Parks Advisory Committee

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
FOR JUNE 09, 2026

PRESENT: Adam Peterson (chair), Beth Dittman, Nisha George, Kira Hein (staff), Bella DePhillipo (staff)

ABSENT: Emma Gray (vice chair), Taylor Sarman

Call to Order

1. Roll Call: Adam Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and confirmed that enough members were present to form a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

1. May 12, 2026: Beth Dittman proposed an amendment to the minutes to correct the information about pools in Tualatin. Beth moved to approve the minutes with those amendments, Adam seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Communication & Comments

1. Chair: Adam reminded the committee that there is still an opening for a new member, and suggested members should encourage those they know to apply, both adults and students. Beth asked if the student committee member has to also be a member of YAC, and Kira Hein replied that she didn't know but would check. Adam also commended parks staff for a successful Blender Dash.

2. Staff: Kira shared that interviews for the new Recreation Supervisor position are this week, and that the new position of Deputy Parks Director is now open for applications.

3. Public: Nisha George suggested that Big Truck Day be more widely advertised in the future. Bella clarified that it was not a Parks Department program, but will pass along the suggestion.

Old Business

1. Parks & Trails Bond Update
    a. Riverfront Park: Kira shared that the request for proposals from design firms for the Riverfront Park has been posted, and shared some information about the process of interviewing and ranking firms. She also shared a brief outline of the current timeline for engagement. Adam asked if members of the committee could be involved in the selection process in any way, and Kira said she would check on that and update the committee when she found out.

    b. Nyberg Creek Trail: Kira shared that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Nyberg Creek Trail is coming up on June 20th. Nisha asked for a map of the trail to share, and Kira said she could provide that.
2. Park Utility Fee Update
    a. Tualatin Community Park: Kira shared that construction on the replacement playground at Tualatin Community Park will begin in September.
3. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Update
    a. Basalt Creek Linear Park: Kira shared that Basalt Creek Linear Park is scheduled for completion of phase one in late August, and that phase two will begin after community engagement with the Autumn Sunrise community. Beth suggested putting up signage at finished park projects to create awareness about how projects are funded and completed, and Kira replied that Parks staff are currently working on creating generic project signage.

4. Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area Update: Beth shared that the Downtown Revitalization committee is still evaluating proposals from student groups, and that the next meeting will focus heavily on Lake of the Commons. Adam asked if any proposals involve getting rid of the lake, and Beth replied that that has not come up but that several proposals have involved adding some kind of crossing to the lake.

5. Committee Goals Review: Adam shared the committee goals document and reviewed the goals from quarters one and two, before looking ahead to three and four. He suggested lining up a speaker for a fall meeting to speak on the partnership with youth sports and TTSD, and Kira shared that Dustin is in continuous talks with those groups but he has no definitive update yet. Kira also spoke on the ongoing conversation with Finance about scheduling a second Bond sale, and will update the committee when there is a date. Nisha asked when the committee goals are set, and Kira replied that the process begins at the start of the calendar year.

New Business

1. Pollinator Week at Council June 22: Adam shared that he will be presenting the Pollinator Week presentation to Council along with Tom Steiger. He also noted that the dates on the presentation are incorrect, and Bella said she would fix them. Nisha asked if the City promotes planting native plants in yards, and Beth pointed her to Backyard Habitat while Bella said she would check on how the City supports that program.

2. Program Update: Kira shared that the Juanita Pohl Center renovation is complete, and that around 60-70 people are signed up for the lunch on Friday. She also shared that around 1,000 kids ran in the Blender Dash, and that interviews for the Recreation Supervisor are taking place on June 22. She also shared the dates for Viva Tualatin and summertime concerts. Nisha asked if events have their own Facebook pages, and Bella replied that only the larger ones do. Beth thanked the Parks team for the events they put on and asked how the community is being engaged with on events, and Kira replied that the addition of the new staff members will allow staff to conduct better engagement.

3. Maintenance & Operations Update: Dustin shared that the sport courts were resurfaced at Jurgens, and that the Hedges Creek bridge deck is under maintenance. He also shared that

the Bee City renewal has been submitted, and shared some details from the recent HMS cares day.

4. Volunteer Update: None.

Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review

1. Atfalati Restroom Grant: Dustin shared that he should hear back soon about the status of the grant.
2. August 11 TPARK/TAAC: Kira reminded the committee that the August committee meeting will be in person and will be a joint meeting with the Arts Committee.

Committee Member Communications

1. Nisha shared an example of the Facebook post she referenced earlier, and Bella said it could be a good idea but that event information can also be shared via their website pages.

Adjournment

1. Adam adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.