



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was held virtually on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Executive Session 5:30 pm; Regular Meeting 6:00 pm.

Present:

Barbie Minor	President/Director
Alfredo Moreno	Secretary/Director
Miles Palacios	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
Felicita Monteblanco	Director
Tya Ping	Director
Doug Menke	General Manager

Agenda Item #1 – Executive Session (A) Land

President Barbie Minor called executive session to order to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. Executive Session is held under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(e).

President Minor noted that the news media and designated staff may attend executive session. Representatives of the news media were directed not to disclose information discussed during executive session. No final action or final decision may be made in executive session.

Agenda Item #2 – Call Regular Meeting to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Barbie Minor on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

Tya Ping moved that the board of directors authorize staff to acquire the property in the northwest quadrant of the district for the price discussed in executive session, using fees held in escrow, subject to the standard due diligence review and approval by the general manager or designee. Miles Palacios seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #4 – Audience Time

President Minor welcomed those in attendance this evening for the purpose of providing public testimony.

Nilani Maheswaran, 7672 NW 169th Avenue, Portland, is before the board of directors this evening as a Beaverton School District student and member of the City of Beaverton's Mayor's Youth Advisory Board. She described the amount of pressure on people her age both academically and socially and expressed concern regarding a lack of safe spaces in the area for teenagers to gather in-person. Over the past few years, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board has conducted outreach to fellow youth in Beaverton and have heard similar concerns regarding a critical lack of community spaces for teenagers to use, noting that most of the spaces currently available are expensive, vulnerable to weather conditions, not teen-friendly, or inaccessible by

public transportation. This represents a significant opportunity for THPRD and having just one or two of its facilities staffed and open later would help meet this need. She urged the board to consider this opportunity as it represents a crucial change needed to better support the mental, social and emotional needs of the community's young people.

Avni Gulrajani, 7872 NW 166th Avenue, Portland, is before the board of directors this evening as a Beaverton School District student and member of the City of Beaverton's Mayor's Youth Advisory Board. She expressed concern regarding the lack of third spaces in the community where youth can connect and spend time outside of home or school. She described her passion for creating safe and inclusive community spaces stemming from her experiences with YouthLine, a peer-to-peer crisis, counseling, and referral line for youth. Every day, YouthLine receives calls from young people struggling with their mental health and the impacts of isolation. Third spaces are essential for fostering a sense of belonging and community, especially for young people who may not feel safe or supported in their current environments. THPRD facilities already provide incredible resources for sports and recreation and could also be transformed into spaces where youth could gather and build relationships, such as through youth lounges and/or open gym drop-in activities. Studies show that having access to third spaces reduces rates of anxiety and depression among youth, increases school engagement, and deters youth from risky behaviors, as well as strengthens the overall community by showing youth that they are valued and heard. Partnering with other agencies, seeking grants, and involving youth in the design of these spaces could make this vision a reality without placing excessive strain on THPRD resources. She urged the board to prioritize creating third spaces in THPRD facilities, ensuring that young people in Beaverton have the resources needed to thrive, connect and grow.

President Minor expressed gratitude for this evening's testimony and respect for Nilani and Avni's involvement and leadership in making the community a better place.

Agenda Item #5 – Board Time

A. Committee Liaisons Updates

Miles Palacios provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Looking forward to attending the upcoming Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee meeting.

Felicita Montebianco provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Met with staff from the City of Beaverton Mayor's Office where much of what was heard during this evening's public testimony was discussed as well as some other projects.
- ✓ Excited for the upcoming visit with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, along with fellow THPRD board members and local area elected officials.

Tya Ping provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Looking forward to the visit to Grand Ronde, as well.
- ✓ Upcoming meetings include the district's Audit Committee as well as the new Equity & Engagement Advisory Committee.

Alfredo Moreno provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ The Tualatin Hills Park Foundation is welcoming a new board of trustees member, Scott Pfister with Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, who will be replacing Lisa Reynolds, who will be serving as an Oregon State Senator.
- ✓ Expressed gratitude for district staff's outreach efforts that resulted in such a diverse group of applicants in relation to the advisory committee appointments requested via this evening's consent agenda.
- ✓ Wished everyone happy holidays and expressed appreciation for the inclusive and myriad ways the district celebrates this season.

President Minor provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ The Nature & Trails Advisory Committee will be meeting next week.
- ✓ Expressed agreement with Alfredo's comments regarding the advisory committee recruitment efforts and expressed gratitude for the community's interest and involvement, noting the invaluable gift of time offered by these volunteers willing to step forward.
- ✓ Wished everyone happy holidays, as well.

Agenda Item #6 – Consent Agenda

Felicita Monteblanco moved that the board of directors approve consent agenda items (A) Minutes of October 29, 2024 Board Retreat, (B) Minutes of November 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, (C) Quarterly Financial Report, (D) Resolution Appointing Advisory Committee Members, (E) Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for Local Government Grant Program Project at Saqsaqa Park, and (F) Arborist Agreement Amendment. Alfredo Moreno seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Tya Ping	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #7 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Barbie Minor, President

Alfredo Moreno, Secretary

Recording Secretary,
Jessica Collins