



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

**FCSC Sequoia Room
May 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Kevin Apperson, Jane Athanasakos, Virginia Bruce, Krista Mancuso, Sharad Mishra, Galit Pinker, Sue Rimheit, Layton Rosencrance

Staff: Jon Campbell

Guests:

Absent: Nanda Siddaiah, Jerry Jones (board member)

- I. **Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Call to Order** by Layton Rosencrance at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from March 21, 2017, were unanimously approved, pending Virginia's grammatical corrections she gave to Jon.
- III. **Old Business**
 - a. **Interpretive Sign Project.** Jon said "before we write a grant application to request for funds, Virginia or another AC member will have to present the project to the other AC committees at a Joint Advisory Committee meeting, get their approval from both committees to move forward". The next Joint Advisory Committee meeting is July 18, 2017. Virginia brought photographs of the details of the signs that are being used in Tillamook, including the example of the plaque on the front of the sign with the sponsor of the sign (if we seek donations for funding). It costs patrons \$150 to sponsor one sign. Virginia then explained, in more detail, how Tillamook creates their signs. The Garden Club is still interested in building one at the John Quincy Adams Young House. Virginia also spoke with Deb Schoen, who took over for the Cedar Mill Cider Festival. She expressed interest in the project and was confident in the project receiving funding. The committee provided suggestions to Virginia on additional items to prepare/bring to the Joint Advisory committee meeting in July.
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. **AmeriCorps.** Jon has submitted 2 applications to partner with AmeriCorps; the most recent application was accepted in May, 2017. On June 12, 2017, 11 AmeriCorps volunteers will arrive for a month to work with maintenance & Natural Resource staff on 30 different projects. Jon provided a list of the projects the volunteers will work on. Any committee members can contact Jon for a written list. Sue asked if THPRD uses corrections crews on projects, and Jon confirmed that THPRD does use them.
 - b. **ADA Transition Plan Sorting.** Jon provided copies to the committee members of the Working Draft of the ADA Transition Plan Development, dated June 15, 2016. Page 10 and 11 outline priorities for barrier removal, which the committee members should be familiar with moving forward. There is \$40,350 allocated to 2017-18 ADA capital projects, the committee's goal is to help in direct where the remaining \$59,650 of the ADA funding is used next fiscal. Sue suggested focusing the funds on one or two facilities to create a barrier-free facility (as much as possible). Sue suggested Elsie Stuhr and the Tualatin Hills Athletic Center. Galit suggested we keep in mind that we

have an aging community that will not be driving. Nanda suggested prioritizing safety issues first and accessibility issues next. The committee members discussed whether safety was part of the current discussion or accessibility was a priority. Jon also suggested Harman Swim Center, the only therapeutic swimming center. Committee members then had a lively discussion on the various approaches and pros/cons of the various approaches. Jon also suggested that we look at barriers that may impact people from getting inside the building.

VIII. Committee Time:

- a. Jane shared concerns that there was trash piling up at Little People's Park. Jon reminded committee members they could email him directly with any concerns.
- b. Virginia announced that Cedar Mills Cider Festival will happen on October 15, 2017, at JQA Young House. Virginia is also still working away on her dog park project.
- c. Sue announced that Tualatin Riverkeepers are opening up new access off of Farmington Road on June 24, 2017.
- d. Sharad expressed gratitude for the parking guard that was recently hired at Sunset Swim Center. Sharad shared his concerns regarding the planning by THPRD to have the large pool closed at the same time.
- e. Galit met Nicole Paulsen and Jeannine Rustad and received helpful maps that she brought for the committee members to see. She expressed her remaining concern regarding communication between THPRD and the county.
- f. Layton heard a question from a community member asking why THPRD mows a large field area that backs up to a power line. Jon explained that there are mowing standards and frequencies that have been in place for years, most of our power line corridors / fields are mowed monthly. When the weather gets warm, patrons can become concerned if the grass grows long because they feel it could be a fire hazard.

Action Items:

- Jon: reach out to the different recreation facilities to find out what programs there are for their patrons with disabilities.
- Jon: reach out to the different aquatic centers to find out what programs there are for their patrons with disabilities.
- Jon will send out copies of Harman Swim Center and Elsie Stuhr spreadsheets to committee members, if possible.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2017, at 6:30 pm (FCSC)

Meeting adjourned: 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jon Campbell

Recording Secretary: Krista Mancuso