



Minutes

TUALATIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 13, 2024

Virtual Meeting

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

A. Call to Order

1. Emma Gray called the meeting to order at 6:03.

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Carl Hosticka made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024 meeting. Beth Dittman seconded, and committee members unanimously approved the minutes.

C. Communications & Comments

1. Chair
None
2. Staff
None
3. Public
None

D. Old Business

1. Park Bond Update
 - a. Project Status

Trail connections: Rich Mueller shared that Nyberg Creek Trail is in construction design, and that we expect 30% design by end of the month. Kira Hein will be leading this project.

New River Access: Rich shared that design is expected to begin in spring of 2025.

Athletic Fields: Rich reported that Kira Hein and Ross Hoover are meeting with community sports organizations to determine where bond funds can best enhance local athletic fields.

Natural Areas: Rich shared that the bond fund for acquiring natural areas has been spent and zeroed out with the pending purchase of Robb property.
 - b. Projects in Process

Veterans Plaza: Rich Mueller reported that construction continues to move forward, with the basalt stone features placed and the water feature being

waterproofed. He mentioned that the contractor is Paul Brothers, a family business that specializes in Parks & Recreation projects.

Future Riverfront Park: Rich Mueller showed where the newly acquired property is located and informed the group that this acquisition will increase riverfront property by 2.79 acres. He also shared that the city now has a traffic signal light at Martinazzi and Boones Ferry for property access, and that trails will be included. Rich mentioned that Ross took the lead on the acquisition, and spoke on the maintenance operations agreement. He said that Kira will lead planning and development for this project.

Beth Dittman asked about parking, Rich said it will be factored in.

Emma Gray clarified that this acquisition completes the trail starting at Ki a Kuts Bridge, and commended Rich & Ross's hard work.

- c. Project Info: Rich invited comments on how public info has been going since Bella DePhillipo joined. Emma commented on social media and emails, and John commended the social media but mentioned that links to the website are not accessible via Instagram and suggested linktree.
2. Committee Goals
Emma Gray checked off a couple Q4 goals that were achieved at the council meeting that included river access and parks bond implementation.
 3. Trail Ribbon Cutting
Rich Mueller thanked members who could attend the ribbon cutting, and spoke on the trail project coming to an end with construction completed. He also mentioned that Senate President Wagner and Rep Walters spoke along with the Mayor at the event. Beth Dittman complimented the event, and asked where she can recommend a flashing crosswalk for the route kids will be taking to school. Rich said Mike McCarthy can be contacted or to comment on the transportation plan currently in the planning stage. Michael Klein said the trail was great and the ceremony was lovely, and asked to someday improve the boat launch.
Emma Gray mentioned a conversation with the Hazelbrook track coach about how students might use the trail to run.
 4. Facility Study & Plan
 - a. Long Range Plan
Rich Mueller shared info provided by Ross Hoover, that staff will run a draft by the group before going to council. He also discussed that the community has a need for a large facility.
Beth Dittman mentioned the importance that a playground is nearby and adequate parking is available, and advised thinking about growth of staff when considering office space, as well as proximity to Trimet.
Michael Klein mentioned it would be the perfect use of a former grocery space.
Emma Gray mentioned the great need for a community center, and mentioned the desire for a swimming pool and potential income from a rentable space.
Carl Hosticka asked about finance, Rich will pass along to Ross.
Michael advised caution and long range planning.
Emma summed up the group's desire to know more.

E. New Business

1. City Website Redesign
Beth Dittman and Emma Gray will go to the City focus group tomorrow, and they encourage the committee to let Emma know any ideas before tomorrow. Beth made

notes from committee members on the question “what do you most enjoy about living in Tualatin” and Emma Gray stressed poor navigation of the website.

2. Basalt Creek Parks & Recreation Plan

- a. Rich Mueller mentioned that the Council adopted the plan last night, and shared a map showing the adopted trail plan, which is now in development code and city transportation plan. Rich thanked Emma for speaking on behalf of this agenda item.

3. Updates

a. Programs

Rich reported that it is the last week of day camp, and that the last summer concert is this Friday. He also mentioned that staff are engaged in pumpkin regatta preparation.

Beth questioned the community effectiveness of Viva Tualatin, and wondered if anyone tracks event outcomes to meet community needs.

b. Projects

Rich reported that Ki a Kuts bridge is in construction, which includes divers in water armoring the steel piles, and that expected completion is the first week of September.

c. Operations

None

d. Volunteers

None

F. Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review

The new board member will be approved at the next council meeting, and she will be at the next TPARK meeting. The first Council meeting in October is another bond update with Rich & Kira presenting.

G. Committee Member Communications

Emma Gray cannot make the next meeting, and Beth Dittman will conduct. She shared the volunteer logging site and reminded members to log their meeting hours.

H. Adjournment

Emma Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.