



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Doug Menke, General Manager
RE: Information Regarding the April 10, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda Item #4 – Proclamations

[National Arab American Heritage Month](#)

Attached please find a proclamation declaring April as National Arab American Heritage Month.

[National Autism Awareness Month](#)

Attached please find a proclamation declaring April as National Autism Awareness Month.

[National Volunteer Month](#)

Attached please find a proclamation declaring April as National Volunteer Month.

Agenda Item #7 – Consent Agenda

Attached please find the following consent agenda items for your review and approval:

[Approve: Minutes of March 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting](#)

[Approve: Resolution Authorizing Application to Metro 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program for Pointer Road Neighborhood Park](#)

[Approve: Resolution Authorizing Application to Metro 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program for Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park](#)

[Approve: Metro Policy Advisory Committee Representative Nomination](#)

Agenda Item #8 – Unfinished Business

[Emergency Management Update](#)

Attached please find a memo reporting that district staff will present an update on the district's emergency management efforts.

[Legislative Update](#)

Attached please find a memo reporting that district staff will present an update on the 2024 legislative session.

[General Manager's Report](#)

Attached please find the General Manager's Report for the April regular board meeting.



TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

By the Board of Directors

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, culture; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, people of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have shared their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication education, tradition and culture, and added to the strength of our nation’s democracy; and

WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the U.S. remains neglected, or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and hate speech; and

WHEREAS, Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, religious bigotry, and bullying must be overcome in the forms of education, awareness, tolerance, and building new community connections and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us become a better nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District does hereby declare the month of April 2024 as

National Arab American Heritage Month

And do urge all those in the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District to support and promote this observance.

Signed this 10th day of April, 2024.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Barbie Minor, Secretary



TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

By the Board of Directors

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is the result of a neurological disorder that can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a reality that affects millions of families every day, and while our nation has made progress in supporting those with Autism Spectrum Disorder we are only beginning to understand the factors behind the challenges they face; and

WHEREAS, THPRD is committed to ensuring that people living with autism have access to recreation and services needed to pursue their full potential and happiness; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 1 in 36 school-aged children have been identified with autism spectrums disorder; and

WHEREAS, THPRD is a leader in Access for All, championing inclusion services for people of all abilities to be able to fully participate in programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, THPRD is proud to offer adaptive programming, adaptive aquatics, water safety classes, and the Spring Celebration with a Quiet Egg Hunt.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, does hereby declare the month of April 2024 as

National Autism Awareness Month

And do urge all those in the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District to support and promote this observance.

Signed this 10th day of April 2024.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Barbie Minor, Secretary



TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

By the Board of Directors

WHEREAS, volunteerism is about giving, contributing, and helping others throughout the community, and THPRD would not be able to achieve all that we do without the gift of service and the dedication of our volunteers; and

WHEREAS, THPRD’s volunteers serve in a variety of ways from helping with community events, habitat and natural area restorations, park and trail clean-ups, nature education, summer youth volunteers, sporting events, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, last year more than 2,500 people contributed over 25,500 hours to THPRD; and

WHEREAS, the value of volunteer’s contributions to THPRD is nearly \$800,000 dollars; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism brings us together as a community, breaks down barriers, and provides everyone an opportunity to better our park and recreation system; and

WHEREAS, THPRD’s volunteers help the district fulfill our mission to provide high-quality park and recreation facilities, programs, services, and natural areas that meet the needs of the diverse community we serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District does hereby declare the month of April 2024 as

National Volunteer Month

And do urge all those in the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District to support and promote this observance.

Signed this 10th day of April, 2024.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Barbie Minor, Secretary



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at the Tualatin Valley Water District Headquarters, 1850 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, Oregon. Executive Session 5:45 pm; Regular Meeting 6:00 pm.

Present:

Alfredo Moreno	President/Director
Barbie Minor	Secretary/Director
Felicita Monteblanco	Director
Miles Palacios	Director
Doug Menke	General Manager

Absent:

Tya Ping	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
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Agenda Item #1 – Executive Session (A) Land

President Alfredo Moreno called executive session to order to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. Executive Session is held under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(e).

President Moreno noted that the news media and designated staff may attend executive session. Representatives of the news media were directed not to disclose information discussed during executive session. No final action or final decision may be made in executive session.

Agenda Item #2 – Call Regular Meeting to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Alfredo Moreno on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

There was no action resulting from Executive Session.

Agenda Item #4 – Proclamations

A. National Developmental Disabilities Month

The board members read into the record a proclamation declaring March as National Developmental Disabilities Month.

B. Women’s History Month

The board members read into the record a proclamation declaring March as Women’s History Month.

President Moreno provided a brief overview of some activities and events THPRD is hosting in honor of National Developmental Disabilities Month and Women’s History Month. Board members Minor and Monteblanco also provided comments recognizing THPRD founder, Elsie Stuhr, in honor of Women’s History Month.

Agenda Item #5 – Audience Time

President Moreno welcomed those in attendance this evening for the purpose of providing public testimony.

Members of the West Slope Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) provided the following testimony regarding naming the new Neighborhood Park at SW Pointer Road. Written testimony was also submitted, a copy of which was entered into the record.

Joe Whittington, 7840 SW Walnut Lane, Portland, shared a detailed overview of the history of the SW Portland area and the historical significance of Canyon Road (est. 1849), as well as the local geography including the canyon and creek, and the prevalence of the name Canyon throughout this area. He also provided an overview of the West Slope NAC's multi-year involvement in lobbying for THPRD to purchase the property on which the new Neighborhood Park at SW Pointer Road will be located, as well as the park design and naming process. In recognition of its history and geographical location, the West Slope NAC requests that the new Neighborhood Park at SW Pointer Road be named Canyon Park.

Dieter Lobner, 2550 SW 83rd Avenue, Portland, described his experience as a first-generation immigrant and the changes that this can prompt to a person's identity, noting that he has since established new relationships with the people and culture of the West Slope neighborhood. He detailed the prevalence of the name Canyon throughout the neighborhood, from multiple roadways to restaurants and businesses, noting that without planning it, the name Canyon has become a part of his new identity. As a result of the efforts to acquire and design the new Neighborhood Park at SW Pointer Road, the West Slope neighborhood will now have a place to meet, relax and recreate, and will get there by traveling the many avenues that honor the canyon's role in the identity of this neighborhood. In closing, he humbly requests that the name Canyon be included in the name for the new Neighborhood Park at SW Pointer Road.

Terry Lawler, 8540 SW Gayle Lane, Portland, noted that the West Slope NAC's passion around naming the new Neighborhood Park at SW Pointer Road are founded on two facts they believe to be unique to their area in West Slope. The first being, they are one of the few enclaves within THPRD without a neighborhood park. She described how the neighborhood was constructed decades ago without sidewalks or park sites, noting that it is only due to a unique set of circumstances that the new neighborhood park is becoming a reality and described the anticipation and involvement of the neighborhood in bringing this reality to fruition. The second unique feature is the lack of a cohesive identity for the West Slope area. She described how the area sits on the borders of Washington and Multnomah counties, is fractured by school district boundaries and legislative districts with its own water district, has a Portland address within the City of Beaverton, and is without churches or elementary schools. Their hope is that this neighborhood park will become a focal point and offer the community cohesion that they seek. She stated that Canyon is their identity and connects them to the community at-large, whether considering the geographical attributes of the area or the local built environment with its prevalence of the name Canyon. Additionally, it is likely that the native inhabitants of this area recognized the canyon and used it as a passageway to the valleys. While the NAC understands that the district engaged in a thoughtful process to recognize native inhabitants of this land in the naming of future parks, they ask whether it is possible that the selection criteria resulting in the preferred naming conventions failed to recognize geographic features as an important component of a place's identity. The West Slope NAC offers Canyon as such a name that incorporates geographic and cultural relevance to the West Slope area and asks that the board consider this in the naming of the new Neighborhood Park at SW Pointer Road.

President Moreno thanked those who provided public testimony this evening, noting that district staff would follow up with them soon.

Agenda Item #6 – Board Time

A. Committee Liaisons Updates

Miles Palacios provided the following updates and comments during board time:

- ✓ Attended this year's first THPRD Budget Committee meeting and is excited to learn more about the district's budget process as we move through it.
- ✓ The most recent Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee meeting included welcoming and learning more about its new members.
- ✓ Listened in on Metro's most recent Policy & Advisory Committee meeting.
- ✓ Attended the City of Beaverton's State of the City event and was interested to learn more about the focuses and accomplishments of the mayor and city councilors.
- ✓ Attended Centro's Gala de Cultura which provided a great opportunity to build community connections.

Felicita Monteblanco provided the following updates and comments during board time:

- ✓ Also attended the City of Beaverton's State of the City event and was proud to see our Maintenance team honored.
- ✓ Also attended Centro's Gala de Cultura and expressed agreement with Miles that it was a great community building opportunity.
- ✓ The most recent Fiduciary Committee meeting focused on making updates to the district's investment policy that are reflective of our current ability to address short-term obligations. As the district no longer needs to invest in short-term bond funds, it will instead direct a similar percentage of allocations to fixed income and slightly increase our portfolio percentage in US and international equity.

Barbie Minor provided the following updates and comments during board time:

- ✓ The most recent Nature & Trails Advisory Committee meeting included welcoming their new members, an update on the winter storm damage, a review of the district's functional plans, and continuing their work in identifying existing trail gaps. She expressed gratitude for the tremendous amount of work by this committee's volunteers, noting that a proposal will be brought forth soon regarding ideas for closing trail gaps.

President Moreno provided the following updates and comments during board time:

- ✓ Along with district staff, attended the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Advocacy Council meeting to present information regarding the district's upcoming local option levy request. He is pleased to announce that the council will endorse the request.
- ✓ In honor of Women's History Month, he expressed gratitude to be serving the district alongside its strong female board members and staff, as well as for the support he receives from his wife and daughter to be able to participate in this role.

Agenda Item #7 – Consent Agenda

Felicita Monteblanco moved that the board of directors approve consent agenda items (A) Minutes of February 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, (B) Resolution Authorizing Application to Local Government Grant Program, and (C) Mountain View Champions Park Sport Court Construction Contract. Barbie Minor seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Miles Palacios	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #8 – Unfinished Business

A. Cooper Mountain Community Plan Update

Gery Keck, Planning & Development manager, introduced City of Beaverton staff members, Brian Martin, Long Range Planning manager, and Lauren Russell, Associate Planner, to provide an update on the Cooper Mountain Community Plan, which will establish a long-term vision for the

area's growth and development to support welcoming, walkable neighborhoods that honor the unique landscape and ensure a legacy of natural resource protection and connection.

Brian thanked THPRD for their collaboration on this project and provided a detailed update on the status of the Cooper Mountain Community Plan via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record, and which included the following information:

- Project Overview
 - Determine how future growth will occur (homes, roads, parks, trails, utilities, etc.)
 - Anticipated 5,000 homes
 - Nine new parks & trail system
 - Racial equity framework
- Project Goals
 - Create equitable outcomes for residents, including underserved and underrepresented communities
 - Provide new housing in a variety of housing types and for all income levels
 - Preserve, incorporate, connect, and enhance natural resources
 - Improve community resilience to climate change and hazards
 - Provide public facilities and infrastructure needed for safe, healthy communities
 - Provide safe, convenient access to important destinations while supporting transportation options, including walking and biking
 - Provide opportunities for viable commercial uses
 - Identify feasible, responsible funding strategies to turn the vision into a reality
- Draft Zoning Map
- Park Components
 - Games and activities (bocce court, dog run)
 - Gathering places (event space, water feature)
 - Nature (natural area, open water)
 - Paths and trails (bike or fitness course)
 - Playgrounds
 - Sports (diamond field, tennis court)
- Alternative Park Location
 - Most of park site must be suitable (relatively flat and not in natural resource area)
 - Minor: Move 1,100 feet outside overlay
 - Major: Move farther
- Resource Overlay
 - Resource overlay protects:
 - Streams and associated riparian areas
 - Floodplains & wetlands
 - Upland habitat (areas near streams/wetlands or important tree groves)
- Tree Preservation & Canopy Requirements
 - Preservation
 - Native trees
 - 65% of canopy inside overlay
 - 40% of canopy outside the resource overlay
 - Minimum canopy inside overlay
 - 65% canopy inside overlay
 - Existing or newly planted native trees
- Project Schedule
 - March 19 – City council work session: infrastructure funding plan
 - May – Planning commission work sessions: review updated code and comprehensive plan updates
 - June 18 – City council work session: draft code
 - Fall – Adoption process

At the conclusion of the presentation, Brian and Lauren offered to answer any questions the board may have.

- ✓ Hearing no questions, President Moreno thanked city staff for the informative presentation.

B. Climate Action Plan

Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails manager, provided an update on the Climate Action Plan proposed for consideration of board adoption this evening, a copy of which was included within the board of directors' information packet. Bruce provided an overview of the changes made to the plan since the initial presentation to the board in January, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record. Updates were made in the areas of Waste Reduction (made the rationale more proactive); Water Usage (included recycled water and cisterns), and Education (added signs). Bruce offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Felicita Monteblanco commented that she appreciates that the plan acknowledges that the impacts of climate change do not adhere to jurisdictional boundaries. Other highlights for her included the mitigating greenspace preservation; having the opportunity to update and reflect on results every five years; and the accountability and expectations included within the plan. She inquired who on staff is the district's Sustainability Manager.

- ✓ Bruce replied that his position will be transitioning into that role and provided a brief overview of his work as a coordinator of multi-disciplinary projects in the areas of financial sustainability as well as environmental sustainability.

Barbie Minor acknowledged fellow board member Tya Ping's previous feedback provided on this plan and expressed gratitude for the readability and accessibility of the document.

Miles Palacios congratulated district staff on the plan and especially appreciates the intentionality around the five-year updates taking into consideration the continually changing information around this topic.

President Moreno expressed appreciation for the accessibility and design of the document. He referenced page 24, *Adapt 6: Wildfire Reduction*, and asked whether the district has worked or partnered with tribal groups around land stewardship approaches in terms of how to better manage land to make them more wildfire resilient.

- ✓ Bruce replied that the district has worked with Metro and TVF&R on this topic and is slowly trying to make inroads with the tribal communities here via a land acknowledgement program as well as through his work with a group at PCC Rock Creek. The hope is that by making connections and building trust, we can bring some of those partnerships to other sites that the district stewards.

Alfredo noted that the impact our fleet vehicles have and the way we've designed our maintenance hubs also stood out to him. Lastly, he referenced *Adapt 4: Fostering Community Resiliency, Strategy B: Offer facilities for partner needs such as cooling and warming shelters during extreme events*, and expressed gratitude to Congresswoman Bonamici for her support in securing federal funding for the district in this area to enable the district to better serve the community when they need it the most.

Barbie Minor moved that the board of directors adopt the 2024 Climate Action Plan. Miles Palacios seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

C. General Manager's Report

The following presentations were provided as listed within the General Manager's Report included in the board of directors' information packet:

- Local Option Levy Update
 - Holly Thompson, Communications director, provided an update on public information and outreach efforts underway for the district's local option levy that will be before voters in May 2024 via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.
- Recreation Services
 - Julie Rocha, Sports & Inclusion director, and Sabrina Taylor Schmitt, Recreation & Aquatic director, provided detailed information regarding Recreation Services via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.

Doug and the presenters offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Local Option Levy Update

Felicita Monteblanco asked if the mailing list for the districtwide informational levy postcards will be the same as what is used for the district's registration postcards.

- ✓ Holly confirmed that every address in the district will receive the levy postcard and described the informational details that will be provided. She noted that the most common questions she has been receiving during outreach is whether the request represents the continuation of an existing levy and an overall interest in the impacts of Measure 50 and taxation reform. She described the tax sensitivity being experienced in the community and the community's desire that THPRD be a part of working toward solutions.

Recreation Services

Miles Palacios asked for additional information regarding why the budgeted number of full-time equivalent (FTE) hours is not being met. Is this due to recruitment issues or something else?

- ✓ Sabrina replied that this is due to a combination of issues, including recruitment difficulties and training needs, but that the wage increase for part-time staff has helped, as will the addition of some benefits, such as paid time off and holiday pay. She described how rebuilding staff takes time, especially in aquatics, for recruitment as well as training, but that improvements are being seen.
- ✓ Julie added that there is a lot more competition for part-time staff now throughout all business sectors and that the pandemic changed how people want to work. There is also burnout experienced in certain positions, such as inclusion assistants, for which the district is continually recruiting.

Miles asked for confirmation that even with the recruitment difficulties being experienced, the district is still close to meeting its desired service levels pre-pandemic.

- ✓ Sabrina described the overall comparative stats, noting that it is not a completely apples-to-apples comparison.
- ✓ Julie agreed and added that the district is operating differently, as well. Facilities are operating under different hours and programs are being expanded based upon need and staffing levels.

Miles congratulated staff on the positive trajectory, noting that it is a good reason why the district needs the levy in order to continue to be able to provide this level of service.

Barbie Minor asked for additional information regarding registration numbers for sports and whether staff has a sense of why this area hasn't rebounded in the same way as other programs.

- ✓ Julie noted that these areas are not necessarily down but are being programmed differently and cited some examples.

Barbie congratulated staff on the overall positive trajectory, as well.

Felicita Montebianco expressed appreciation to staff for preparing these department-specific presentations that have been provided to the board over the past few meetings during a time when they'll be asking the voters to continue to invest in the district. She's grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the details of how THPRD continues to be successful and doing great work.

President Moreno commented that everyone interacts with the district in different ways and that the district's offerings are so expansive that it would be nearly impossible for someone to intersect with everything that the district provides. He echoed previous sentiments that this information helps them to better advocate. He referenced the Athletic Center revenue chart and asked whether this is the ideal mix, as well as what our optimal level of rentals should look like.

- ✓ General Manager Doug Menke replied that this is what will be studied through reviewing our resource allocation models, by asking questions such as whether there are options that the district could be offering and whether the mix is appropriate for our community.

President Moreno thanked district staff for the informative and thorough presentation.

Agenda Item #9 – New Business

A. Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County for Urban Road Maintenance District Pedestrian & Biking Improvement Project at Waterhouse Trail

Aisha Panas, deputy general manager, introduced Nicole Paulsen, Planning supervisor, to provide information regarding an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Washington County for long-needed improvements to the Waterhouse Trail to complete design and construction of five road crossings and, if constructed, assume maintenance of a connector pathway.

Nicole provided a detailed overview of the projects that would occur under this IGA via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record. Washington County approached THPRD with a partnership opportunity to design and construct road crossing treatments at five locations along the Waterhouse Trail (NW Brandberry, NW Laidlaw, NW Charlais, NW Somerset, and NW Paisley). In response, the district allocated funding in the FY22/23 Budget to help facilitate these important crossings. Along with the district's funding, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved funding for the project through the Urban Road Maintenance District Pedestrian and Biking Improvement program. In addition to the crossings, Washington County may install a new connector path to the Waterhouse Trail near NW Avondale to increase safe routes to school. Should this connection be constructed, Washington County would fund the design and construction while the district would provide the ongoing maintenance. Nicole offered to answer any questions the board may have.

President Moreno opened the floor to public testimony.

Kevin O'Donnell, former Citizen Participation Organization #7 chair, Trails Advisory Committee member and Bond Oversight Committee member, is in attendance this evening to express support for the proposed IGA with Washington County as described this evening. He described how the proposed improvements would benefit active transportation, increase accessibility for all trail users, and represents the last steps in the completion of this trail system. He requested that the district explore working with the county to use these crossings as templates in the future in order to reduce costs and review time. Although working to get these improvements has taken quite some time, it will be fantastic when it's done and he hopes that the district continues to focus on these types of improvements for its entire trail system.

Miles Palacios expressed support for trail crossings with rapid flashing beacons and is happy to see that more will be added.

Felicita Monteblanco commented that she would like to learn more about the process involved in getting these treatments. She expressed gratitude to district staff for their efforts and the Washington County Board of Commissioners for their support.

President Moreno noted that he would like to learn more about the process as well in order to figure out how to maximize efficiency.

Miles Palacios moved that the board of directors authorize the general manager or designee to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Washington County for road crossing assessments and upgrades to the Waterhouse Trail. Barbie Minor seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Felicita Monteblanco Yes

Barbie Minor Yes

Miles Palacios Yes

Alfredo Moreno Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #10 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Barbie Minor, Secretary

Recording Secretary,
Jessica Collins



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 22, 2024
TO: Doug Menke, General Manager
FROM: Aisha Pana, Deputy General Manager
RE: **Resolution Authorizing Application to Metro 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program for Pointer Road Neighborhood Park**

Introduction

Staff are seeking board of directors' approval of Resolution No. 2024-06 (Attachment A), authorizing staff to submit the Pointer Road Neighborhood Park application for funding consideration via Metro's 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program.

Background

In November of 2019, voters within the Portland Metro area approved a \$475 million Parks & Nature bond – Measure No. 26-203 – (the “bond”) funding six programs designed to protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and create opportunities to connect people with nature close to home. \$40 million in bond funds were allocated to the Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program (NiN capital grants) to support community-led projects that benefit historically marginalized communities, protect and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, support climate resilience, and increase people's experience of nature at the community scale.

Between spring of 2022 and summer of 2023, THPRD worked to engage community members and develop a concept plan for the future neighborhood park at SW Pointer Road and Canyon Lane. The final concept plan was approved by THPRD's Board in June of 2023 and the project has since entered its permitting and design phase.

Since fall of 2022, THPRD has also worked with Metro staff on their Community Choice Grant participatory grant-making pilot in Metro Council District 4. Through the Community Choice Grant community idea generation and refinement processes, patrons expressed interest in several community garden projects. During in-person design workshops and virtual engagement, community members worked with agency staff to refine these ideas into the Gleaning Gardens for All project at the future SW Pointer Road neighborhood park. One of the 120 initial project ideas, the Gleaning Gardens for All project was vetted through an initial Metro District 4-wide community vote and selected as one of 28 projects included in the final community vote. While the project was not selected as one of the 15 projects recommended for funding, it is one that sustained high interest throughout the process and was identified as a strong candidate for a NiN capital grant by Metro staff.

To be considered for NiN capital grants funding, the governing body of the agency applying for funding must endorse and authorize agency staff to submit a grant application via a formal resolution. Staff are seeking authorization to submit the Pointer Road Neighborhood Park application seeking up to \$185,900 in NiN capital grants funding. NiN capital grant funds carry a 1-to-1 funding match, requiring an investment of up to \$185,900 in the form of either cash, in-kind donations of goods or services, staff time or volunteer hours. System Development Charge funds used to fund the design and development of the park will serve as match funding for the NiN capital grant.

Proposal Request

Staff are seeking board of directors' approval of Resolution No. 2024-06, authorizing staff to submit the Pointer Road Neighborhood Park application for funding via Metro's 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program.

Outcomes of Proposal

This proposal will allow staff to submit the Pointer Road Neighborhood Park NiN capital grant funding application. If approved, the NiN capital grant would provide funding to enhance the gleaning garden identified within the park's approved concept plan. Enhancements could include the expansion of the gleaning garden, addition of a produce washing station, or interpretive signage.

Public Engagement

The need for the Gleaning Gardens for All project was identified through Metro's Community Choice Grants participatory grantmaking pilot's community engagement process. This process prioritized engaging communities of color, Indigenous communities, low-income and other historically marginalized groups through in-person design workshops, tabling at community events, outreach to community-based organizations, and virtual engagement. Engagement efforts were designed to be inclusive and translation services in multiple languages, multisensory engagement stations, activities for children, and incentives such as food and gift cards to community businesses were provided to encourage participation. Through this process, community members identified several community garden projects and THPRD and Metro staff worked with community members to refine these ideas into the Gleaning Gardens for All project. The refined project was then included in an initial Metro District 4-wide community vote where community members selected it as one of 28 projects to be advanced to a final community vote that would help determine Metro grant funding recommendations.

The Gleaning Gardens for All amenity within the Pointer Road Neighborhood Park project also leverages THPRD's community engagement effort that informed the future park's board-approved concept plan. NiN capital grants funding would provide funding to enhance the gleaning garden identified within the approved Pointer Road Neighborhood Park concept plan.

Additionally, the project was reviewed against the priorities of the 2020 Vision Action Plan and addresses the following VAP actions and Goal Areas:

- Welcoming and Inclusive
 - Action #13: Welcoming & inclusive spaces for people of all races, gender identity, ability & sexual orientations (Theme: Ensure that parks and facilities are welcoming)
- Preserving Natural Areas
 - Action #92: More gardens for enjoyment [like botanical or sensory gardens] (Theme: Provide more and preserve existing green spaces)
 - Action #93: Expand access to community gardening (Theme: Expand access to community gardening)

Action Requested

Board of Directors' approval of Resolution No. 2024-06, authorizing staff to submit the Pointer Road Neighborhood Park application for funding via Metro's 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE
POINTER ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PROJECT APPLICATION
TO THE OREGON METRO 2024 PARKS AND NATURE BOND –
NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in November 2019 Portland Metro-area voters approved the Parks and Nature Bond (bond), Resolution No. 19-4988, a \$475 million bond measure to further protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat and provide opportunities for people to connect with nature close to home; and

WHEREAS, the bond established and funded six programs, including \$40 million for a program to support community-led projects that benefit historically marginalized communities, protect, and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, support climate resilience and increase people’s experience of nature at the community scale known as the Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program (NiN capital grants); and

WHEREAS, the NiN capital grants program handbook requires that the governing body of agencies applying for funding take legislative action in support NiN capital grant program funding applications prior to the full application submission; and

WHEREAS, THPRD desires to submit one funding application for the Pointer Road Neighborhood Park project, requesting up to \$185,900 in NiN capital grants program funds; and

WHEREAS, the Pointer Road Neighborhood Park project aligns with the goals and actions of the community-led 2020 Vision Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Gleaning Gardens for All amenity in the Pointer Road Neighborhood Park project was also identified by community members through Metro’s Community Choice Grants participatory grantmaking pilot and selected as one of the final 28 projects to be advanced to the Metro Council District 4 community vote; and,

WHEREAS, the capital improvements developed through the project will enhance the future neighborhood park at SW Pointer Road and Canyon Lane’s gleaning garden making it more welcoming and inclusive; and

WHEREAS, THPRD will provide adequate funding for on-going operations and maintenance of the future Pointer Road Neighborhood Park should NiN capital grants funding be approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT IN BEAVERTON, OREGON, AS
FOLLOWS:**

THPRD supports and authorizes submission of the Pointer Road Neighborhood Park project application located at the future neighborhood park at SW Pointer Road and Canyon Lane to the NiN capital grants program for funding consideration.

Approved by the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors on the 10th day of April 2024.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Barbie Minor, Secretary

ATTEST:

Jessica Collins, Recording Secretary



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 22, 2024
TO: Doug Menke, General Manager
FROM: Aisha Panas, Deputy General Manager
RE: **Resolution Authorizing Application to Metro 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program for Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park**

Introduction

Staff are seeking board of directors' approval of Resolution No. 2024-07 (Attachment A), authorizing staff to submit the Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park application for funding consideration via Metro's 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program.

Background

In November of 2019, voters within the Portland Metro area approved a \$475 million Parks & Nature bond – Measure No. 26-203 – (the “bond”) funding six programs designed to protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and create opportunities to connect people with nature close to home. \$40 million in bond funds were allocated to the Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program (NiN capital grants) to support community-led projects that benefit historically marginalized communities, protect and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, support climate resilience, and increase people's experience of nature at the community scale.

In winter of 2022, THPRD was awarded \$3,641,867 in bond funding through the Local Share Program to concept plan, design, and construct the future neighborhood park and trail at NW 159th Ave and Heckman Lane. The project is currently concluding its concept planning phase.

Since fall of 2022, THPRD has also worked with Metro staff on their Community Choice Grant participatory grant-making pilot in Metro Council District 4. Through the Community Choice Grant community idea generation and refinement processes, patrons expressed an interest in play amenities sized for people of all ages. The future neighborhood park at NW 159th Ave and Heckman Lane was identified as a feasible location to implement an all-ages play amenity. In an initial District 4-wide community vote, residents selected the All-Ages Play Amenity at the Future Park on Heckman Lane project as one of 28 projects to be included in the final community vote from an initial idea pool of 120 projects. While the project was not selected as one of the 15 projects recommended for funding, it is one that sustained high interest throughout the process and was identified by Metro staff as a strong candidate for a NiN capital grant.

To be considered for NiN capital grants funding, the governing body of the agency applying for funding must endorse and authorize agency staff to submit their grant application via a formal resolution. Staff are seeking authorization to submit the Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park request, seeking up to \$300,000 in NiN capital grants funding. NiN capital grant funds carry a 1-to-1 funding match, requiring an investment of up to \$300,000 in the form of either cash, in-kind donations of goods or services, staff time or volunteer hours. System Development Charge funds used to construct street improvements along the perimeter of the site will serve as match funding for the NiN capital grant.

Proposal Request

Staff are seeking board of directors' approval of Resolution No. 2024-07, authorizing staff to submit the Neighborhood Park at Heckman Lane application for funding via Metro's 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program.

Outcomes of Proposal

This proposal will allow staff to submit the Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park NiN capital grant funding application. If approved, the NiN capital grant would provide funding to enhance the all-ages play amenity and scale up nature play amenities included in the draft concept plan for the future neighborhood park and trail at NW 159th Ave and Heckman Lane so that they are accessible to people of all ages.

Public Engagement

The need for the All-Ages Play Amenity at the Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park project was identified through Metro's Community Choice Grants participatory grantmaking pilot's community engagement process. This process prioritized engaging communities of color, Indigenous communities, low-income and other historically marginalized groups through in-person design workshops, tabling at community events, outreach to community-based organizations, and virtual engagement. Engagement efforts were designed to be inclusive and translation services in multiple languages, multisensory engagement stations, activities for children, and incentives such as food and gift cards to community businesses were provided to encourage participation. Through this process, community members identified the All-Ages Play Amenity project and THPRD and Metro staff worked with community members to refine this idea. The refined project was then included in an initial Metro District 4-wide community vote where community members selected it as one of 28 projects to be advanced to a final community vote that would help determine Metro grant funding recommendations.

The All-Ages Play Amenity within the Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park project also leverages THPRD's community engagement effort that informs the future park's concept plan. NiN capital grants funding would scale up the nature play area identified by community members for people of all ages, allowing THPRD to provide a more inclusive and robust nature play experience for patrons.

Additionally, the project was reviewed against the priorities of the 2020 Vision Action Plan and addresses the following VAP actions and Goal Areas:

- Welcoming and Inclusive
 - Action #14: Facilities in underserved & growing areas (Theme: Expand services)
 - Action #27: Community involved & collaborative decision-making (Theme: Promote THPRD to diverse audiences)
- Play for Everyone
 - Action #50: Play equipment for all sizes & heights (Theme: Encourage active sports)
 - Action #54: Creative & themed playgrounds & features (Theme: Offer a mix of playground designs and amenities)
 - Action #55: Nature play options in parks (Theme: Offer a mix of playground designs and amenities)
 - Action #57: Multi-generational parks with features for everyone (Theme: Offer a mix of playground designs and amenities)

Action Requested

Board of Directors' approval of Resolution No. 2024-07, authorizing staff to submit the Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park application for funding via Metro's 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE
HECKMAN LANE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PROJECT APPLICATION
TO THE OREGON METRO 2024 PARKS AND NATURE BOND –
NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in November 2019 Portland Metro-area voters approved the Parks and Nature Bond (bond), Resolution No. 19-4988, a \$475 million bond measure to further protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat and provide opportunities for people to connect with nature close to home; and

WHEREAS, the bond established and funded six programs, including \$40 million for a program to support community-led projects that benefit historically marginalized communities, protect, and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, support climate resilience and increase people's experience of nature at the community scale known as the Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program (NiN capital grants); and

WHEREAS, the NiN capital grants program handbook requires that the governing body of agencies applying for funding take legislative action in support NiN capital grant program funding applications prior to the full application submission; and

WHEREAS, THPRD desires to submit one funding application for the Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park project, requesting up to \$300,000 in NiN capital grants program funds; and

WHEREAS, the Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park project aligns with the goals and actions of the community-led 2020 Vision Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the All-Ages Play Amenity at the Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park project was also identified by community members through Metro's Community Choice Grants participatory grantmaking pilot and selected as one of the final 28 projects to be advanced to the Metro Council District 4 community vote; and,

WHEREAS, the capital improvements developed through the project will make the future Heckman Lane neighborhood park's nature play area more accessible and inclusive; and

WHEREAS, THPRD will provide adequate funding for on-going operations and maintenance of the future Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park should NiN capital grants funding be approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT IN BEAVERTON, OREGON, AS
FOLLOWS:**

THPRD supports and authorizes submission of the Heckman Lane Neighborhood Park project application to the NiN capital grants program for funding consideration.

Approved by the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors on the 10th day of April 2024.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Barbie Minor, Secretary

ATTEST:

Jessica Collins, Recording Secretary



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 26, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Doug Menke, General Manager
RE **Metro Policy Advisory Committee Representative Nomination**

Introduction

Staff requests board of directors' nomination of THPRD Board Member Miles Palacios to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee as the Washington County special district's representative.

Background

Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) has requested nominations from the special districts in Washington County to fill the special district representative and alternate representative positions on the Metro Policy Advisory Committee. THPRD Board Member Miles Palacios has expressed interest in the representative position.

Established by the Metro Charter in 1992, the Metropolitan Advisory Committee (MPAC) advises the Metro Council on the amendment or adoption of the Regional Framework Plan. Policy areas MPAC addresses include:

- Regional transportation
- Management of the urban growth boundary
- Protection of lands outside the urban growth boundary for natural resources, future urban zoning, or other uses
- Planning responsibilities required by state law
- Other growth management and land use planning matters deemed by the Metro Council to be of the region's concern

While MPAC advises the Metro Council on growth management and land use issues at the policy level, the Metro Technical Advisory Committee provides input to MPAC at the technical level. MPAC is comprised of 21 voting members representing cities, counties, special districts and the public, and six non-voting members. Three Metro Councilors also participate as non-voting liaisons.

Proposal Request

Staff requests board of directors' nomination of Miles Palacios to MPAC as the Washington County special district's representative. After all nominations have been received, SDAO will send a list of nominees to each special district and requests that each special district take action to vote on the nominees for the representative and alternate representative positions at their May meetings.

Action Requested

Board of directors' nomination of Miles Palacios as the Washington County special district's representative on the Metro Policy Advisory Committee.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2024
TO: Doug Menke, General Manager
FROM: Holly Thompson, Communications Director
RE: **Emergency Management Update**

Mark Pierce, Safety Services manager, will attend the April 10, 2024 board of directors' meeting to provide an update on the district's emergency management initiatives. The update will focus on recent developments, including grant funding and shelter partnerships.

The presentation will also highlight partnerships with external agencies. Staff work closely with emergency management partners such as the City of Beaverton, Washington County Emergency Management, and the American Red Cross. Updates regarding progress on grant funding opportunities and implementation of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan will also be provided.

The update will include information regarding the significant work being done internally to provide our patrons with resources and gathering spaces during disasters and other community emergencies.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2024
TO: Doug Menke, General Manager
FROM: Aisha Panas, Deputy General Manager
RE: **Legislative Update**

Introduction

At the board's April 10 meeting, Aisha Panas, Deputy General Manager, and Kylie Grunow with Meriwether Strategies, the district's lobbyist, will present a recap of the 2024 State Legislative Session. Attachment A to this memo is a comprehensive report of all the bills that THPRD followed during the session and those for which the district provided testimony. A summarized update will be presented to the board on April 10, which will include an overview of the district's current legislative platform, a review of the bills followed during the session, and discussion of any priority areas the board would like to identify going into the 2025 legislative session.



2024 Legislative Session Report

Prepared by Kylie Grunow, Meriwether Strategies

For the

THPRD Board of Directors

April 2024

KYLIE'S MESSAGE

The 2024 legislative session was constitutionally limited to 35 days and legislators utilized almost all of that time, adjourning on the evening of the 32nd day after enacting statutory changes that significantly impact how the State addresses housing, addiction, public safety, and campaign finance, amongst other issues. These changes were made in the just over 100 bills that passed out of the approximately 300 or so that were introduced. With far fewer bills to consider in far fewer days it is a little surprising just how much was done, but when we consider the positive revenue forecast that meant there was more funding available for critically needed investments – housing, infrastructure, addiction treatment, etc. – the parties seemed better able to work together than we've seen in recent sessions and the result was the passage of some pretty hefty bills.

Notable outcomes for THPRD include:

- Secured a critical short-term fix for recreational immunity.
- Housing production and BM 110 reforms that will increase supports for community members and impact issues stemming from homelessness.
- No changes to SDCs.
- Amended HB 4082 to include park & rec entities as eligible partners for summer learning programming.
- Amended HB 4067 to add local park & rec seat to Micromobility Task Force (*bill died in Ways & Means*).
- Rep. Helm's Wildlife Package, HB 4148, died in Ways & Means with \$10 million ask, but \$4 million was allocated in a budget bill, HB 5701.

As always, it is an honor and a pleasure to work with you and on your behalf in Salem – thank you!

The Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package:

- **Governor's Housing Bill & Funding Package:** [SB 1537](#), [SB 1530](#) and [HB 4134](#) allocated \$376M in funding for various housing initiatives across the state. The package, which includes establishing a new Housing Accountability and Production Office, grants one-time urban growth boundary exemptions, and creates an affordable revolving loan fund, was Governor Kotek's singular issue for the 2024 session.
- **Direct funding for construction projects:**
 - \$94.3 million for 44 infrastructure "shovel-ready" housing production projects across the state (Shovel ready: the project is all ready to go and is waiting for final funding).
 - \$18 million for substance-use recovery housing.
 - \$29.25 million for affordable housing in historically under-resourced communities (mostly on the east side of Portland).
- **Climate-change mitigation:**
 - \$15 million to improve energy efficiency and safety in already-built homes as part of the [Healthy Homes Grant Program](#) (i.e. more efficient heat pumps, mold abatement, seismic retrofitting, electrical upgrades, and more).
 - \$3.5 million to provide emergency air conditioners and air filters for at-risk individuals (essential during wildfire season).
 - \$2 million for warming and cooling emergency shelters during weather events.
- **Reducing Homelessness: \$131 million**
 - \$65 million in funding for Emergency shelters, Project Turnkey sites, and navigation centers.
 - Homelessness prevention via Oregon Eviction Diversion & Prevention and Eviction Prevention Rapid Response Programs with 30% set aside for culturally responsive organizations (\$34 million).
 - Urban League of Portland for homelessness prevention services (\$7 million).
 - Maintain and expand capacity for 27 recovery housing projects (\$18 million).
 - Individual development accounts for first-time homebuyers (\$5 million).
 - Support for the furnishing of reused household goods to low-income residents through Community Warehouse (\$1 million).
 - Education and support of tenants at risk of rent increase or possible eviction through Seeding Justice (\$1 million).

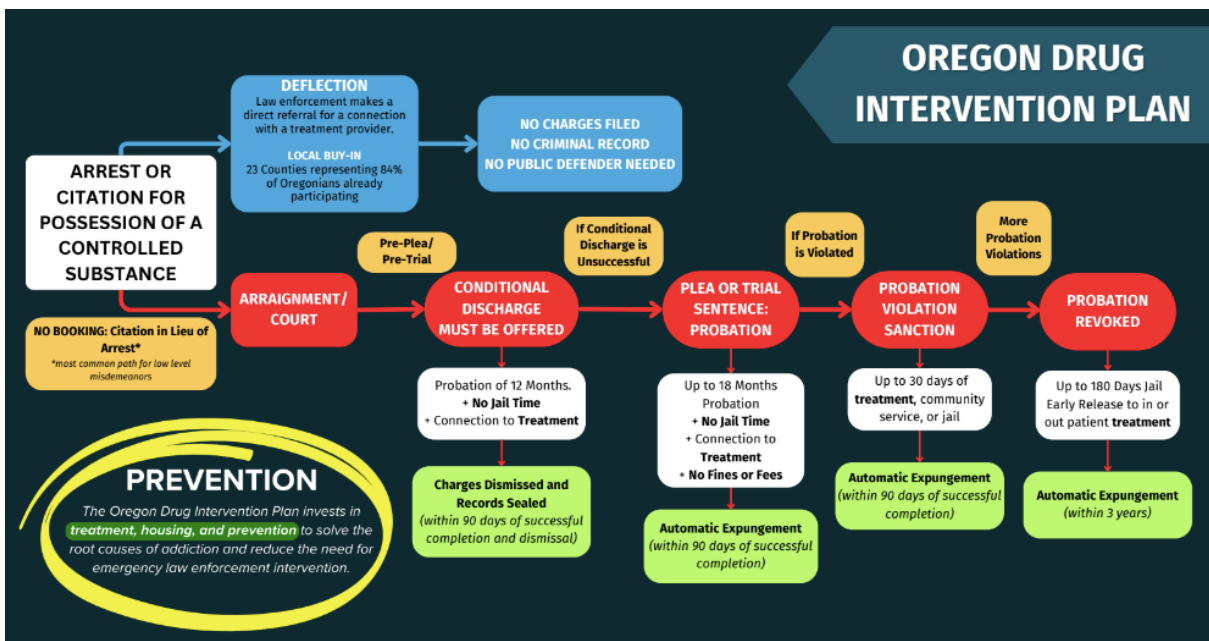
- **Infrastructure** - Legislators focused on the water/sewer issues for larger cities, using a ranked system of need, cost, and readiness for investments in a variety of projects. The resulting financing was folded into SB 1530 and allocated \$100 million to projects. For smaller cities, HB 4134 allocated just over \$21 million for infrastructure projects support housing developments with at least 30 percent of the units affordable to households earning 130 percent or less of county median income. Another significant infrastructure package is already being discussed for the next session.
- **SB 1537 Policy Components**
 - Housing Accountability and Production Office (Sections 1 – 7)
 - Provides technical assistance to local governments.
 - Investigates and respond to violations of housing laws
 - Establishes best practices re. model codes and procedures
 - Opting In to Amended Housing Regulations (Sections 8 – 9)
 - Allows applicants for permits, limited land use decisions, and zone changes for the development of housing to opt into new codes that were amended after the submission of a permit application..
 - Attorney Fees for Needed Housing Challenges (Sections 10 – 11)
 - LUBA to award attorney fees to a person whose application includes the development of needed housing.
 - Infrastructure Supporting Housing Production (Sections 12 – 23)
 - Establishes and allocates \$3 million to the Housing Infrastructure Support Fund (HISF).
 - The HISF is administered by the Oregon Business Development Department to provide capacity and support to municipalities for the planning and financing of infrastructure for water, sewers and sanitation, stormwater, and transportation to produce housing units.
 - Housing Project Revolving Loans (Sections 24 – 36)
 - [\\$75 million](#) for local governments to finance affordable and moderate-income housing.
 - Directs Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to develop a program to make loans to local jurisdictions, which in turn awards grants to developers to cover eligible costs, including infrastructure and system development charges, predevelopment costs, construction costs, and land write-downs..
 - Housing Land Use Adjustments (Sections 37 – 43)
 - Specifies conditions and timelines under which local governments must grant adjustments to existing land use regulation and design and development standards for housing development.
 - Specifies that decisions on adjustment applications are limited land use decisions only the applicant may appeal.
 - Limited Land Use Decisions (Sections 44 – 47)
 - Includes approval or denial of applications for replats, property line adjustments, and extension alterations or expansions of a nonconforming use in the definition of “limited land use decision.”
 - Directs cities to only apply procedures specified in ORS 197.195 to limited land use decisions
 - One-Time Site Additions to Urban Growth Boundaries (Sections 48 – 60)
 - One-time expansions of the UGB: allows 50 acres for cities under 25,000 (25K) people, 100 acres for cities over 25K, Metro area caps at 300 acres total.
 - 30% of the housing in this expansion must be for affordable housing (one of the highest requirements in the nation).
 - Developers must demonstrate comprehensive planning, permitting, and need for both housing and land.
 - Amendments removed sections 17-23 on water infrastructure funding; other utility infrastructure financing; the Housing Infrastructure Project Fund; site mitigation and readiness; the Housing Site Readiness Fund; site acquisition; and electrification incentives.

- SB 1530 full legislative staff [summary](#) – full budget [report](#)
- SB 1537 full legislative staff [summary](#) – full budget [report](#)
- HB 4134 full legislative staff [summary](#) – full budget [report](#)

Ballot Measure 110 Reform:

[HB 4002](#), reinstating criminal penalties for minor drug possession, was passed in an effort to stop ballot measure initiatives filed to undo BM 110. The outcomes of the statewide initiative approved by voters which decriminalized drug use had communities concerned that homelessness and criminal activity was increasing to the point that even those who voted for it were concerned about safety and the degradation of livability statewide. While many were convinced that we just needed to give BM 110 treatment assistance and associated services more time, the looming efforts to undo the measure all together compelled action by the legislature to adjust provisions. The result of HB 4002, once signed by the Governor, will be the withdrawal of pending measures for the 2024 ballot. HB 4002 made these changes that added accountability, though some are still concerned about the funding needed to implement the deflection program developed in the legislation:

- Establishes misdemeanor for crime of possession of a controlled substance.
- Requires the Criminal Justice Commission to create deflection programs for substance abuse treatment.
- Increased penalties for drug trafficking in parks, near homeless shelters, or treatment facilities.
- The new "Drug Enforcement Misdemeanor" will allow 180 days of jails for those caught with small amounts of drugs, but only under special circumstances. People would either have to violate probation or not follow through with treatment Institute pre-booking diversion to direct people into treatment jail in order to avoid jail.
- Expands welfare holds for fentanyl from 48 hours to 72 hours.
- Allocated \$211 million for treatment and other services.
- Allows pharmacists to dispense early refills of medications used to treat opioid use disorders.
- Requires Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission to study substance use disorders in the state and report by September 2025.
- Establishes Joint Task Force on Regional Behavioral Health Accountability to make recommendations on improving funding for behavioral health systems in Oregon.
- [HB 5204](#), increased the amount of money allocated to public education system to increase awareness of lethal and devastating drugs to youth.
- HB 4002 full legislative staff [summary](#) – full budget [report](#)



Campaign Finance Reform:

[HB 4042](#), which reforms Oregon's campaign finance system, was another bill that was at least partly driven by pressure from potential ballot measure initiatives. The bill was heavily negotiated and the fact that it was able to move during the short session came as a bit of a surprise to many. It was noted frequently that Oregon is one of five states (along with Alabama, Nebraska, Utah, and Virginia) with no limits on political campaign contributions and is one of 11 states that impose no limits on individual candidate contributions (per the National Conference of State Legislatures).

- HB 4042 defines campaign contributions limits, sets disclosure and reporting requirements for candidate campaign independent expenditures, establishes complaint investigation requirements and deadlines, requires unexpended candidate funds to be used only for certain purposes, and creates a web-based campaign finance dashboard. It also sets civil penalties for violations of these rules.
 - Campaign Contribution System (Sections 2 through 5a, and Section 9)
 - Contribution Limits (Section 4)
 - Political Committee Requirements (Sections 5, and 6 through 8)
 - Disclosure Requirements (Sections 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, and 19a)
 - Campaign Finance Dashboard (Sections 14 and 14a)
 - Complaints and Civil Penalties (Sections 18, 19, and 20)
 - Secretary of State Administration (Sections 4, 5, 13, 14a, 20, and 21)
 - Operative Dates (Sections 14, 14a, 23, and 24)
- Summary of campaign contribution limits:
 - \$3,300 per person
 - \$2,000 per candidate committee
 - \$5,000 per multi-candidate political committee
 - \$15,000 per legislative caucus committee
 - \$13,200 per membership organization
 - Non-statewide race: \$5 x # of donors of political committee (e.g. unions)
 - Statewide Race: \$10 x # of donors of political committee
 - Any group that spends \$50,000 in an election cycle must reveal the names of those who gave \$5,000 or more
 - Local governments can set lower limits
- Takes effect in January 2027.

Other Legislation Passed – organized by THPRD platform categories:**LOCAL AGENCY CONTROL & ACCOUNTABILITY****[HB 4031](#) Local Government Tax Data**

Extends to local government agencies the same confidentiality requirements placed on the Department of Revenue with respect to tax information received by the agency. Includes local government agencies that collect, administer, or manage a local tax imposed upon or measured by gross receipts, gross or net income, wages or net earnings from self-employment, local general sales and use taxes or marijuana taxes.

[HB 4117](#) Public Meetings Law

The measure authorizes the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) and OGEC staff to give advice on the application of the entire public meetings law, not just the executive session provisions. Allows the OGEC to issue a commission advisory opinion on the application of public meetings law to any actual or hypothetical circumstance. Allows the executive director of the OGEC to issue and publish a staff advisory opinion or OGEC staff to issue written or oral staff advice on the application of public meetings law to any actual or hypothetical circumstance. Makes ORS 192.672 on state board or commission meetings through telephone or electronic means explicitly part of the public meetings law in statute.

SB 1514 Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund

Requires the Director of the Oregon Employment Department (OED) to conduct periodic assessments of the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund to determine the solvency of the fund. It also specifies the actions OED may take to address solvency of the fund if the fund is not sufficient to cover six months of anticipated costs.

SB 1515 Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund

The measure makes several technical fixes to Paid Leave Oregon. The measure also addresses administration and reporting of Paid Leave Oregon, the Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA), and other protected leave provisions. The measure works to establish concurrency and alignment of OFLA and Paid Leave Oregon. The measure creates a two-week temporary leave type within OFLA for leave needed to effectuate the legal process required for placement of a foster child or adoption of a child. Finally, the measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

Administration and Reporting for Oregon Employment Department and Bureau of Labor and Industries (Section 1)

- Requires the Director of the Oregon Employment Department (OED) to report to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to labor and business by September 15, 2024, on the payment of Paid Leave Oregon benefits to seasonal employees and persons employed through hiring halls, and on consideration of implementing programmatic changes to the Paid Leave Oregon program.
- Requires OED and the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to jointly report to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to labor and business by September 15, 2024, on the apportionment of duties between BOLI and OED regarding protected leave provisions under Paid Leave Oregon and ORS chapter 659A.
Technical Changes to Paid Leave Oregon (Sections 2-7)
- Exempts employers from the requirement to provide specified compensation to an employee when the employer violates the requirement to provide an employee written notice of their schedule in writing at least 14 calendar days before the first day of work when the employer is provided less than 14 days' notice before the first day of a work schedule of the need for leave or of return from leave under either Paid Leave Oregon or other protected leave provisions within ORS Chapter 659A, and an employer makes a change to another employee's schedule who is assigned to cover the specific shifts for the employee on protected leave.
- Includes "federally recognized Indian tribe" under the exclusion from definition of "employer".
- Amends the definition of "family leave" under Paid Leave Oregon to include leave to "effectuate the legal process required for placement of a foster child or adoption of a child."
- Entitles an employee to use accrued paid leave offered by an employer in addition to Paid Leave Oregon benefits while on leave to extent that the total combination of Paid Leave Oregon benefits and benefits received by the employee do not exceed the employee's full wage replacement unless the employer permits the employee to receive combined amounts in excess.
- Specifies that employees who are eligible for time loss workers' compensation benefits are ineligible for Paid Leave Oregon benefits.
- Exempts Paid Leave Oregon benefits from garnishment except for child or spousal support garnishments and restitution for crime victims.
Alignment of Paid Leave Oregon and Oregon Family Leave Act (Sections 7-11)
- Removes 16 week leave cap per benefit year for leave taken in any combination under both Paid Leave Oregon and Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA.)
- Removes unpaid, protected leave to care for self or a family member with a serious health condition and unpaid, protected leave to care for an infant or newly adopted or newly placed foster child under OFLA.
- Modifies sick child leave to include all illnesses, injuries, or conditions requiring home care.

- Specifies that leave taken is in addition to leave taken under Paid Leave Oregon.
- Reduces bereavement leave to maximum of four weeks in any one-year period.
- Removes additional 12 weeks of sick child leave currently permitted if employee has taken bonding leave.
- Clarifies when two or more family members who work for the same employer may take protected leave concurrently under OFLA.
- Specifies that an employee may begin OFLA leave without prior notice when employee is taking pregnancy disability leave.
- Modifies provisions governing medical verification for leave when an employee takes leave under OFLA for sick child/public health emergency or pregnancy disability leave.
Temporary Oregon Family Leave Act Provision (Sections 12-13)
- Permits eligible employee to take an additional two weeks of protected, unpaid leave under the Oregon Family Leave Act to effectuate the legal process required for placement of a foster child or adoption of a child. Specifies the notice that an employee must provide an employer.
Operative and Effective Dates (Sections 22-23)
- Declares an emergency, effective on passage. Specifies an operative date of July 1, 2024, and a sunset date of January 1, 2025, for the temporary Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA) provision for effectuating the legal process required for placement of a foster child or adoption of child. Specifies an operative date of January 1, 2025, for provision amending the definition of "family leave" under Paid Leave Oregon to include leave to effectuate the legal process required for placement of a foster child or adoption of a child. Specifies an operative date of July 1, 2024, for remaining technical fixes and alignment provisions under Paid Leave Oregon and OFLA.

SB 1576 Recreational Immunity Temporary Fix Sections 5-11

THPRD was active in a coalition of stakeholders that helped secure a critical albeit short-term fix to protect the recreational immunity that many parks and recreation districts rely on to keep trails and natural spaces open to the public free of charge. We look forward to contributing to the interim workgroup that will help clarify recreational immunity going forward. The bill:

- Adds immunity to ORS 105.688 for improved paths, trails, roads, and other rights of way that are used to access land for recreational purposes. Limits immunity for an improvement, design, or maintenance that was completed in a manner constituting gross negligence or reckless, wanton, or intentional misconduct, or for which the actor is strictly liable.
- Adds running, walking, and bicycling to the non-exclusive list of outdoor activities in the definition of recreational purposes in ORS 105.672.
- Allows all local governments to opt into ORS 105.668, limiting liability from ordinary negligence claims arising from the use of trails or structures on public easements or unimproved rights of way by foot, horse, bicycle or other nonmotorized means.
- Applies the measure to actions for personal injury, death, or property damage commenced on or after the effective date of the measure and before January 2, 2026.
- Sunsets on January 2, 2026.

SB 1580 Workers' Comp False Payroll

Provides that an employer commits a Class A misdemeanor crime if, with the intent to decrease the employer's premium for coverage as required by Oregon's workers' compensation laws, knowingly submits a false payroll report to the Workers' Compensation Board, the Workers' Compensation Board chairperson, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the corporation, or an insurer. Applies to employer conduct occurring on or after the effective date of the act. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

No bills passed this session that impact system development charges. We were closely tracking a concept introduced by Rep. Gamba (D-Milwaukie) but [HB 4099](#) ultimately died in Ways & Means with an ask of \$10 million. HB 4099 would have:

- Directed Oregon Housing and Community Services to purchase and collect debt from a housing developer, based on the deferred payment of system development charges for a project as agreed to by a local government and the developer.
- Included separate timelines for system development charges (SDC) collection, dependent upon whether a development project is for market-rate or affordable housing: local government to defer SDCs until 180 days after the date that any dwelling unit has been certified for occupancy; for affordable housing development projects, between 180 days and one year following a certificate of occupancy.
- Made it voluntary by local government which is defined those in ORS 174.116 (includes special districts) that are authorized to impose or collect a system development charge under ORS 223.297 to 223.316.

THPRD, along with ORPA, stood down on this as it was a voluntary program and if it would have passed, we could've pointed to it in future sessions as evidence that we don't need to do anything else on SDCs. Additionally, THPRD connected with the City of Beaverton during the session - this was not a priority for them nor a program they saw themselves participating in the near future. We agreed to touch base after session if it were to pass.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION & COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

[HB 4063](#) **Metro Area Housing Needs Planning**

The measure incorporates planning responsibilities for unincorporated areas of Metro into the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis. It allows applicants for the development of housing to opt-in to amended development regulations. It removes statutory language prohibiting buyer-provided non-customary documents in a real estate transaction. It allows middle housing partitions to be further partitioned during the same calendar year. It allows a city to administratively approve or terminate an eligible property tax exemption for single-unit housing. It clarifies language regarding Metro and the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis. Detailed bill summary [here](#); bill sections as follows:

- Needed Housing Planning in Unincorporated Metro (Sections 1 – 6)
- Opting In to Amended Housing Development Regulations (Sections 7 – 8)
- Realtor Rejection of Documents (Section 9)
- Middle Housing Partitions (Sections 10 – 13)
- Single-Unit Housing Property Tax Exception Approval (Sections 25 – 28)
- House Bill 2001 (2023) Technical Fixes (Section 29 – 44)

[HB 5701](#) **Budget Reconciliation Bill (*Funding for Wildlife Package*)**

THPRD supported Rep. Helms Wildlife Package, including the district's logo on the coalition one-pager. [HB 4148](#) had a total ask of \$10 million and died in Ways & Means. However, components of the bill were funded in an end of session budget bill and these include:

- \$750,000 to the Invasive Species Control Account for activities to mitigate the negative impacts of invasive species;
- \$250,000 to the Invasive Species Council Account for invasive species outreach and education;
- \$795,000 to the ODFW Wildlife Division for activities to detect chronic wasting disease and zoonotic diseases; and
- \$1,905,000 to the OSU Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for programs to improve Oregon's zoonotic disease coordination, monitoring, prevention, and response.

Rep. Helm has already indicated that he intends to pursue pieces that did not advance in the next legislative session, including the wildlife coexistence program and wildlife corridor priorities.

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO PARKS & RECREATION

HB 4098 CHIPS Childcare Fund

Establishes the CHIPS Child Care Fund for grant and loan programs related to child care in areas with semiconductor or advanced manufacturing facilities. Businesses receiving grants or loans are mandated to contribute financially, with specifics determined by the CHIPS Child Care Work Group established by the measure. This group must submit a report by November 15, 2024, detailing recommendations for contributions. Additionally, the bill facilitates collaboration between Oregon Business Development Department and the Bureau of Labor and Industries to provide financial support and child care subsidies to apprentices and journey workers in the construction industry. Appropriates \$2,500,000 General Fund to Oregon Business Development Department for the CHIPS Child Care Fund.

HB 4103 E-Bike Definitions

Establishes a three-tier definition of electric-assisted bicycles. Modifies definition of "bicycle" in Motor Vehicle Code.

As Background: Forty-eight states currently have statutory definitions of electric-assisted bicycles (e-bikes). Only two states - Alaska and Rhode Island - lack statutory definitions of e-bikes. There are many variations between states in how they define and regulate e-bikes.

Oregon has a single classification, adopted with the passage of House Bill 2602 (1997), which defines an "electric assisted bicycle" as "a vehicle that is designed to be operated on the ground on wheels; has a seat or saddle for use of the rider; is designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground; has both fully operative pedals for human propulsion and an electric motor; and is equipped with an electric motor that (a) has a power output of not more than 1,000 watts; and (b) is incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground."

HB 4103 has Oregon join with language similar to other states that have adopted a three-tiered e-bike classification system:

- Class 1 electric bicycles are equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- Class 2 electric bicycles are equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- Class 3 electric bicycles are equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour and is equipped with a speedometer.

SB 1553 Drug Use on Public Transportation

The measure expands the crime of interfering with public transportation to include when a person, while in or on a public transit vehicle, knowingly consumes a controlled substance that is not lawfully possessed by the person. It also provides that a conviction for interfering with public transportation established by this measure shall be classified as a designated drug-related misdemeanor.

STATE FUNDING FOR PARKS, REC, TRAILS, ETC**HB 4082 Summer Learning Programs**

Requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to establish and administer a grant program to fund summer learning programming for incoming kindergarten through outgoing grade 12. Appropriates \$30 million from the General Fund. Bill also directs ODE to conduct a study and to propose recommendations for summer and after-school programs to address education disparities in K-12 students.

ORPA, including THPRD, advocated and secured an amendment that expanded the lists of allowable partner entities to include school districts, education service districts, units of local government, and local service districts to those which a grant applicant may partner in providing summer learning programs.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 26, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Doug Menke, General Manager
RE: **General Manager's Report**

Local Option Levy Update

Holly Thompson, Communications director, will provide an update on public information and outreach efforts underway to support the district's local option levy before voters in May 2024.

Volunteer Services

Volunteer Services staff will provide an update spotlighting the district's Youth Leadership programs and will conclude with the presentation of THPRD's Volunteer of the Year Award. This year, Dean Bridges will receive the award for his continued service to the district. Dean grew up attending nature preschool and camp programs, then began volunteering once he was eligible. Now that Dean is an adult, he continues to volunteer with our nature education programs sharing his passion for nature while making our programs welcoming and inclusive to all.