. McKay students will go to Garden Home next school year due to the proximity of McKay to Garden Home. Lindsay also discussed other strong program areas, such as dance and fine arts which are typically only held at Garden Home. One area of growth that the facility will focus on this next year is fitness programs. Lindsay also invited the Committee to participate and help the Garden Home Friends Group with some special events throughout the year.

Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) Project/Community Benefit Fund: Eric discussed the history of the BES project itself and why it was necessary to do at this time. Eric also discussed the agreement with BES as it pertains to Garden Home, which is the community benefit fund. As part of the agreement with BES to do their work on the Garden Home Recreation Center site and the adjacent Fanno Creek Trail, BES gave THPRD \$325,000 to benefit the community at Garden Home and the trail.

Eric then discussed how a process was developed to get input from the Garden Home Friends Group, Garden Home staff and the Tualatin Hills Trails Advisory Committee to see what projects could be done with these funds. An initial set of projects was developed and became the first proposal. After an engineer had looked at the various elements of the initial proposal, it was determined that the amount of the fund that would need to be used for ADA upgrades, permits, potential asbestos removal and the removal of two load bearing walls was excessive and did not maximize the funds.

A second proposal was developed that would meet some of the same goals of the original plan, which was to expand the weight room, but not use funds for items that were not improvements or enhancements to the facility.

Lindsay discussed this proposal noting the highlights to move the gymnastics program to the current weight room site, weight room to the gymnastics room, new hardwood floor in Room 8, new hardwood floor in Room 9, some improvements to the after school program area, new gymnastics equipment and new weight room equipment. The Fanno Creek Trail would also receive funds for exercise stations at the start of the trail from the Garden Home Recreation Center property.

The Committee asked about the weight room attendance numbers after Cedar Hills expanded their area to see how this could justify the increase. Eric said that he would follow up and provide the attendance numbers at Cedar Hills for the year(s) following the increase in space.

Judi Graeper mentioned that the Friends Group that she used to chair had approved funds from their account to pay for the hardwood floor in Room 8. Eric stated that we are using the BES funds to do that very thing so the Friends Group account could do other items, getting further use out of the available funds.

Deanna mentioned that this was a great proposal and felt that the use of these funds for the second proposal would be for the greater use of the facility. Paige stated that this proposal was a great set up. Leslie also liked the new proposal stating that the weight room is crowded and they have to wait for equipment during specific times of day. Judi stated that this new proposal would not be met favorably by the gymnastics program. Lindsay stated that it has been discussed with the instructor.

It was also discussed that of the gymnastics classes 80% are beginning level, which this new space would be more than adequate.

Policy Review – Naming Facilities/Parks: After review of the proposed policy, the Committee felt that this was a good change and added needed clarity to some sites/amenities. Adam mentioned the need for better signage along the Fanno Creek Trail. Adam stated that signs alerting people especially bikers that sharp turns are ahead are really needed. Also he suggested mirrors at blind corners. Eric stated that he would take this information and pass it on to the Trails Advisory Committee for their consideration.

Funding Request – Garden Home: Lindsay presented a proposal for support from the Advisory Committee's Challenge Grant. The proposal asked for funds to help support an electrical project that would allow for computers to be used in Room 19 for a computer camp which is larger than the current space. Also funds were requested for a new stereo for Room 8 which does not function properly.

Total request for Room 19 is \$2,300.

Total request for Room 8 is \$570 plus shipping

Grand Total: \$2,870

Deanna moved to approve half or \$1,435 out of the Recreation Advisory Committee Challenge Grant fund. Alaka seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

**VI. Other**  
N/A

**VII. Next Meeting will be held on June 15, 2011, Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center, 7:00 pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Owens