



Visioning Task Force Meeting Minutes

Location: Garden Home Recreation Center, Room 10

Date: Oct 03, 2019

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Attendees

VTF Members in Attendance: Holly Van Houten, Ronald Ferguson, Ann Albrich, Richard Goldner, Olivia Brown, Shreya Jain, Reid Quiggins, Rachel Gowland, First LEGO League students

VTF Members Absent: America Rodriguez, Ewnetu Tsegaw, Nadia Hasan, Kanthi Karumbunathan, Victor Sin

THPRD Staff: Jaspreet Chahal

	Agenda Item + Notes
6:04 pm	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting started at 6:04 pm • VTF members voted and approved meeting minutes from September 05. • Jaspreet introduced First LEGO League members and their teacher.
6:08 pm	<p>Round Robin: What are some problems/ concerns you've identified at public parks in your outreach?</p> <p><i>VTF members shared some of the challenges they have encountered/ identified at a THPRD park or facility during their outreach.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronald shared that lack of recycling at parks during larger events is a persistent issue. • Shreya mentioned lack of composting stations, restrooms, shaded areas to sit in public spaces are a few of the challenges. • For Holly, the ability or inability to walk to a public park often determines usability; she mentioned that safe pedestrian access, especially to a park or an event, should be considered when planning events. Holly also identified that most of the current playgrounds are only meant for younger kids. • Olivia brought up that the need for better and clearer signage (larger more visible boards and markers) is crucial in parks and trails. • Rachel suggested that having a "phone app" for finding nearby parks and trails would make it easier for people to explore more THPRD areas. • Reid shared that most parks and open spaces have limited usability in winter. He suggested having better lit parks and trails to make commuters and users feel safe. • Bathrooms, benches, lights, sufficient garbage, and recycling options were some of the concerns that Ann identified through her summer outreach work. • Richard shared that 'natural parks' should be maintained better during the off-season and winter months. • Additionally, VTF members suggested that using rubber matting in playgrounds, motion sensor lights, solar-powered lights in fields, and creating playgrounds that appeal to everyone would make THPRD parks and facilities more attractive to people.
6:35 pm	<p>Updates: Where are we now?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jaspreet shared as of Thurs, Oct 3, VTF members had spoken to over 8,500 people and collected over 9,000 ideas.

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	<p>Staff shared upcoming outreach opportunities on the VTF outreach calendar. Upcoming opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Outreach (back to school events, leadership groups at schools) ○ Multicultural outreach: focus group conversations with Unite Oregon ○ Signup for the last 4 weeks of outreach events ○ Staff committed to sharing the online survey tool with VTF high school members for youth input and perspective. <p>VTF members reviewed the events calendar and signed up for more outreach events and meetings.</p>
6:40 pm	<p>What's Next: Action Teams, Community Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visioning Goal Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff shared preliminary goal areas for the Action Team Phase. ○ VTF members had time to share their suggestions, edits, and ask questions related to the four goal-areas. ● Action Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VTF members ranked their picks for Action Teams. ○ Staff and VTF members discussed who else should be part of Action Teams. ● Scheduling for Action Team meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff shared that there will be two meetings per action area. Meetings will be held in November and December. ● Community Review: prioritization or ranking/rating comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff and VTF members discussed strategies for community survey outreach and getting responses back in Jan-March 2020. ○ Several VTF members suggested a rethinking of the drop box approach (larger size, clearer messaging) along with having options to complete survey online. <p>Looking ahead: Final Vision Plan; THPRD Board Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff presented plan precedents to VTF members ○ VTF members were invited to present a Visioning update to THPRD Board at the November 12 Board meeting.
7:30 pm	<p>Next Step Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff will follow up with VTF members that missed the meeting. ● There will be no November and December VTF meetings as members will meet with their respective Action Teams.
	<p>Public Comment – None</p>
7:35 pm	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>

Minutes Approved by the VTF on 1/16/20.