



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday · April 17, 2024 · 6 – 7:30 pm

Hybrid meeting option: In-person at Fanno Creek Service Center
6220 SW 112th Ave, Beaverton, OR 97008

Meeting link: [MS Teams](#)

In Attendance

Committee Members: Jane Nelson, Juanita Stovall, Carl Nelson, Jessica McBride, James Terwilliger, Travis Walker, Marty Hite, Mathew Shepherd, Pacheco Erich, Tina Ricks, Travis Walker, Saravana Sevugapandian, Kate Nelson, Karishma Chidambaram, Derek Chin, Amna Abbas, Kulkarni Vidyanand, Kate Nelson, Robert Dupuy, Hilary Blum, Thomas Erwin, Vidyanand Kulkarni

THPRD Board Liaisons: Barbie Minor, Tya Ping, Miles Palacios

THPRD staff:

Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails Manager
Emily Kent, Sports & Inclusion Manager
Cameron Hall, Park Maintenance Supervisor
Lulú Ballesteros, Equity & Engagement Manager

Guest Speakers – THPRD staff:

Holly Thompson Communications Director
Nicole Paulson Planning Supervisor
Liana Harden Community Engagement & Partnerships Specialist

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

II. Old Business

Welcome & January 2024 Minutes Review - Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails Manager

Minutes approved by Carl Nelson, second Erich Pacheco
Motion to approve – approved.

III. New Business

THPRD Local Option Levy – May 21 ballot - Holly Thompson, THPRD
Communications Director

THPRD is 24 days away from election day. The committee received an update on public information update about Measure 34-337.

Background: Budget shortfall on operational budget: Recreation, Inclusion, Afterschool, etc. This is the first time that we request an op levy since the 90's

Public opinion research: 76% people are satisfied with THPRD, 75% were unaware of shortfall, 60% would support a \$0.50 increase levy per \$ 1,000.

Public Information Campaign update:

- 120+ meetings, events, and presentations, 2,965 people reached, social media, mailings, posters, banners, and more. Samples of information materials were shown.
- Outperforming on social media and online promotion (click rates).
- Feedback: Very positive, high tax sensitivity, layering is working, high emotion.

Naming of Upcoming parks and trails - Liana Harden, Engagement & Partnerships Specialist

-Overview of the naming process

- 1) Cultural partners & researchers – identify name options. Looking to diversify representation.
- 2) Internal Naming Committee
- 3) Present to Management Team
- 4) Present to the community and gather input
- 5) Present to JAC
- 6) Present to Board of Directors

-Names Catalog

Created in collaboration with cultural organizations and leaders – honor and value diverse voices.

-To consider: engagement with the community with names that resonate with community and consider that communities change.

-Review the park locations, plans, and names.

- 1) NW Heckman Lane - Proposal Saqsaqa Park (Arabic meaning “tweet tweet”) Nature-based Park. Went through a full engagement process via community surveys, events and by asking questions about amenities, look and feel. Community were excited about native plants, and wildlife, including birds and pollinators.

- 2) New South Cooper Mountain Developer Parks
 - a. Pocket Park Community Lawn- proposal: Meeting Point Park. Name proposed by IRCO, bringing people together.
 - b. Urban Plaza – proposal: Sequoia Plaza.
 - c. Neighborhood Park – proposal: Harmony Park.
- 3) Community Trails in South Cooper Mountain
 - a. Chahelim Trail – Name comes from Tribes from the Grand Ronde
 - b. White Oak Trail – Nesting site for birds and shows uniqueness of trail with White Oaks.
 - c. Sandhill Crane Trail – Honoring wildlife.

-Seek input and approval to move forward with THPRD board approval. A variety of comments and questions were made by the committee, and were generally supportive.

Letter of Support Request - Metro Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant - Nicole Paulsen, Planning Supervisor

Background: In the North Bethany Area, will provide connection to multiple trails, there's play areas for ages 2-5 age group and another one for ages 5-12.

Request for support: Formal motion to approve, James Terwilliger made the motion to approve and second by Hillary Blum. All committee members agreed.

Carl Nelson and Tina Ricks will write the letter of recommendation.

Climate Action Plan overview - Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails Manager

- Increase extreme weather
- Reduce impacts to patrons/park operations

Past activities:

- Management team overview
- Staff work meetings
- Advisory committee input
- Board members input

Focus areas:

- Mitigation Activities
- Adaptation Activities

Plan outline: Primarily focused on how we serve the community.

The approach is: along with Strategic Plan, following Oregon goals, greenhouse gas inventory every 2-4 years to show quantitative progress

Climate Action Plan was shared.

Examples of Mitigation efforts:

- Warehouse with LED lights in all fixtures – cutting 40% of electricity
- Electric vehicles

Examples of Adaptation:

- Planting more and different species of trees

Next steps: Staff are discussing about what strategies THPRD will focus on during the coming year and then integrating into funding and work plans.

How committee members get involved, take a look at the plan

<https://www.thprd.org/district-information/sustainability/>

IV. Next Meeting will be held on October 16, 2024, 6:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Notes taken by Lulú Ballesteros, Equity & Engagement Manager