# **MEETING NOTICE**



# TUALATIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE April 18, 2017 - 6:00 PM

VAN RADEN COMMUNITY CENTER Tualatin Community Park 8509 SW Tualatin Road

# A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

# **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. March 14, 2017

# C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Chair
- 2. Staff
- 3. Public

# D. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update
- 2. Annual Report of the Committee
- 3. Arbor Week Presentation and Activities
- 4. Hedges Creek Erosion Update

# E. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Organizational Structure
- 2. 2017-18 Budget Process
- 3. Jurgens Park Play Area Project
- 4. Tualatin River Greenway Trail Update
- 5. Neighbors Nourishing Communities Information

# F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

# G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

H. ADJOURNMENT



# **DRAFT MINUTES**

# TUALATIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE March 14, 2017

### VAN RADEN COMMUNITY CENTER Tualatin Community Park 8509 SW Tualatin Road

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Kay Dix, Krista Nanton, Valerie Pratt, Dana Paulino, Dennis Wells
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Anthony Warren (excused)
STAFF PRESENT:	Rich Mueller, Parks and Recreation Manager Heidi Marx, Recreation Program Specialist
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Larry McClure, Tualatin Historical Society
OTHER:	Christen Sacco

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dennis Wells called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm. Dennis Wells asked Christen Sacco to introduce herself. Christen has been recommended by the Council Committee on Advisory Appointments as a member of the Tualatin Park Advisory Committee.

### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting was unanimously approved, on a motion by Dana Paulino, and seconded from Kay Dix.

### C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. <u>Chair</u> There were none.
- 2. <u>Staff</u>

Rich Mueller provided updates on the following: Basalt Creek Concept Plan, Pohl Center programs, Metro newsletter and Tualatin Riverkeepers newsletter. Rich mentioned that five members of the Youth Advisory Committee are in Washington DC attending the National League of Cities conference with Julie Ludemann, Recreation Supervisor. The new Management Analyst, Sou Souvanny will begin work on Monday, March 20.

3. <u>Public</u>

There were none.

### D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

Staff members Paul Hennon and Rich Mueller presented the framing and decision making process to City Council at the February 27 work session. The presentation included the project scope, schedule, key considerations, pre-mortem considerations and public involvement. There was discussion regarding the ad hoc steering committee membership. Rich Mueller distributed a news article, and the committee discussed the next steps, which include a request for proposals to select a consultant.

2. Annual Report of the Committee

Committee members reviewed the written report and presentation with some comments, suggestions and changes. Committee Chair, Dennis Wells will present the annual report at the March 27 Council meeting.

3. Arbor Week Presentation

The committee looked over the Arbor Week presentation and discussed Valerie Pratt and Kay Dix attending the March 27 Council meeting to share the PowerPoint presentation with Council. The committee recommended the proclamation to Council, on a motion from Valerie Pratt, and second by Kay Dix.

### E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Crawfish Festival Update

Information about the Crawfish Festival management transition was shared with the committee. After last year's Crawfish Festival, the City and promoter (Mike Higgins, Social Media NW) mutually agreed that the Crawfish Festival had not developed as proposed in regards to the program and building financial sustainability. It was decided to shift management of the Crawfish Festival to the company (Better Series) that runs the Hood to Coast event.

2. Historical Society Annual Heritage Center Report

Larry McClure, Director of the Tualatin Historical Society, presented the Annual Historical Society Report, and Tualatin Heritage Center presentation. Committee members accepted the annual report and recommended that the 2016 Heritage Center Annual Report advance to City Council, on a motion from Krista Nanton, and second by Kay Dix.

# 3. Arbor Week Poster and Photo Contest Selection

The City Event Specialist, Heidi Marx guided committee members through the selection process for the fifth grade poster contest and photo contest. The committee reviewed 93 posters received and 19 photos submitted. The committee members selected the following posters and photos as the winners of this year's Arbor Week contests.

Poster Winners:

Overall

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bradley Portis, Tualatin Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Meah Latt, Byrom Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Talya Duran, Tualatin Elementary

Bridgeport Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Julia Barber 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sophia Howard 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Rylee McMillin

Byrom Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alyssa Allen 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Chloe Farris 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Chyanne Griep Tualatin Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Axxel Zaragoza Renteria 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Taylor Fisher 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Madlima Elirose Leben

### Photo Winners:

Overall 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Niamh McDade, taken at Tualatin High School 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tony Straub, taken at Atfalati Park 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Thea Owens, taken in Victoria Woods

# F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dennis Wells adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

# Tualatin Park Advisory Committee (TPARK)



# 2016 Annual Report



# **Committee Members**

> Dennis Wells, Chair > Valerie Pratt, Vice-Chair > Kay Dix Krista Nanton Dana Paulino > Stephen Ricker > Anthony Warren > Staff – Rich Mueller



# **Committee Role**

The role of the TPARK is to:

- Recommend and make suggestions to the City Council regarding public parks, activities and programs.
- > Formulate comprehensive and community-wide park and recreation systems and programs.
- > Consider comprehensive plans and projects affecting the City.
- > Act as the City's Tree Board and make recommendations on Urban Forestry related issues.

**Recommend and Make Suggestions** Smoke and Tobacco Free Outdoor City Spaces Policy Proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation Month Tualatin Heritage Center Annual Report Arbor Week Proclamation Heritage Tree Recommendation National Water Trail Designation Resolution Tree City USA Application Master Plan Update

# Formulate Comprehensive Park Systems and Recreation Programs

> Tualatin River Greenway Trail Opening > Arbor Week Poster and Photo Contest Ice Age Tonguin Trail **Easement Acquisition** > Projects (dog park shelter & field replacement)



Improving the Health of Tualatin through Parks, Recreation and Conservation

# Consider Provisions of Plans and Projects Affecting the City

- Metro Parks and Natural Area System Plan
- > Basalt Creek Concept Plan
- Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- > Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail



# City Tree Board Recommendations On Urban Forestry Issues

> Arbor Week in the City of Tualatin

> Heritage Tree Recommendations

Tree City USA Application



# **2017 Action Plan**



# > Fulfill Prescribed Duties

- Master Plan Update Involvement
- Support Continued
   Development of Parks,
   Recreation Programs and
   Facilities
- Continue Development of Greenway Trails

# Recommendations

- Update Parks and Recreation Master Plan as Scheduled
- > Continue Development of the Tualatin River Greenway Trail
- Ensure Public Facilities are included in the Basalt Creek Plan
- Support Recreation, Youth and Older Adult Activity and Enrichment Programs, and Events
- Improve Health and Wellness through Parks and Recreation
- Conserve and Protect Open Space, Connecting Children to Nature, and Engaging Tualatin in Conservation Practices
- Ensure Social Equity for All People to Have Access to the Benefits of Parks and Recreation

# **Questions & Comments?**





# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT of the Tualatin Park Advisory Committee (TPARK)

# 1. BACKGROUND

Tualatin Park Advisory Committee (TPARK) was established by Ordinance 418-77, adopted by Council on November 28, 1977, and incorporated into the Tualatin Municipal Code as Chapter 11-2. TPARK also serves as the Tree Board for the purpose of the Tree City USA program pursuant to Resolution 2013-87, adopted by Council on July 27, 1987.

Section 11-2-090 of the Tualatin Municipal Code calls for an annual report summarizing TPARK's activities during the preceding calendar year, outlining future activities of the committee, and identifying any other matters deemed appropriate by the committee for recommendation and advice to the Council.

The members of TPARK in 2016 were Kay Dix, Krista Nanton, Dana Paulino, Valerie Pratt (Vice Chair), Stephen Ricker, Anthony Warren and Dennis Wells (Chair).

# 2. ROLES OF THE COMMITTEE

# The Tualatin Park Advisory Committee has the duty to:

- A. Recommend and make suggestions to the City Council regarding all matters relating to public parks, playground related activities and programs. This shall include, but not be limited to:
  - a. the budget process,
  - b. immediate and long-range planning,
  - c. citizen participation; and
- B. Formulate comprehensive and community-wide park and recreation systems and programs to serve the horticultural, environmental, historical, recreational, cultural and leisure needs of all City residents; and
- C. Consider the provisions of any comprehensive plan, project plan or agency plan of the City of Tualatin, and other government agencies having plans or projects affecting the City of Tualatin; and
- D. As the City's Tree Board TPARK makes recommendations to staff and Council on Urban Forestry related issues.

# 3. ACTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ROLES IN 2016

# A. RECOMMEND AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ALL MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKS, PLAYGROUND RELATED ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

TPARK made a number of recommendations to staff and Council during 2016. Most of the recommendations were informed by receiving public involvement. Citizens and other interested parties shared their thoughts on a wide range of planning, policy and capital projects including the smoke and tobacco free outdoor City spaces policy, proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation Month, Tualatin Heritage Center annual report, Arbor Week proclamation, Heritage Tree recommendation, National Water Trail designation resolution, Tree City USA application and master plan update.

1. Recommended a Smoke and Tobacco Free Outdoor City Spaces Policy for Property Owned and/or Managed by the City

TPARK spent many meetings reviewing and discussing a smoke and tobacco free outdoor City spaces policy. TPARK members recommended the Council adopt a policy restricting all types of smoking and tobacco use in outdoor city property owned or managed by the City, including adjacent sidewalks. The Council adopted Ordinance No. 1388-16 on March 14, 2016, amending the Tualatin Municipal Code to prohibit the use of tobacco products, and inhalant delivery systems on City property.

- 2. Supported the National Water Trail Designation Recommendation At the July 12, 2016 meeting of TPARK, the committee recommended that Council support to designate the Tualatin River Water Trail as a National Water Trail through the National Park Service. The National Water Trails system is a distinctive national network of exemplary water trails that are cooperatively supported, and sustained with the purpose to protect America's rivers, shoreline and waterways, along with increasing access to outdoor recreation. Council authorized submitting a letter of support to designate the Tualatin River Water Trail as a National Water Trail on August 8, 2016 by approval of Resolution No. 5292-16.
- 3. Received the 2015 Tualatin Heritage Center Annual Report and forwarded to the Council

Per the 2005 Agreement for Operation of the Tualatin Heritage Center, the Tualatin Historical Society provides annual report summarizing the operation, activities, attendance, financial status, staffing, marketing efforts, building and maintenance concerns, and other relevant issues to TPARK and the Council. TPARK received the report on February 9, 2016, and recommended that Council accept the Tualatin Heritage Center Report, which occurred at the February 22, 2016 Council meeting.

# B. FORMULATE COMPREHENSIVE AND COMMUNITY-WIDE PARK AND RECREATION SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS TO SERVE THE HORTICULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, HISTORICAL, RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND LEISURE NEEDS OF ALL CITY RESIDENTS

During 2016 TPARK regularly provided input on park facilities, recreation programs, activities and events, and also participated in them. TPARK members volunteered at community events, Tualatin River Greenway Trail grand opening, Arbor Week Celebration, and other recreation programs. Committee members brought a prospective from citizens, organizations and businesses regarding programs and facilities, and provided input representing our diverse community.

# 1. Trail User Counting Project

In September TPARK members participated in the 2016 trail user counts to determine the use of the Tualatin River Greenway Trail. This data is used to establish a national database of bicycle and pedestrian count information generated by these consistent methods and practices. The trail counts allow analysis on the correlations bicycle and pedestrian activities have on local communities. The information will also help determine the increased use as the Tualatin River Greenway Trail system is developed.

# 2. Supported Recreation Activity and Enrichment Programs and Community Events

The committee focus included ways to support the City missions, programming, and facilities to provide a community benefit which improves health, increases economic development, enhances the environment and provides a quality of place in Tualatin. Committee members discussed, made suggestions and supported program enhancements. During 2016 TPARK saw youth summer day camps expand, community events attract high participant numbers, and Pohl Center programs increasing for older adults. These recreation programs contribute to a high quality of life, improved health, social equity, conservation of the environment and enhanced economic development.

# 3. Actively Supported the Tualatin River Greenway Trail and Creek Trail Projects

TPARK worked toward furthering the Council vision and goals to "Protect and Expand Natural Areas" and "Expand Opportunities for Vibrant Park and Recreational Facilities Including Greenway Trails and Bike/Pedestrian Trails". During 2016 the committee reviewed the status and progress of trail projects along the Tualatin River Greenway, Ice Age Tonquin Trail and Saum Creek Greenway. TPARK received information and provided citizen prospective and input on the projects. The committee members provided an opportunity for public involvement on trail projects. Progress was made on all these trails in the form of land rights acquisition, planning, design and construction.

# C. CONSIDER THE PROVISIONS OF ANY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PROJECT PLAN OR AGENCY PLAN OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES HAVING PLANS OR PROJECTS AFFECTING THE CITY OF TUALATIN

# 1. Basalt Creek Concept Plan Project

Throughout 2016 TPARK received Basalt Creek Concept Plan Project updates and committee members attended concept plan meetings. TPARK continues to support including public facilities to be designated in the plan. TPARK would like parks, natural areas, trails, recreation and library facilities, and bike lanes included in the plan. Committee members recommended that the Ice Age Tonquin Trail as well be included in the concept plan.

# 2. Metro Parks and Nature System Plan

Metro's portfolio of outdoor destinations and nature programs has grown dramatically during the past two decades, laying the groundwork for a worldclass regional park system. Metro has developed a system plan that will guide future decision-making and investments for regional parks, trails, natural areas and nature programs. Community members and partners helped shape the plan that lays out Metro's mission, roles and priorities. The Parks and Nature System Plan and includes 17,000 acres of parks, trails and natural areas that Metro manages on behalf of the public. During 2016 TPARK reviewed, discussed and commented on the Parks and Nature System Plan which includes Metro's mission, role, portfolio and strategies. Metro approved the plan update in the winter of 2016.

# 3. Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

At the September 13, 2016 TPARK meeting the committee members reviewed the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan which was finalized by the Oregon Department of Transportation in May 2016. This statewide plan includes policies and strategies, investment considerations and implementation of the plan. Walking and biking are essential modes of transportation, serving critical connections and offering opportunity, and choice in Oregon's multimodal transportation system.

Other projects and plans TPARK reviewed and discussed during 2016 included the Ice Age Tonquin Trail, new ArtWalk loop, and the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail.

# D. AS THE CITY'S TREE BOARD, TPARK MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF AND COUNCIL ON URBAN FORESTRY RELATED ISSUES

 Recommended to Proclaim April 5 through April 11, 2016 as Arbor Week in the City of Tualatin On March 8, 2016, TPARK recommended the adoption of the Arbor Week Proclamation, which was approved by Council on March 28, 2016. The committee was also involved in the selection process to determine the winners of the youth Arbor Week poster and photo contests. 2. Recommended the Designation of a Heritage Tree along the Tualatin River Greenway Trail

At the February 9, 2016 meeting TPARK reviewed a nomination and recommended granting Heritage Tree status to a tree along the new section of the Tualatin River Greenway Trail. On March 28, 2016 the City Council approved Resolution No. 5271-16 that granted Heritage Tree designation to a Sequoia Sempervirens (Coast Redwood) at the entrance to the new Tualatin River Greenway Trail section near Barngrover Way.

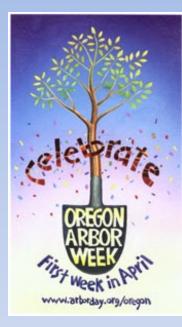
- 4. ACTION PLAN FOR 2017
  - A. Continue to fulfill prescribed duties.
  - B. Provide input, recommendations, engagement and public involvement opportunities for the public during the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update.
  - C. Support the continuing development of parks, recreation facilities and programs.
  - D. Continue development of greenway trails along the Tualatin River and local creeks.

# 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

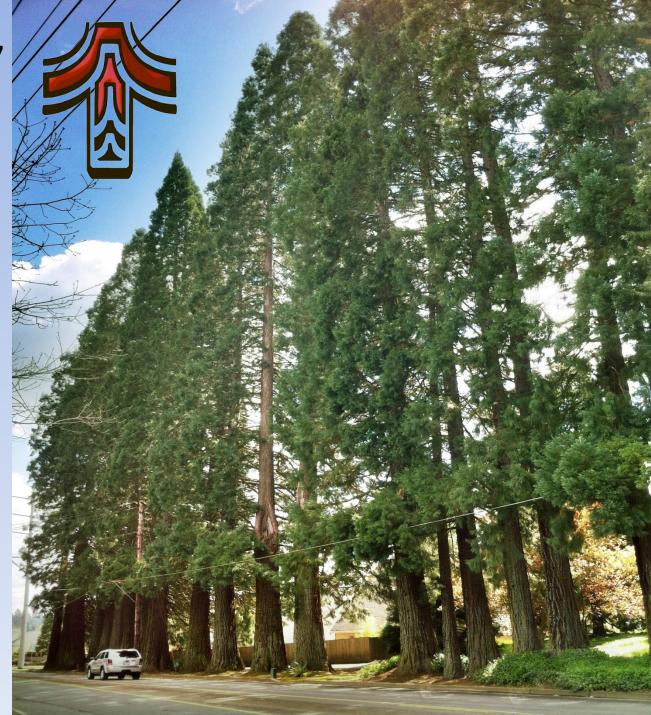
The Tualatin Park Advisory Committee respectfully recommends that the City:

- A. Continue the update to the Park and Recreation Master Plan as scheduled.
- B. Continue to move forward with acquiring property within the Tualatin River Greenway, and take appropriate actions to development the Tualatin River Greenway trail. The importance of the Tualatin River Greenway is to preserve the scenic value of the Tualatin River, enhance water quality, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, provide opportunities for activity to improve health, and provide public pedestrian and bicycle access.
- C. Ensure that public facilities including parks, natural areas, trails (Ice Age Tonquin and others), recreation and library facilities and bike lanes are included in the Basalt Creek Concept Plan.
- D. Conserve and protect open space, connecting children to nature, and engaging citizens in conservation practices.
- E. Support recreation, youth and older adult activity and enrichment programs and events. Recreation, youth and older adult programs improve health and wellness, and ensure social equity for all people to have access to the benefits of parks and recreation.

# Arbor Week 2017 April 2 - 8







# **Arbor Week Events & Activities**

- •5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poster Contest
- •"Tualatin Trees" Photo Contest
- Arbor Week Proclamation
- •Pohl Center Day Trekkers Forest Park hike
- Tualatin Public Library tree themed story time
- •Flying of Tree City USA Flags
- •Heritage Tree Planting at Tualatin Community Park
- Putting Down Roots tree planting on April 8
  Walk through Time on Tualatin River Greenway and Art Walk







# Arbor Week – April 2-8, 2017

# "Tualatin Trees" Photo Contest



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Niamh McDade *Leaves and Droplets* Location: Tualatin High School





2nd Place: Tony Straub *Coming Storm* Photo location: Atfalati Park

3rd Place: Thea Owens*Morning Light*Photo location: Victoria Woods

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poster Contest: "Trees are

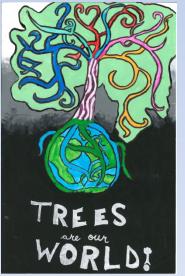


Overall 1st Place Winner Bradley, Tualatin Elementary



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Overall 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner Meah, Byrom Elementary



Overall 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner Talya, Tualatin Elementary

# **Tree City USA**

The Tree City USA certification is awarded by the National Arbor Day Foundation to recognize cities that have proven their commitment to a community forestry program.

The City of Tualatin is a Tree City USA for the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

Tree City USA Presentation by Paul Ries, Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager for the Oregon Department of Forestry.









# Put Down Roots Arbor Day/Tualatin Community Park April 8, 2017



# **Thank You Volunteers for Keeping Tualatin Green and Growing!**

- 200 incredible volunteers planted and mulched 1400 native trees, shrubs, and pollinator friendly flowers to impact stream health, improve habitat diversity, and attract pollinators.
- Mayor Lou Ogden planted a Linden Tree completing the Arbor Day tradition in Tualatin.
- Volunteers came from Tualatin High School students, LAM Research, Biotronics, University of Michigan Alumni, Boston University Alumni, Northface, Starbucks (Boones Ferry and Hedges Creek), Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Tualatin citizens and families.
- Thank you to our community partners: Friends of Trees, Clean Water Services, Starbucks, PGE and Hands On Portland.





Thank you to Mayor Ogden and City Staff: Jace Rode, Ryan Flett, Dave Koons, Brian Smith and Tom Steiger!



In the 2016-2017 PDRT season, 800 volunteers planted 7,000 native trees and shrubs.















# Proclamation

# Declaring the Week of April 2–April 8, 2017 as Arbor Week in the City of Tualatin

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a celebration observed throughout the nation and the world in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant, care for, and celebrate the many values of trees, and Arbor Day is observed in the State of Oregon during the first full week of April, which this year will be April 2–8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, healthy trees reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, moderate the temperature, calm traffic, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and are a renewable resource giving us paper and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees beautify our community, increase property values, and enhance the economic vitality of business areas in Tualatin, and thousands of trees and shrubs are planted by volunteers in Tualatin's parklands every year; and

WHEREAS, 2017 marks the 30th consecutive year the City of Tualatin has been certified as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for following best practices in community forestry management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, Oregon that: the City of Tualatin designates the week of April 2-April 8, 2017 as Arbor Week in the City of Tualatin.

All citizens are urged to support efforts to protect and plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations.

The citizens of the City of Tualatin support the Oregon Department of Forestry and the National Arbor Day Foundation in their recognition of the value of trees and forests by proclaiming April 2 - 8, 2017, as Arbor Week in Tualatin.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of March, 2017. CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON BY Mayor ATTEST City Recorder





































# WHEN WILL THE TRAIL CROSS THIS PROPERTY?



SW Barngrover Way to SW Nyberg Lane

The City's trail system is being constructed in phases as property rights and funding become available. Construction of the trail across the former RV Park of Portland property (in front of you) will occur when the property is redeveloped, which is when property rights will be granted and funding for construction of the trail (through the Parks System Development Charge) will be available.

The property is zoned for apartments and a small portion along Nyberg Lane is zoned commercial. The property owner has submitted for a Plan Map Amendment for Tualatin Apartments on this property. This Plan Map Amendment would change the planning designation of 0.64 acres of land fronting Nyberg Lane from General Commercial (CG) to High Density Residential (RH) to match the larger portion of the site. Overall, the site is 10.95 acres. <u>A Hearing before the City Council on the Plan Map Amendment has been scheduled for June 12, 2017, 7:00 pm, at the Juanita Pohl Center located in Tualatin Community Park at 8513 SW Tualatin Road. You may review the application materials on the City's web page: <a href="https://www.tualatinoregon.gov/planning/pma16-0001-tualatin-apartments">https://www.tualatinoregon.gov/planning/pma16-0001-tualatin-apartments</a>.</u>

Once the planning designation has been approved, the owner intends to move forward with a proposal to develop apartments on the property, and the land rights for the trail and trail construction will be conditions of approval for the apartment project. The property owner has not stated a specific schedule for construction of the apartments.

The owner of this property is supportive of the trail project and looks forward to the trail crossing the property and serving both the general public and future apartment residents. The owner allowed the City's trail construction contractor to access the trail area and stage construction activities on the property, which made construction much easier and reduced City trail construction costs. The owner is amenable to dedicating property for the permanent trail, which will save City land acquisition costs, and is willing to construct the trail as part of an apartment development project. The property owner has business reasons that preclude placing a temporary trail over the property at this time.

Until the trail crosses the former RV Park of Portland property, you can use an interim route via sidewalks on Nyberg Lane and Nyberg Street and a trail head located in the Nyberg Woods shopping center located east of the Best Buy store.

New wayfinding signs have been installed to guide people through the interim route, as well as the 4.6 mile stretch of Tualatin River Greenway between Natchez Court (east Tualatin boundary) and 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Tigard, via Brown's Ferry Park, Tualatin Community Park, Durham City Park, and Tigard's Cook Park.

Check <u>www.tualatinoregon.gov</u> for updates or contact Paul Hennon, Community Services Director at <u>phennon@tualatin.gov</u>. R 2017-3-27







17 Community Members Learning Together ~ What to grow and why? Cost vs Savings: Tomato's, Peppers, Broccoli, Lettuce, Garlic, Herbs



# Why are we doing this in Tualatin now?

While the population of Tualatin has grown only 18% in the last decade, it has seen the highest growth in the population of residents living below the poverty level of any Portland metro area (189%). With limited income, fresh produce is further out of reach for many families. At the same time, Tualatin has a shortage of community garden space with significant waiting lists for those that want to grow fresh produce. NNC was formed to get fresh produce to those that need a helping hand. We also encourage the growth of public and private community gardens that support those in need, either with no cost garden space or by encouraging community garden development that sets aside space for growing produce that is donated. Gardening is also a great community building activity. NNC hopes to help build bridges between all segments of the Tualatin community so that we can nourish one another.

# **Our Generous Business Support**

- Skyline Farms & Meriwether's Restaurant
- Robert E. Kellogg, P.C.

A partnership of the residents, the businesses, and the City of Tualatin standing together against hunger and poor nutrition in our community.



Let's help make sure that those in our community that can't afford fresh nutritious produce are not left to go without. Together we can make a difference, one garden at a time.

## NEIGHBORS NOURISHING COMMUNITIES

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# NEIGHBORS NOURISHING COMMUNITIES

A Non-profit Committed to Providing Healthy Produce, Education, and Fellowship



Let's Fight Poverty and Hunger Together



# Neighbors Nourishing Communities (NNC)

### What is NNC?

We're an Oregon non-profit grassroots organization whose mission is to provide nutritious produce to those in our community that cannot afford it. We're using a distributed farming model, much like the Relief Gardens of the Depression or the Victory Gardens of World War II. Our goal is to assist Neighbors that would like a home garden for their own nutritious reasons and that are willing to plant a little extra to grow produce that is given to others in need. Our assistance comes in the form of education on gardening and cooking as well as the supply of free garden plants and seed. Volunteer gardening Neighbors raise the plants, harvest the wholesome produce, and share a small percentage of it with their community.

# What's Involved in being a Gardening Neighbor?

Volunteer Neighbors can register January through April via the email address or phone number found on the back of this brochure. In early May gardening classes will be offered and between mid-May and mid-June plants and seeds will be ready for pickup and transplanting. During the summer, classes will be offered on making delicious wholesome foods with garden produce. In the growing season gardeners can deliver donated produce to designated organizations. Classes on home canning will likely take place in late summer. At the end of the growing season it is the hope of NNC to get volunteers together to celebrate with a final nutritious harvest dinner to celebrate a great year.

# **NNC Provides:**

- Spring Gardening Classes
- Free Plants and Seed
- Summer Cooking/Canning Classes
- Discounts at Area Merchants
- Community Fellowship

## How Big Must My Garden Be?

There are no size requirements to become a gardening Neighbor for NNC. For those with gardens 50 square feet and larger we ask that you set aside 20% for plants that will produce food for area organizations and community members in need. However, if you only have a few patio planters and you're willing to grow one or more plants to produce donated produce, we encourage it. Our goal is to encourage Neighbors to grow wholesome produce for themselves as much as for those in need. However, NNC is providing plants and education for free so we hope that everyone will find a way to donate 20% or more of their vegetables. While we support the common practice of donating vegetables to your neighbors (who hasn't tried to offload some zucchini?) we are hoping your donated vegetables will make it to those that can't easily afford commercial produce.

## How Can Businesses Get Involved?

There are several opportunities for businesses to assist NNC with its mission. Local businesses can assist with any of the following:

- Providing discounts to our gardeners for tools and supplies
- Providing funding for seeds/soil/pots
- Providing community garden space for gardeners that lack a space of their own.
- Encouraging employees to get involved.

## **Can Non-Gardeners Help?**

There are many ways for non-gardeners to get involved. While the initial focus of NNC is to provide free plants, seed, and gardening education, NNC also strives to establish community gardens for those that need garden space, provide cooking and canning instruction, and raise funding for future growing seasons. We also need assistance with raising and distributing seedlings as well as seeds. If you would like to get involved in developing a community garden space, or in some other way, please contact us.

