



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: April 28, 2021

Time: Following 6PM Joint AC Meeting

Location: Virtual Meeting

In Attendance

Committee Members: Ken Ratterree (Chair), Carl Nelson, Tiago Zuccari, Michael Reidel, Tricia Lance, Kristen Abele, Alaka Sarangdhar

Staff: Keith Watson (Community Programs Manager), Aisha Panas (Recreation Services Director)

Board Liaison: Wendy Kroger

Absent: Nanda Siddaiah

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at: 7:00 PM
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the March 2021 meeting were presented to the committee, Carl made a motion to approve and Wendy seconded, all in favor, approved with no changes.
- III. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment
- IV. **New Business**
 - Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center Update: Aisha Panas provided a presentation on the upcoming Conestoga pool renovation project. Information included project details, cost, closure schedule, and the strategy behind performing all the work at once to minimize the impact to the facility and users. Carl asked if the start of the project could be pushed from August to September to coincide with school reopening. Aisha indicated that the opening of the district's splash pads this summer should help provide outdoor options for community members to escape the heat and that with the uncertainty of the pandemic there is no guarantee that indoor pool use would be allowed this summer. Project is scheduled to begin in August and last about 12 weeks. Estimated cost is \$2.1 million.
 - Facility Reopening Update: Aisha Panas provided a presentation on THPRD facilities that are open and the programs they plan to provide this summer. Carl asked whether we planned to do swim lessons this summer and Aisha confirmed that lessons are in the plans but may be limited to certain age groups, pending guidance on risk levels from the State.
- V. **Old Business**
 - Eichler Bike Park Update: Keith provided a quick update on the community engagement process which is currently in progress for the Eichler Bike Park expansion. The committee watched a video from the Eichler Park webpage that details the project and is tied to a community survey soliciting feedback. Keith indicated he would keep the committee updated as the project progresses.
 - Jackie Husen Park Update: Keith shared a photo of five new Cedar trees that were recently planted along the east fence line of the Jackie Husen dog run. This project originated from conversations with nearby neighbors as a way to soften the transition from the neighborhood to the dog run. Also, discussed was a pathway project sponsored by Safe Routes to School that will include a recycled wood chip pathway from the park to the entrance at NW Jordan Lane. THPRD will assist SRTS with installation in May/June.

- Challenge Grant Update: Keith updated the committee on the challenge grant status. Due to extended facility closures and subsequent loss of revenue the funding was removed from the current year revised operating plans. Next fiscal year's proposed budget includes \$40K in challenge grant funding to be shared between advisory committee's and friend's groups. The committee had a discussion on projects for next fiscal year and indicated we should start planning this summer. Wendy suggested the committee look at a beautification project for the main entrance to the HMT campus and a possible partnership with TVWD for native plants. The purchase and installation of park benches was also discussed. Cost for benches at the time of the meeting was estimated at \$1,200 each. Alaka mentioned the possibility of asking neighbors of local dog runs if they would like to donate toward benches at their local park. Carl mentioned this might be a good Eagle Scout or Gold Award project. Kristen reminded the committee that she had done quite a bit of research on dog agility equipment and would share the info with Keith. Ken mentioned this would be a good topic for our May meeting and for members to send additional ideas to him to include on the agenda.
- Dog Run Support Letter Review and Discussion: Ken led the conversation around the response to the dog run letter that the committee received from Mayor Beaty and the Beaverton City Council. Committee members would like to keep pushing forward on this topic by providing additional information to make the ask of the city very clear (what can we do to help in the process?). The committee decided they would like to continue moving forward with the Ridgewood Park dog run and indicated they would like to send a letter of intention to City Council that includes language from the Parks Functional Plan and reference to both the City of Beaverton and THPRD Visioning Plans (also include statistics of dog owners in the city). The committee would also like to identify a site outside of the city to consider for a dog run which would give us an opportunity to compare processes between city and county. Keith and Ken will communicate on next steps.

VI. Wrap Up

- Carl asked when THPRD would take over ownership of Reflections Plaza as he has not seen any information on the website or seen anybody using the plaza. Keith replied that he would talk with staff and get an answer for Carl. Carl also asked about the THPRD district map and Keith directed him to the link on the webpage with the updated map.
- The committee also suggested we take a tour of some parks/sites this summer. More discussion on this topic at the May meeting.

VII. Next Meeting: Joint Advisory Committee Meeting (Wednesday, May 26, 6pm)

Meeting adjourned at: 8:10PM

Minutes submitted by,

Keith Watson, THPRD staff