



## THPRD Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 20th, 2024, 6pm, Virtual

### In Attendance

**Committee Members:** Travis Walker, Shalini Vivek, Robert Dupuy, James Terwilliger, Kate Nelson, Claire Tenscher, Janelle Cheung

**Staff:** Cameron Hall (Park Maintenance Supervisor), Holly Thompson (Communications Director) Nicole Paulsen (Planning Supervisor)

**Board Liaison:** Miles Palacios

**Absent:** Saravana, Hilary Blum

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Cameron called meeting to order at 6:07pm
2. **Approval of Minutes from January 2023**
  - a. James brought forward correction of minutes from February. Expressed desire to add in Shalini's request to follow Robert's Rules for agenda item approvals in future meetings. Cameron confirmed this change will be made to February's official minutes.
  - b. James moved to approve agenda, seconded by Kate. Approved as published.

3. **Public Comment** - None

### 4. **Member Check-in**

Robert visited Cedar Mill park and noted large devastation from winter storm. Jordan Woods as well. Kate went to Foege Park and noted how much kids loved riding bikes in that park. Travis mentioned visiting Commonwealth Lake Park and noted how many birds there are, and how packed the park is in the Spring. Travis also visited Recuerdo Park, noted some graffiti on park structures. Shalini visited Forest Hills park and noted how although it is a small park, it was very busy. Also noted how many things there are in that park.

### 5. **New Business**

- a. Holly Thompson presented on THPRD going to May levy vote.
  - i. Presented this information at 116 meetings so far. Serve much larger area than just Beaverton proper. Went through statistics for all facilities, sports courts, number of

natural areas, miles of trails Within 5 years, 16 million dollar short fall. Represented 1 out of 5 operating dollars. Not funds linked to property acquisition, operating budget only. 2/3 of current funds come from property taxes. Took time going through history of these taxes in Oregon. Held to 3% increases year to year after tax code change. Pandemic, inflation, pay-equity for THPRD staff, noted as largest causes for budget shortfall. Went through all impacts that would occur if levy was not successful. 5 year levy. Proposed 50 cents of assessed value, 303,000 average assessed value for city. Increase taxes is \$12.68 per month for average home. Mostly maintenance levy, but also would pay for new registration system.

- ii. Question from Travis about what the general feeling is from people on this levy. Holly said there is currently high tax sensitivity. Said people have lots of questions about tax code. Also general shock that THPRD is in this position.
- iii. Question from James about how average assessed value – is this number median or mean. Holly said she would follow up with James.
- iv. Question from Shalini about if posters were going to be added to parks to let people know about levy. Holly mentioned that signs are being printed and will be added to parks.
- v. Question from Janelle about whether in-person options were available for people to hear from Holly on the information presented. Holly said yes, mentioned Farmer’s Market, visiting facilities during high-use times.
- vi. Question from Kate about conflict with asking for money while THPRD is also advertising new parks. Said it is confusing for people. Holly agreed it is confusing, and that people don’t always know about money that goes towards operations versus money that buys and develops parks. Kate suggested pausing messaging about new parks until after vote.

b. Presentation from Nicole Paulsen – Heckman Lane Concept Plan (Joined Nature and Trails Advisory Committee virtually)

- i. Noting working name is Heckman Lane Park and Trail but official name is yet to be decided.
- ii. Park site will incorporate portion of Bethany Creek Trail
- iii. 3.6 Million dollar Metro grant is partially funding this build. Incorporating nature primary focus for park build.
- iv. Went through details on public outreach process for design recommendations.
- v. Saravana inquired about parking and connectedness with Kaiser road. Nicole mentioned it will connect to Kaiser trail, and have parking streetside around park.
- vi. Nicole went through various planned park amenities on plans
- vii. Still seeking more grant opportunities to add in shade sales, trees, more robust features.
- viii. Land use permitting Fall 2025, looking to start construction Summer 2026.
- ix. Tom from NTAC asked about land developed to South of park? Nicole mentioned we have had property for 5-10 years, and are to the south won’t be developed.
- x. Marny asked about gleaning garden. Nicole mentioned we have one at Recuerdo.
- xi. Janelle asked, how does Kaiser road incorporate? Nicole mentioned Washington County will be installing a crosswalk at the site to connect both sides of trail. Janelle, what made option B stand out in planning? Nicole mentioned gleaning and pollinator gardens were largest selling points for this option.
- xii. Kate asked about the playground site lines between playground elevations. Nicole said this was taken into consideration and vegetation between the two will be minimal.

- xiii. Question from NTAC about exercise equipment in park. Nicole mentioned if this is done, it will be in a nature-themed development.

## **6. Adjourn**

- a. Meeting adjourned @ 7:31pm