



## Minutes

### TUALATIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date

### Virtual Meeting

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Emma Gray, Carl Hosticka, Taylor Sarman, Beth Dittman, John Makepeace, Cosi Slider, Adam Peterson
<b>Members Absent:</b>	None
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Rich Mueller, Parks Planning & Development Manager Kira Hein, Project Manager Bella DePhillipo, Office Coordinator Jerianne Thompson, Library Director
<b>Public:</b>	Nisha George, Dana Paulino

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#### A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call: Emma Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### B. Approval of Minutes

1. July 8, 2025: Emma Gray reminded the committee that due to the irregular meeting last month, both the July and August minutes are up for approval.
2. August 19, 2025: Taylor Sarman moved to approve, John Makepeace seconded, and both sets of minutes passed unanimously.

#### C. Communication & Comments

1. Chair: None.
2. Staff: Rich Mueller informed the committee that Dustin Schull would be absent from the meeting.
3. Public: None.

#### New Business

1. Washington County Cooperative Library Services Local Option Levy Replacement: Emma Gray moved Jerianne Thompson to the beginning of the meeting and introduced her as the director of the Tualatin Public Library.
  - a. Jerianne introduced herself and the topic of the proposed levy. She showed the committee a presentation that demonstrated the library services that would be impacted by the levy.
    - i. Carl Hosticka asked if the levy applies to the part of Tualatin in Clackamas county, and Jerianne replied that those residents will not see the levy on their ballots, nor will they be taxed if it passes.
    - ii. Taylor Sarman asked when the taxing authority expires, and Jerianne responded this fiscal year. Taylor also asked if there was a political action committee associated with the levy, and Jerianne pointed him toward the Friends of the Library and the county-wide group People for Libraries.

- b. Jerianne ended her time by thanking the committee and sending a link for more information in the meeting chat log, then left the meeting.

#### **D. Old Business**

1. Project Update: Emma Gray returned to old business and introduced Kira Hein to discuss Parks Project updates.
  - 1 Parks & Trails Bond: Kira showed photos of the Nyberg Creek Trail site and spoke on the recent preconstruction meeting and construction setup. She spoke about the ash tree removal due to pests and their replacement with healthier trees. Kira also spoke on the athletic field partnership with the school district, stating that she and Dustin Schull are continuing the discussion on where bond dollars could best be used. Kira also provided an update on the Riverfront park, sharing that an owner's rep RFP will be sent out this fall to get someone on board to help direct the project as a whole in connection to the CORA project.
  - 2 Park Utility Fee: Kira showed the committee a rendering of the new Tualatin Community Park playground, and warned that the current rendering is not final and play features shown on it may be reduced.
    - i. Emma asked about the play capacity being increased, and Kira confirmed that the new playground should double the play capacity from what it is now.
  - 3 ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act): Kira showed the committee photos of the progress at Las Casitas Park. She shared that the playground is almost finished, the basketball court surface has been finished, and the ADA ramp is nearly in place. She also shared that the project is still expected to be fully complete by this winter.
2. [Committee Goals](#)
  - 1 2025 Goals: Emma Gray marked supporting the Nyberg Creek Wetlands Trail construction off of the quarter 3 list of committee goals.
3. New Member Orientation: Emma Gray reminded committee members of the past discussion about new member orientation, and that the committee came to a decision to go through orientation as a group in stages. She then introduced the orientation topics in the meeting packet.
  - 1 City Organization Chart: Rich Mueller shared the city organization chart to introduce members to the hierarchy of city employees and elected officials.
  - 2 Council 2030 Vision: Rich shared the City Council 2030 vision and priorities.
  - 3 Council Biographies: Rich encouraged members to read the short biographies on each City Council member included in the packet. Emma also reminded members that each councilor has a city email address and can be reached out to any time, and shared that her experience getting a response has always been positive.
4. Core Area Reinvestment Area Update: Emma Gray introduced Beth Dittman as a member of the CORA committee and turned the meeting over to her for presentation.
  - 1 Beth mentioned that the CORA committee is comprised of people from many groups within the city, and mentioned that Cosi Slider is on the committee as well. She spoke on their goal to figure out the identity of Tualatin and how that will steer the downtown revitalization. She also shared the working schedule, which is included in the meeting packet.
  - 2 Emma reminded the committee that the future Riverfront Park will be a huge part

of the downtown revitalization process.

**E. New Business**

2. Hwy 99 Sidewalk Connection: Rich Mueller shared that the City devotes a certain amount of money to pedestrian safety every year and takes public submissions. He mentioned that this year Emma Gray and Beth Dittman proposed a crosswalk by the Hwy 99 boat launch, and he shared that their proposal is now in the design phase.
  - a. Rich added that proposals for this year are now being accepted, and Emma added that the process to submit is very easy and user-friendly.
  
3. Updates
  - a. Programs: Bella DePhillipo shared that the whole department is preparing for Pumpkin Regatta. She also shared that the Juanita Pohl Center meal program has been going really well, and that registration for fall programs is now open. Emma Gray added a note about the medallion hunt beginning soon, and Bella shared that the clues will be posted to Facebook this year.
  - b. Projects: None.
  - c. Operations: None.
  - d. Volunteers: None.

**F. Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review**

1. November TPARK Meeting (legal holiday): Emma Gray invited a discussion on changing the date of November's meeting. Beth Dittman made a motion to move the meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup>. Taylor Sarman mentioned that he won't be able to make it to that meeting, but didn't object to the change and seconded the motion. Carl Hosticka pointed out that November 4<sup>th</sup> is election day. The committee voted to move the meeting to November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**G. Committee Member Communications**

None.

**H. Adjournment**

Emma Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

