

IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 15, 2024



Present: Angelica Butler, BJ Park, Chris Paul, Destini Barajas, Erinn Stimson, Gerry Preston (virtual), Jasmine Wilder, Kolini Fusitua (virtual), Rebekah Morgan, Winnie Lo (virtual), Councilor Christen Sacco

Absent: Valerie Holt

Public: None

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director
Betsy Rodriguez Ruef, Community Engagement Coordinator

Consultant: Amber Coleman and Tanya Settles (virtual) of Paradigm Public Affairs

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chris Paul called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Chris welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chris Paul called for any corrections to the meeting minutes. BJ Park moved to accept the minutes. Destini Barajas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Co-Chairs: Chris Paul said that the City had not received any applicants for the youth position, so we will hold the position open for now and recruit again this summer.

2. Council Liaison: Councilor Christen Sacco shared information on the Meals on Wheels program, which recently presented at the City Council as a grant recipient. She also invited committee members to visit Tualatin's Pride Stride's Instagram and Facebook sites. The Pride Stride celebration will be held on June 22, 2024.

3. Staff: Betsy Rodriguez Ruef shared that she was coordinating a student visit to the City from Hazlebrook Middle School students. On April 24, the City will host its annual volunteer appreciation event. Committee members are invited to attend that event, as well as the State of the City on May 2. Betsy also hosts a Latino Business Networking group each month.

Jerianne Thompson said that the City Council will be adopting proclamations in May to celebrate June as Pride Month and recognizing June 19 as Juneteenth. She said that committee members are encouraged to share ideas for future proclamations. Erinn Stimson said that September is Dystonia Awareness Month. Kolini Fusitua said there is a Tonga Day in August, to recognize Tongans' contributions to Oregon. Jerianne said she and Betsy would bring more information about proclamations to the May meeting.

4. Public: None.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. City Council 2030 Vision: Councilor Christen Sacco reviewed the seven 2030 Vision statements, which are guiding principles related to City Council's priorities, as well as the priorities identified by Council during their 2024 Advance. Among the Vision Statements: A caring and inclusive community that promotes equity, diversity, belonging, and access in creating a meaningful quality of life for everyone. Other statements reflect a connected, informed, and civically engaged community; a thriving economy; vibrant gathering places; effective and accessible transportation; safe, desirable and sustainable neighborhoods; and an environmentally active, responsible community. The seven priority areas each have stated outcomes. Among these are Culture & Identity, which includes an outcome of "share progress on the IDEA Committee work plan," and training for the organization on being trauma-informed. Neighborhood Engagement includes outcomes of "celebrating investments" and "continue to build relationships." Committee members were interested in more information about the trauma-informed training used or planned for the Tualatin Police Department, asked about the lack of affordable childcare options in the community, and mapping that shows areas of the community impacted by the priority area projects.

Jerianne Thompson facilitated a discussion related to the "caring and inclusive community" statement, asking: What would Tualatin look like if this Vision Statement were realized? Topics raised included:

- Some community opportunities and events are offered in parts of the community but not others, making accessibility inequitable. Retail and dining opportunities are also not easy to access from all neighborhoods.
- Seeing people of different ages and background mingling together in shared community spaces, seeing more diversity at community events, would be a good sign.
- Places to build connection in the community would be good, including community garden spaces and accessible leisure and recreational spaces for different sensory needs.

- Seeing members of the immigrant and refugee communities attend and speak at Council meetings would be a positive indicator.
- Interest in information about performance indicators used by the City for community events.
- Housing affordability is a challenge. Ensuring that renters are included in community engagement efforts (such as the community survey).
- Curiosity about the housing being planned within the Basalt Creek Planning Area that will be within the Sherwood School District, yet in close proximity to Tualatin High School.
- More information sharing about community needs, projects, and resources, such as through an app, was suggested.

2. Wheel of Power & Privilege: Amber provided an overview of the intent behind the Wheel of Power / Privilege handout included in the meeting agenda packet (created by Sylvia Duckworth) and encouraged committee members to think about: What are the ways in which systems work for each of us, or not? Who makes decisions related to systems of power and who is impacted? She also shared information about cultural humility.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Next meeting date May 20, location: Tualatin Public Library

Jasmine Wilder asked about the planned location for the May meeting, the Tualatin Police Department. After discussion, the committee agreed to move the meeting to the Tualatin Public Library instead.

2. Vision Statement, Values Alignment

3. City Services Information

Chris Paul asked what services committee members were interested in hearing more about: economic development, urban renewal, housing, policing, public transportation.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BJ Park shared he will be litigating a hate crime trial in Salem during May.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

_____, Jerianne Thompson, staff