



Minutes

T UALATIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 14th, 2024

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:	Emma Gray, Cosimah Slider, John Makepeace
Members Absent:	Beth Dittman (excused), Carl Hosticka (excused), Michael Klein (excused), Anthony Warren (excused)
Staff Present:	Ross Hoover, Parks & Recreation Director 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 6:03 pm.
Roll Call was taken with 3 members present and 4 absent.
Emma Gray announced without a quorum, the meeting would be informational only.
Emma Gray introduced Bella DePhillipo and Cosimah Slider to each other.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 9th, 2024 meeting were not approved due to not having enough members present for a vote.

C. Communications & Comments

No communications or comments from the chair or staff.

Rich Mueller provided comments from community pickleball players, who are advocating for more lighting and permanent netting on courts. Rich pointed out that while pickleball is in the Parks & Recreation master plan, it is not currently a work plan priority that is more important than other sports facilities funded in the bond projects. Tualatin has 12 courts, 160 players, 12 hours of light, 75% non-residents, and 20,000 uses per year. Ross Hoover then spoke about the increase in hybrid courts in Tualatin, and mentioned that we have the most courts in our region, and spoke on the plan to add four more courts to Jurgens Park. He also said community engagement would be called for in the development of future facilities, such as Basalt Creek.

D. Old Business

1. Parks Bond Update

- a. Rich shared a document with the status of each Bond project, which is included in the meeting packet. He mentioned that the trail project is currently in design, and that river access has been pushed off until winter of 2025, stressing the need for community engagement in that project. He also mentioned that Ross Hoover is currently in negotiation for the final piece of land in the Natural Areas acquisition

portion of the bond. Emma Gray asked if the Trail design takes into account land rights that we don't yet have, and Rich responded that the design only goes up to I5 for now.

b. Veterans Plaza Brick Order Form

Rich introduced the brick order form to the group, explaining that the project will involve the purchase of customized bricks to install into a portion of Veterans Plaza. He highlighted that the bricks will cost \$150 and that there are guidelines to what can be put onto the bricks, in order to keep the space respectful and to align with the community's desire for a space to honor and celebrate veterans, active service members, military families, and hidden heroes. Emma Gray gave her approval for the design and predicted community support. Rich mentioned that this will be brought to the next meeting.

c. Athletic Field Improvements

Ross spoke on the first of a series of meetings with youth sports representatives, to talk about how best to use bond funds designated for athletic field improvements. During the first meeting, the group developed a list of criteria to use to score each park site and school site within the district, in order to then choose which sites will receive funds. Ross and Kira Hein will meet again with this group next week, in order to narrow down sites for future investment, and later meetings will plan the site improvements.

2. Goals

Emma Gray introduced the group to the new live link within the agenda for the committee goals, where goals will be checked off as they are achieved.

D. New Business

1. Pollinator

Emma Gray reported that Beth Dittman will be presenting to council using the presentation included in the packet. Bella DePhillipo briefly showed the presentation to the group. Emma Gray requested an additional mention of lesser-known pollinators. John Makepeace pointed out a correction to the use of the word pollinator

2. Program Update

Ross spoke about upcoming events at the Pohl Center, including many upcoming trips. He also mentioned the upcoming Blender Dash, Pride Stride, and concerts in the parks in June. For July, Ross mentioned that Viva Tualatin is moving to the Tualatin Community Park. He also mentioned that staff are preparing for summer camp season to begin. Cosimah Slider asked for clarification on the summer camps, and Ross clarified that he was talking about city parks camps but also spoke briefly on Safety Town camp and partner program Skyhawks.

3. Projects

Rich mentioned that the trail project under highway 99 is close to completion.

Park Maintenance & Operations

Ross spoke on Kelsey Parker's promotion to Maintenance II position.

Volunteer Updates

Emma Gray prompted the group to view the volunteer updates.

G. Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review

Emma Gray reviewed the calendars, and spoke on the presentation in the first council meeting of June. She asked if there were any parks items on the next agenda, and Rich mentioned a couple consent items but no large items.

H. Committee Member Communications

Emma Gray reminded the committee to log their hours.

I. Adjournment

Chair Emma Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.