



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

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

**Date: 8/22/2017**

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

**Location: Fanno Creek Service Center**

### **In Attendance**

Committee Members: John Ratliff (Chair), Bernadette Le, Cory Samia, Gerri Scheerens, Jack Shorr, Mitch Cruzan, Sam Scheerens

Absent: Laura Porter, Matthew Shepherd

Board liaison: None

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch (Superintendent of Natural Resources)

Guests: None

### **Ia. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

### **Ib. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the July 2017 meeting were presented to the committee.

Multiple members had questions about the last paragraph of section III – old business.

John moved to accept the minutes with a rewrite of that paragraph for greater clarity on what the committee has requested staff to do.

The motion was seconded by Bernadette.

The minutes (with the above correction) were **accepted by unanimous vote**. Sam was tasked to make the correction and submit it to Bruce and John.

### **II. Guest Comments**

None

### **III. Old Business**

#### Toolkit Development

- The committee discussed the latest draft of the toolkit. A number of changes and new questions were proposed and discussed. We agreed to make two changes to the organization of the data. The column "Stage of proposal when we should ask" will be removed, and a new section of "Top Level" questions will be added.
- Sam will create a new draft with the agreed changes and send it to the committee for further discussion.

### III. New Business

#### View from Bruce's Desk

- Bruce gave a presentation on invasive plant management at THPRD.
  - The Natural Resources Functional Plan sets standards and priorities for control of noxious weeds and non-native plants in THPRD natural areas. High functioning areas should maintain 80% native plants, moderate functioning areas 60%, and low functioning areas 40%.
  - THPRD has an integrated pest management program that prescribes the methods of control. Physical/Mechanical control (including controlled burning) is usually preferred, but Biological or Chemical means of control are sometimes indicated.
  - THPRD also strives to foster control of invasive species culturally. This cultural element applies both externally, in the form of native plant sales, workshops, etc., and internally, by educating and encouraging THPRD employees to avoid planting plants that can become invasive.
  - THPRD follows well defined procedures when implementing chemical weed control in natural areas. These include assessing the weather conditions, posting signage, and following up to remove signage.
  - Restoration of specific natural areas is typically done on about a 5 year plan.
- Jack described the Backyard Habitat Certification program. This is a national program where experts work with homeowners to assess their yards in terms of storm water runoff, invasive plants, native plants, etc. After fixing any issues identified, the homeowner can receive certification. There is currently no sponsoring agency in Washington County.

#### Announcements

- John announced that the Active Transportation Plan for Beaverton is currently gathering public comments, via the link he emailed to committee members.
- Bernadette announced that a Metro quarterly trails forum will be held Sept 20 from 1:00-3:15 pm at 600 NE Grand in Portland.

### IV. Next Meeting will be held on

Next Meeting: October 17 at 6:30 p.m.; Fanno Creek Service Center. This will be a joint advisory committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sam Scheerens