



- **Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District**
- **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Nature & Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC) meeting**

**Date: 6/19/2019**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Fanno Creek Service Center**

**In Attendance**

Committee Members: Sam Scheerens (chair), Tosin Abiodun, Heidi Edwards, Margaret Hite, Gerri Scheerens, Sheri Wantland, Jack Shorr  
Absent: Laura Porter, Megan McMillan  
Board liaison: John Griffiths  
Staff: Bruce Barbarasch (Nature & Trails Manager)  
Guests: Wendy Kroger (Board)

**Ia. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Ib. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the May 2019 meeting were presented to the committee.

Margaret moved to accept the minutes.

The motion was seconded by Gerri.

The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

**II. Guest Comments**

Wendy Kroger, THPRD Board Director, addressed appreciation of John Griffiths for his service as board liaison to the NTAC. Mentioned her previous involvement as NTAC chair and support of the committee.

**III. Old Business**

Trail Safety and Communication

- Members addressed their discussions with community members and observations. Some noted points included:
  - Current "Love 'em & Leash 'em" campaign to address dogs on leash
  - Questions regarding homeless in parks, mentioned removal of undergrowth in a few parks
  - Suggested signage for "points of interest" and wildlife on trails, trail etiquette ("walk right, pass left")
- Possibly have fall presentation from Park Patrol and/or Nature & Trails workgroup to further address safety and communication
- Grant proposal sub-committee to explore signage needs: Margaret, Jack

Underserved Audiences

- Members discussed their interactions and feedback from community members:
  - interest in more field space for athletic activity
  - space for larger groups to gather
  - interest in natural history of area
  - lack of awareness of where THPRD trails are located throughout district
  - not all people feel safe using trails

- Concluded that NTAC needs to learn more from the Visioning Task Force since they are engaging with community members. Visioning Task Force will be presenting at the July joint advisory committee meeting.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### Acknowledge Outgoing Members

- Thanks to John Griffiths for serving as board liaison to NTAC and service on THRPD board of directors.
- Heidi Edwards will be serving on board beginning July 1, uncertain at this time who will be appointed as board liaison to NTAC.
- With Heidi as current NTAC secretary, nominations were sought for new secretary.
- Margaret nominated to serve as secretary. Margaret declined, no other nominations or interest. Suggested that secretary duties rotate between members.

##### Land Acquisition

- Bruce presented information regarding recent land acquisitions.
  - Quarry Woods, Bannister Creek, 155th Ave Wetlands, Lilly K Johnson Woods, Hideaway Park, Fir Grove, Beaverton Creek Wetlands)
- Through 2008 Bond, close to 100 acres have been purchased.
- Discussion of the Natural Resource Functional Plan and the assessment matrix used.
- Suggested that NTAC consider visit to a newly acquired site, possibly Westside #18, Beaverton Creek.

#### **V. Other**

##### Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be a Joint Committee meeting with information from the Visioning Task Force. Scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Edwards  
NTAC Secretary