



# **Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District**

## **Nature & Trails Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Date: 12/7/22**  
**Time: 6:36-8:20pm**  
**Location: Zoom**

### **In Attendance**

Committee Members: Margaret "Marty" Hite (chair), Alison Rhea, Heather AbuSneineh, Erik Lehr, Sam Scheerens

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch, Peter Swinton, Mark Pierce, Angel Ruelas

Board Liaison: Tya Ping

Guests: None.

### **I. Call to Order**

Marty called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

The group reviewed the minutes for the October 19, 2022 meeting. Sam moved to approve the minutes. Alison seconded. There was no discussion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **IV. Old Business**

NTAC Recruitment:

- Six new members were recommended to the Board for NTAC membership beginning in 2023.
- Orientation of new members will take place before the January 18, 2023 meeting.
- Staff are working on the logistics for a possibly return to in-person meetings.

Advisory Committee Grant Proposal:

- All attending members were in favor of approving the holiday event grant proposal from the Programs & Facilities Advisory Committee.
- Additional feedback/questions will be answered by e-mail.

### **V. New Business**

Comprehensive Plan:

- Peter Swinton (Planner) gave a presentation of the Draft Comprehensive Plan
- The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to lay out broad and long term goals and principles needed to implement the Vision Plan.
- Peter asked the committee for feedback on three questions:
  1. Does the wording and sequencing of comp plan goals, objectives, and guiding principles in draft section III.C (62-80 pp.) accurately previous feedback from the Nature & Trails Advisory Committee?
    - Committee members had various questions about some overloaded or unclear terms in the various section titles.
    - The intention is to avoid jargon where possible to make the plan readable by the public. In some cases, that effort results in ambiguity.

- The finished plan will include a glossary to better define terms.
- 2. Do you agree with the phrasing of the “Balancing Conservation and Recreation” best practice in draft section IV.A (84 p.)?
  - The committee consensus was approving of the phrasing in the Draft Plan.
- 3. Do you feel draft comp plan section IV.B (89 p.) creates a clear connection between the 2023 comp plan and future strategic plans?
  - Based on Peter’s explanation of the section, members agreed there is a clear connection.
- Next steps are to incorporate feedback and then present the plan to the Board.

#### Safety Services

- Mark Pierce (Security Operations Manager) and Angel Ruelas (Safety Services Lead) gave an overview of how Safety Services staff interact with park patrons to create a safe and welcoming environment for all. Highlights were ambassadorship, education, response time, identification of hazards, work with local law enforcement, and diversity equity and inclusion.

#### Leadership:

- Bruce gave an overview of the committee chair and recording secretary roles on the committee.
- Sam nominated Erik Lehr to be committee chair for 2023. Marty seconded. Erik was elected unanimously.
- Election of a Recording Secretary was deferred until the January 18, 2023 meeting.

#### Accomplishments:

- Marty shared highlights of committee accomplishments in 2022. Our focus areas for the year were climate, inclusivity, and connectivity.

#### Farewell to members:

- The committee thanked outgoing members and shared some memories and smiles.

#### **VI. Other**

- There was no November meeting of NTAC.

#### **VII. Next Meeting will be held on January 18, 2023, 6:30pm**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sam Scheerens

Recording Secretary pro tempore