



Minutes

T UALATIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 9th, 2024

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:	Beth Dittman, Emma Gray, Michael Klein, John Makepeace
Members Absent:	Carl Hosticka (Excused), Anthony Warren (Excused), Cosimah Slider (Excused)
Council Present:	Councilor Christen Sacco
Staff Present:	Rich Mueller, Parks Planning & Development Manager Bella DePhillipo, Office Coordinator
Public:	None

A. Call to Order

Chair Emma Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
Roll Call was taken with four members present and three absent.
Rich Mueller introduced new office coordinator Bella DePhillipo, and committee members introduced themselves.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 12th, 2024 meeting was approved unanimously by a motion from Emma Gray.

C. Special Item

Councilor Christen Sacco shared a flyer for the upcoming Pride Stride. She spoke briefly about the event, including that this year's event will be larger than last year's and that safety will be a top priority, then invited committee members to attend.

D. Communications & Comments

No communications or comments.

D. Old Business

1. Parks Bond Update

Rich Mueller reviewed the bond project status and schedule progress, and that Ross is working on acquiring another three acres of land for river access. He also mentioned that the lighting project for athletic fields has been completed, and that the construction on Veterans Plaza is ahead of schedule. Rich wrapped up with the news of Ibach Park's construction being almost finished, which will complete all of the bond's playground projects.

2. Veterans Plaza

Emma Grey commended John Makepeace for his committee participation in the plaza project. John then presented briefly on the project, beginning with a brief overview of the steps taken thus far. John then spoke on the process of choosing an artist, and he showed the committee who the artist is and what the art will look like. Beth Dittman thanked John for his work, and Emma noted that the art will not be present in the plaza by the time of the Pumpkin Regatta.

3. 2024 Goals

Emma Grey spoke on the 2024 goals for the committee, and mentioned Cosimah Slider as the new YAC student member.

4. Arbor Month

Emma Grey presented at March 25th Council meeting. She said the presentation was well-received, and Rich agreed.

5. Budget

Rich Mueller let the committee know that we are currently in the budget period, and that the parks budget has been submitted. He indicated to the committee that reductions were not expected, and explained the three different funds: bond, development, and utility.

E. New Business

1. Pollinator Week

Pollinator week will be presented to Council at the first June meeting. Rich Mueller asked the committee to consider how they would like to present this year, and shared the presentation from last year. Emma Grey will be out of town during the Council meeting but expressed willingness to help. Bella DePhillipo agreed to put together the 2024 presentation. Beth Dittman offered to present, and said she would ask Cosimah Slider as well.

2. Programs & Volunteers

Rich Mueller reported that Recreation staff are preparing for Blender Dash, and that an entry-level position in Parks operations will be opening up. He also mentioned that fields and parks are being prepared for the spring and summer seasons ahead.

G. Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review

Emma Gray reviewed the calendars, and inquired about upcoming council meetings.

H. Committee Member Communications

None

I. Adjournment

Chair Emma Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:41 pm.