



IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 17, 2025

Present: Sunni Case Armstrong, Kelsea Ashenbrenner, Emily Baker, Laura Engberson, Evelin Hooper (virtual), Nina Ichikawa, Chris Paul, Samantha Peterson, Maia Schroeder, Erin Stimson, Councilor Christen Sacco

Absent: Gerry Preston, Kolini Fusitu'a

Public:

Staff: Betsy Rodriguez Ruef, Community Engagement Coordinator
Jerianne Thompson, Library Director / Equity & Inclusion Officer

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chris Paul called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chris Paul called for any corrections to the October minutes. Kelsea Ashenbrenner moved to accept the October 2025 meeting minutes; Erin Stimson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **Co-Chairs:** Chris Paul welcomed new members to the IDEA Committee.

2. **Council Liaison:** Councilor Christen Sacco shared information about Just Compassion, a Tualatin grant recipient who recently presented to City Council, and about the upcoming housing forum. She said that the Tualatin Food Pantry is actively seeking donations and volunteers.

Emily Baker moved that the IDEA Committee encourage other city advisory committees to donate to the Tualatin Food Pantry through a food drive challenge. Maia Schroeder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Staff:** Jerianne Thompson announced the upcoming Board & Committee Summit with City Council and asked committee members to RSVP. She shared information about recent passage of two Washington County local option levies for libraries and public safety and about federal policy changes to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care program, which supports people experiencing homelessness.

Betsy Rodriguez Ruef announced the Tualatin Holiday Lights Parades, scheduled for December 5-7, and the upcoming Midwest CIO annual meeting. She also shared information about the Pili Group, another Tualatin grant recipient.

4. Public: None.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Committee Documents: Committee members reviewed the IDEA Committee's Mission and Vision Statements and Community Agreements.

2. Community Groups: Committee members discussed how to engage with community groups serving Tualatin residents. Kelsea Ashenbrenner suggested hosting an open house to bring community groups together to learn about each other. Nina Ichikawa suggested improving connections between groups and schools and said that affinity groups have representatives on the Tualatin High School Student Council.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Report: Chris Paul led committee members in a review of the committee's draft annual report to City Council. Committee members suggested wording for proposed recommendation statements. Discussion topics included the desired look and feel for downtown Tualatin, accessibility of and transportation to gathering places, developing an action plan to build relationships with local tribal groups, and providing a way for community members to contact the IDEA Committee. This item was tabled until December's meeting.

2. Urban Renewal: Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area: Kelsea Ashenbrenner shared updates about the work underway, including a survey on community identity and partnership with University of Oregon's Sustainable City Year Program.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Co-Chair Election**
- 2. 2026 Meeting Calendar**

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerianne Thompson & Betsy Ruef, staff