



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: October 18, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Schlottman conference room

In Attendance

Committee Members: Greg Cody, Diane Cooper, Sue Rimkeit, Carol Rogat, Miles Glowacki
Absent: Blair Thomas
Staff: Mike Janin, Dave Chrisman, Scott Brucker
Guests: Virginia Bruce

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The September minutes were approved.

III. Presentations

Guest Speaker – Scott Brucker, Superintendent of Sports

- This was his third committee presentation (Sports and Elsie Stuhr were the others) to discuss incorporating a pickleball court next year at the Elsie Stuhr Center by painting lines on the existing basketball court. This would be part of the drop-in program and participants could get the equipment, including the net, at the front desk. The court would be for daytime use only, as is the rest of the park. Eventually, more courts would be added by the same method, limited to the parks that have a drop-in program. The Committee unanimously approved the pickleball court installation.
- Here is an excerpt from the official pickleball site: "Hi, my name is Pickles, the family cocker spaniel of one of the co-inventors of pickleball. I used to chase stray balls and then hide in the bushes, so they named the game after me. I am very proud. Pickleball is a fun game that is played on a badminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players."

Vista Brook Park – Mike Janin

- Mike provided photographs and a drawing of the new park and described how it is an opportunity to pay tribute to history with an art installation reflecting the railroad that ran through the area. The Committee discussed using recycled railroad materials such as wheels incorporated into a bench at a park entrance. Mike will follow up with the staff working on the park.

Maintenance – Dave Chrisman

- Staff continues to move into the new 112th Street facility. In the future, the Schlottman House will host Safety, Security, and Special Events Departments.
- Dave's Department is routing maintenance vehicles so there are fewer trips and less fuel consumption. Crew cab vehicles are being incorporated so the ratio of people to vehicle improves.
- Satellite shops for newly mapped regions and zones and closer management will reduce costs and increase efficiency.
- The GPS tools acquired through the Parks Advisory Committee Grant have been very helpful. The GIS project is halfway completed. The GPS ties information to various sites. For example, one mapped site might list the date of repairs, materials used, etc. An intern at THRPD set up the project.

- The soccer field sponsored by the Timbers, which has a synthetic surface, is available to the public and training clinics will be held in the future.

IV. New Business

- We talked about the proposed Fanno Creek crossing. One option is a bridge installation over Hall Boulevard with circular ramps, which would cost \$3.5 million. The second option, a tunnel, would cost the same. The third option, a safety island and crossing lanes, would cost \$1.5 million. The project, if approved, would be a great opportunity to incorporate art.

V. Old Business

Art in the Park

- Valerie Otami will attend the November meeting to give an update on her meetings with other THRPD departments.

Smoking Policy Proposal

- Blair Thomas submitted an official approval form to THRPD for signature. Mike Janin signed off.

VI. Committee Business

- Virginia Bruce expressed an interest in applying to become a member of the Committee. See the attachment, an article from *The Oregonian*, about Virginia's community work.
- Greg Cody reminded the Committee that it has \$7,500 (Challenge Grant) to spend.

VII. Next Meeting will be held on November 8 at 6:00 p.m. December's meeting will be on the 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cooper
Recording Secretary