



# News Release

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## THPRD's Visioning Task Force Honored with 2020 Harold M. Haynes Award for Community Involvement

**November 18, 2020:** The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's Visioning Task Force was honored last night with the Harold M. Haynes Award by the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

The Visioning Task Force was selected for this honor by the Washington County Committee for Community Involvement, which noted, "We were particularly impressed with the intentional commitment to building a diverse task force representative of the community it serves, and the fervent dedication of the volunteers involved," Kathy Stallkamp, Chair of the Committee.

THPRD's Visioning Task Force is made up of 13-community volunteers that collectively attended 117 meetings, speaking with nearly 10,500 people, collecting more than 12,000 ideas for THPRD's future.

Their efforts culminated in the THPRD Vision Action Plan, which was adopted by Board of Directors in September.

"On behalf of everyone at THPRD we are so honored our volunteer task force was recognized for their great work," said Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, Board President. "The community visioning work will guide the district for years to come and these volunteers have shown the power of grass-roots activism."

THPRD's task force members were representative of our multicultural, multiethnic district. They came from geographically different parts of the district, reflecting diversity in age (from high school students to retirees), ethnicity, race, gender, and languages spoken. This dedicated group also brought their creativity, energy, and collective multilingual skills in seven languages to conduct intentional community outreach.

The Vision Action Plan calls on the district to focus on four community goals: to ensure a **Welcoming and Inclusive** district, to provide opportunities for **Play for Everyone**, to be **Accessible and Safe**, and to **Preserve our Natural Spaces**. The plan is available on the district's website at <http://www.thprd.org/district-information/visioning/>.

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