



IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 15, 2025

Present: Sunni Case Armstrong, Kelsea Ashenbrenner, Laura Engberson, Nina Ichikawa, Chris Paul, Samantha Peterson, Gerry Preston, Maia Schroeder, Erinn Stimson, Councilor Christen Sacco

Absent: Emily Baker, Evelin Hooper, Kolini Fusitu'a,

Public: Rebekah Morgan

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 6:12 PM.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Paul called for any corrections to the November minutes. Sunni Case Armstrong moved to accept the November 2025 meeting minutes; Kelsea Ashenbrenner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Co-Chairs: Chris Paul shared a comment about his personal journey to more fully embrace his authentic self.

2. Council Liaison: Councilor Christen Sacco shared a summary of Washington County's Department of Housing Services recent report to City Council and announced the upcoming Housing Forum on December 17.

3. Staff: Jerianne Thompson shared information about Washington County adopting a State of Emergency declaration in response to federal actions. Through this, the County is allocating additional funds to the Oregon Food Bank to assist local food partners and to support immigration-related services provided by community nonprofits. She reported that more than 100 pounds of food and personal hygiene items were donated to the Tualatin Food Pantry from the food donation drive sponsored by the committee. Erinn Stimson was recognized for collecting items from her neighbors. She announced that election for two co-chairs will be held at the January meeting.

Betsy Rodriguez Ruef announced that the remodeled Las Casitas park is now open. She also provided information about the Evening of Impact training

held by the American Civil Liberties Union, Centro Cultural, and Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition.

4. Public: Former committee member Rebekah Morgan encouraged committee members to attend the Housing Forum and announced she has been appointed to the Portland Street Response Community Advisory Committee.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Report: Committee members reviewed the IDEA Committee's Annual Report to City Council and draft presentation. The committee discussed points to communicate about how the committee works and their plan for the year ahead. They revised their recommendation to: When considering changes to food cart regulations in Tualatin, prioritize community members' experiences and ways to encourage community gathering through food cart pods in different parts of town. Prioritize a diverse array of multicultural foods and participation by local vendors. Maia Schroeder moved to approve the Annual Report and presentation; Laura Engberson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Community Groups: Jerianne Thompson led the committee in brainstorming about hosting an open house for community groups. Committee members discussed several ideas but did not reach consensus on the overall structure. Maia Schroeder, Laura Engberson, Kelsea Ashenbrenner, Nina Ichikawa, and Erinn Stimson volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to further refine the idea.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026 Meeting Calendar: Jerianne Thompson presented the draft meeting calendar for 2026. The committee agreed to continue meeting at 6:00 PM on the third Monday of each month and picked alternate dates for January and February to avoid holidays.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Co-Chair Election
2. Chachalu Field Trip

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Paul asked if committee members would be comfortable adding their pronouns to their name plates. Committee members agreed to do so by consensus.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerianne Thompson & Betsy Ruef, staff