



Parks Advisory Committee

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
FOR MARCH 10, 2026

PRESENT: Adam Peterson, Nisha George, Taylor Sarman, Carl Hosticka, Cosi Slider, Emma Gray, Kira Hein (staff), Bella DePhillipo (staff), Dustin Schull (staff), Sam Peterson (public), Heidi Marx (staff)

ABSENT: Beth Dittman (excused)

Call to Order

1. Roll Call: Adam Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Sam Peterson introduced herself as a member of the IDEA committee, and explained that all IDEA members are observing different committees.
2. New Member Introduction: Nisha George introduced herself as a new member of the committee.

Approval of Minutes

1. February 10, 2026: Adam Peterson entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the committee meeting on February 10, 2026. Taylor Sarman motioned to approve, Emma Gray seconded, and the minutes passed with unanimous approval.

Communication & Comments

1. Chair: None.
2. Staff: None.
3. Public: Sam Peterson spoke briefly about the IDEA committee's goal for collaboration with other committees, and Emma Gray mentioned that the groundwork for Tualatin's land acknowledgment was started in the Parks Advisory Committee.

Old Business

1. Parks & Trails Bond Update: Kira Hein presented on the current status of ongoing Parks Bond projects below. Nisha George requested that more location information be provided during park project updates in the future, and Bella DePhillipo agreed to add maps to the packet going forward.
 - a. Nyberg Creek Trail: The trail is anticipated to reach substantial completion in early April, ahead of schedule. Carl Hosticka asked if any traffic control is going to be done on 65th because the intersection can be fast, and expressed the need for pedestrian

- protections. Kira Hein offered to follow up after the meeting, and Dustin Schull agreed. Adam Peterson reminded the committee that TPARK has requested a new crosswalk before and could do so again.
- b. Dustin Schull reminded the committee that the second phase of the Parks Bond is currently unfunded but still planned. Taylor Sarman asked when the Bond will be up, and Dustin replied that bonds will be sold in 2026 and all funds will be used by 2030.
 - c. Riverfront Park: The owner's representative is on board to help manage the project, and Kira Hein will be working with them tomorrow to get started. Adam Peterson asked how the committee gets involved to support staff, and Kira replied that once David Evans & Associates makes a plan she can get the committee involved from there.
2. Park Utility Fee Update: No utility fee project updates were discussed.
 3. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Update
 - a. Basalt Creek Linear Park: The construction contractor is on board and the first phase of construction will begin in April. Dustin Schull added that this project is still being paid for by ARPA funds so there is little financial burden on the community.
 - b. Basalt Creek: Kira Hein shared that she submitted the land use application, and reminded the committee that this ten-million dollar project is planned to begin engagement after Riverfront Park engagement has concluded.
 - c. Las Casitas Park: The ribbon cutting for Las Casitas will be on May 2nd, and Kira Hein will send out a calendar invitation to all committee members.
 4. Annual Committee Report - March 23: Bella DePhillipo went through the finalized annual report presentation, and Adam Peterson confirmed that he will present to council. Emma Gray asked about the Arbor Month presentation at that same council meeting, and Heidi Marx said it would be completed shortly after the meeting. Adam entertained a motion to approve the presentation. Carl Hosticka moved, Cosi Slider seconded, and the motion passed with unanimous approval.
 5. Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area Update: Cosi Slider shared that committee members were being surveyed and interviewed at the last meeting, and offered to report on the results at the next TPARK meeting. Dustin Schull added that students from University of Oregon will be presenting on Friday, and that Riverfront Park will feel like an extension of the new downtown. Cosi also added that members of the CORA committee have expressed a desire to bring back some pre-COVID events and programs.
 6. Committee Goals Review: Bella DePhillipo went over the 2026 committee goals while reviewing the 2025 annual report, and the new goals were approved in the same motion as that to approve the report.

New Business

1. Arbor Month Contest Selection: Heidi Marx introduced the photo and poster contests and explained to the committee how to vote for the winners of each. The committee members all voted, and Heidi took the results and announced the winners in each category. Nisha George asked if any engagement to promote the children's poster contest was done at the library,

and Heidi replied that it wasn't but that she would be open to engagement ideas for next year.

2. **Program Update:** Heidi Marx shared that summer camp opened up for registration and sold out within ten minutes, and Dustin Schull added that camp capacity increased for kids this year due to the cancellation of teen camp. Dustin also mentioned that a new youth programming staff position is being proposed, and said he would update the committee at a later meeting. Kira Hein added that the Juanita Pohl Center will be closed for renovations for six weeks beginning in April, and that programs will be moved to Van Raden.
3. **Maintenance & Operations Update:** Dustin Schull shared that the Parks Maintenance team is getting ready for spring with many deferred maintenance projects, and that work will begin soon to prep sports fields for summer use. He also shared that the maintenance team has been working heavily on the Riverfront Park property, and that they are very close to finalizing an integrated pest management plan, which will be presented to TPARK in the early summer. Nisha George asked if Clean Water Services is involved in that plan, and Dustin replied that their templates were used.
4. **Volunteer Update:** Adam Peterson reminded the committee about the HMS Cares volunteer email that was sent out, and Dustin Schull pointed to the volunteering opportunities featured in the packet calendar. Bella DePhillipo will reach out to the new volunteer coordinator and ask her to attend the May committee meeting. Carl Hosticka asked about signing up for volunteer plantings, and Parks staff offered to follow up with the committee on that information.

Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review

1. **Arbor Month Council Presentation, Awards & Proclamation - March 23:** Adam Peterson brought attention to the upcoming Council meeting, and the incorrect calendar date for the April Parks Advisory Committee meeting was noted.

Committee Member Communications

1. Emma Gray noted that the Parks Department does not currently have a policy for naming new parks, and invited the IDEA committee to collaborate on establishing one. Kira Hein reminded the committee to log their volunteer hours, and Bella DePhillipo will follow up on getting Nisha George access to Volgistics.

Adjournment

1. Adam Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.