# Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
# ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: September 21, 2011
Time: 7:30 PM
Location: Cedar Hills Recreation Center

In Attendance

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| Committee Members: | Paige Dickson, Adam Bless, Deanna Draper, Alaka Sarangdahar, Leslie Coefield, Bob Miller, Sharon Peters |
| Staff: | Eric Owens |

I. Call to Order
Eric Owens called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes
Committee members unanimously approved minutes from June 15, 2011.

III. Financial Report
N/A

IV. Old Business
Garden Home Recreation Center Public Meeting: Staff reported that there will be a meeting to present the facility improvement project at Garden Home Recreation Center at 6 PM, September 29, 2011 at the Garden Home Recreation Center. The meeting will be to present the proposed projects to the public and to obtain any input they may have regarding the proposal. All Recreation Advisory Committee members were encouraged to attend.

V. New Business
Bylaws: Staff presented a copy of the proposed bylaws used for all Park District Advisory Committees. After some brief discussion and the correction of some typographical errors, the committee approved unanimously to use the bylaws presented with the stipulated spelling errors corrected.

Officers: Staff explained the two positions that were up for consideration and provided some background as to what would be expected and the time commitment for each. After some discussion, Paige Dickson was nominated as Chair and Adam Bless was nominated for Secretary. Both were unanimously approved.

Brainstorm for Future Committee Projects: Staff gave an overview as to what could be considered for projects that the Committee could get involved with. Fundraising, art displays in the recreation centers, program evaluations and providing flowers for Center flower beds were discussed. This topic was tabled for a decision at the October meeting.

VI. Other
Class Skill Development: Paige brought up a concern regarding soccer for pre-kindergarten ages. Sharon agreed with Paige's concerns. Both felt that while their kids had fun and got some exercise, the program lacked skill development that would get them ready for U6 soccer when they started to play for a team. They suggested that the Park District contact the local soccer clubs to get skill criteria that should be taught for children to be prepared for entry level team play. Staff did mention that while Park District programs do not necessarily prepare children for elite play, however, basic skill development should be a part of all our programs. Staff would bring this discussion back to Center staff.

Activities Guide: The Committee brought up their belief that the discontinuation of mailing the activities guide has made it difficult to get the word out about programs and get new people. Adam mentioned that this is how he got

started by getting the guide in the mail for the first time and browsing through it to find his yoga class. Others mentioned similar experiences where they found classes that they did not initially intend to take. Staff did mention that there was an obvious financial savings with this decision, but also, a large reduction in the number of guides produced each term saving resources, other than financial. Staff also mentioned that the Park District does mail out the summer guide and every other term mails out a postcard reminding people it's time to register. While some on the Committee acknowledged receiving these, others said they don't recall them and consider mail such as this "junk mail." Staff provided a number of ways that the Park District uses to publicize programs such as Facebook and Twitter.

VII. Next Meeting will be held on October 19, 2011, 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Owens