



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

A. Nature & Trails Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: February 16, 2022
Time: 6:30-8:30pm
Location: Zoom virtual meeting

In Attendance

Committee Members: Heather AbuSneineh, Katy Brumbelow, Margaret Hite (chair), Shirley Hoffmann, Erik Lehr, Alison Rhea, Sam Scheerens

Guests: Thomas Medina, community member

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails Manager
Kristin Smith, Interpretive Programs Supervisor

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:30
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** moved to approve January's minutes. Sam requested the inclusion of "welcome from the chair" note from Katy to be incorporated. Motion by Erik to approve adjusted minutes. Seconded by Sam. Passed unanimously.
- III. **Check in Question:** What's the most interesting wildlife encounter you've had in our area?
- IV. **Business**
 - A. Kristin Smith presentation of overview on environmental education and programs.
Tualatin Hills Nature Center - programs, scope and people served (presentation notes available upon request).
 - B. Bruce Barbarasch presentation and request for input with regard to lake management at Bethany, Commonwealth and Progress lakes - habitat, recreation, challenges, and community engagement (presentation notes available upon request). Actionable input from committee members: (organize activities at each area to highlight their differences, assets, and liabilities, speak to park users farther afield in addition to neighbors whose residence abuts park property about their thoughts on the area, weigh input to make sure it has been equitably collected)
 - C. Discussion and Finalization of Goals by Marty Hite (attached as table to these minutes)
- V. **Next Meeting will be held remotely (until further notice) on March 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm** (zoom link available through website or by contacting Bruce Barbarasch)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully and collaboratively (Sam Scheerens and Bruce Barbarasch) submitted,
Katy Brumbelow, recording secretary

Climate

Inclusivity

Connectivity

Disaster preparedness

Distribution of park users at various properties

Linking trails

Climate Action Plan Feedback

Why do users choose one park over another?

Habitat connectivity

Electric vehicles

Refugee community outreach (with cultural sensitivity awareness)

Community

Wildlife adaptation to climate change

Cooper Mountain update

Power line parks/uplands: usage? Oak savannah potential?

Connections between parks/self-guided tours

What positive climate actions are being taken/have been taken in our area/within THPRD?

Interpretive signage

Native plant guides