



**Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee
July 19, 2023 6PM**

In Attendance

Committee Members: Jane Leo, Jacqui Orenda-Weber, Nanda Siddaiah (Secretary), Nisha George (Chair), James Terwilliger, Carolina Martins, Kate Nelson

Staff: Keith Watson (Support Services Manager)

Board Liaison: Alfredo Moreno (absent)

Absent: Hilary Blum

Public: Gary P

Call Meeting to Order – Keith called meeting to order @ 6:07pm

1. Approval of Minutes from May 2023

James moved for the minute to approve

Team seconded

Approved as published

2. Public Comment

Gary P attended to get a view of how this committee functions

Lives nearby and a long-time patron of the THPRD system

3. Welcome/Team check-in

Jane commented on the Center street park tennis courts' resurfacing – staff had done great, and park has seen vastly increased use since

Jane visited the Nature center – is a beautiful park overall; one comment about signage – when accessing old wagon trail, transition from pavement to dirt and there's no signage – could lead to missed turn. Keith will pass that on to staff

James frequents 3 – Greenway, Highland Forest and Commonwealth (lot of birds)

Also visited many parks in Canada – the Red Adirondack chairs is a great marketing/gimmick, at key viewpoints. This seems like a good symbolic, clever draw across the Parks system.

<https://parks.canada.ca/voyage-travel/chaises-chairs>

Nisha – this could be a good idea for adding seating along Bethany Lake (possible challenge grant next year)

Kate visited Bethany Creek park, Gabriel park, Somerset West, Roxbury – found a lot of uniqueness and diverse setups. Cedar Hills park has a nice splash pad – noticed kids running close/towards to the street; would be good to have some kind of barrier (fence, rocks, etc.) to prevent any incidents Keith will pass this feedback onto his team

Nisha visited Noble woods and Moshofsky Woods – good feedback/experience there
Bethany Creek Park and PCC Rock Creek – sprinklers are going off later in the morning (~9am-ish)

Keith mentioned these are mostly programmed to go off based on evaporation rate etc; Will pass this onto the parks staff to see if this can be optimized

Carolina visits Hazeldale dog park regularly. Could be a place to hold events similar to a visit to Schiffler park – noticed a community event there (Tianquitzli). There were picnic tables used for the events.

Jacqui – looking forward to Theater in the Park at Pio Pio park tomorrow; and Beaverton Night market Saturday

Keith – have been visiting gyms more lately. George Rogers park in Lake Oswego – good location, but dense residential layout – could see how the pickle ball courts got shut down

4. New Business

a. Pickleball questionnaire results

Keith shared summary of the work going on in the district in the last couple months

- Sunset tennis courts were resurfaced and included 4 pickle ball courts (dual use)
Good location as it is not near homes, and is a sports complex
- Raleigh park – got a lot of feedback regarding noise; installed a locking gate with a timer to limit use during quiet times (early morning/late night)
- Looking at different options to add new pickleball courts – maybe dedicated courts at the HMT complex. Survey done during a pickleball tournament at the center, and other outdoor courts nearby. Keith shared the results
- Nanda: consider the model in NE Portland where an old warehouse was converted to a PB facility vs building a new facility. Could be a logistical challenge
- Jane: on topic of a covered facility – what’s the difference in cost between the inflatable part-year vs a permanent roof-only structure? Keith will check if this is part of the feasibility consideration
- Nisha: is PB a stated goal on the functional plan or is a new initiative
Keith: it was identified in the vision action plan; and on the functional plan as an emerging sport for growth. Seems like the popularity did come on fast.
- Kate: during travels and in William Walker play area – they have a high roof structure for shade, with solar on top to benefit. This is an option to consider and an opportunity to partner with local utilities

b. Summer field trip discussion

Gauging interest in an August field trip

Keith suggests the future La Raiz park – still under construction; could meet with the planners and to visualize how things will look when done

Tentatively plan for Aug 23rd evening for the field trip

5. Old Business

a. Challenge Grant Discussion

Progress on proposal: Nisha has started the proposal doc, pulling in references to the Functional and Vision Action plans; collecting pricing, warranty and technical info for potential Induction units. Cookware options are more straightforward, with Brian (center supervisor) also collected good information. Keith to schedule a meeting with Nisha and Brian to clarify these details.

James can help on this – learned about potential topic of replacement parts cost being high; and consider buying some spare parts if we've room in the budget to future proof ourselves

6. Wrap-up

- a. Next meeting: August 16th (6PM)

7. Committee time

- a. Jane: do we have any Eagle scout projects in the works – Keith to find out (comes through the volunteer coordinator)
- b. Jane: Bocce ball is getting revived – the Portland club is using Cedar Hills weekly. And this is a growing sport for the Special Olympics athletes. Do we have any additional facilities in addition to Cedar Hills?
Keith: Ridgewood View park redo included bocce ball courts too.

8. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned @ 7:27pm