



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) meeting

Date: 4/25/2017

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Fanno Creek Service Center

In Attendance

Committee Members: Kim Wirtz, Holly Thompson, John Ratliff, Jane Athanasakos, Krista Mancuso, Layton Rosencrance, Amy Werner, Nanda Siddaiah, Virginia Bruce, Ralph Becker, Jack Shorr, Galit Pinker, Mitch Cruzan, Kevin Apperson, Linda Sneddon, Bill Kanable, Sharad Mishra, Cory Samia

Board liaison: Ali Kavianian

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch, Jon Campbell, Steve Gulgren, Sharon Hoffmeister, Gary Keck, Aisha Panas, Mike Pinker, Geoff Roach, Deb Schoen

Guests: None.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes from the January 31, 2017 meeting were presented to the committee.

Move to accept was proposed by Krista Mancuso and seconded by Bill Kanable.

There were no questions from the committee members and no discussion. The minutes were **accepted by unanimous vote.**

III. SW Park Naming Presentation

Layton Rosencrance and Geoff Roach made a presentation about the process involved in naming the new 20 acre sports park designed to accommodate people of all abilities. There were multiple ways for the public to provide input including the creation of a Volunteer Naming Committee, public meetings, a website, and various other social media platforms. Mountain View Champions Park was the name proposed after all the public input and professional consulting was completed.

Q: Aloha neighborhood diversity was not represented in naming committee, why?

A: Wanted people with subject matter expertise in park naming.

Q: Was there a process similar to what schools do? They create a history of the property, a narrative? Will this information be posted or displayed for the public?

A: We discussed some of that information in the meetings but there are no plans at present to post a sign or placard about the site history.

III. Crowell Woods Draft Master Plan

Steve Gulgren presented the draft master plan for Crowell Woods. In order to get increased community involvement and diverse opinions on what the park should look like and what amenities to feature, THPRD

hired the JLA Firm to help solicit those inputs. The draft plan has been an eight-month process which included public involvement via community outreach, canvassing, contacting patrons through the school district, a project website, a Facebook page, and other social media outlets. There were also three focus group meetings held with the focus on neighbors, young families, and diverse populations. The take away from all this community input was the tag line: Safe community space in a natural environment.

The next stage of the project was the design workshops. Three community design sessions were held with attendance of 8, 8, and 16 participants. An online survey was also instituted which received 181 responses. A landscape architecture firm was then hired to create the plan bases on the compiled feedback. The goal was to get community involvement from the onset, and staff feel like this was accomplished!

Q: What is the difference between a community garden and an edible garden?

A: Edible garden will be for all patrons, the community garden requires reserving a plot through the district.

Q: How large are the maintained areas versus natural area?

A: The park is mainly natural area with the forested area and the wetland, with the most disturbed sites being utilized as the more traditional developed park areas.

Q: Will there be connectivity for children walking to school?

A: Yes, there are trails from end to end through the park and various access points.

Q: With the soft surface trails, will they be aligned with the existing demand trails and is the plan to preserve the natural areas?

A: Yes, where appropriate the trail will align with the existing trails. Yes, we are planning to preserve the existing natural areas.

V. Next Meeting will be held on

Next Meeting: July 18, 2017, Fanno Creek Service Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. followed by individual committee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pinker