



MEETING NOTICE

I.D.E.A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 20, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Tualatin Library, 18878 SW Martinazzi Ave.

Virtual Meeting Access:
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B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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4. Public

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Urban Renewal: Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area
2. Acknowledgement of Native Land and People

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Report

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Community Groups

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

H. ADJOURNMENT

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IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 15, 2025

Present: Sunni Case Armstrong, Kelsea Ashenbrenner, Kolini Fusitu'a, Evelin Hooper (virtual), BJ Park, Chris Paul, Gerry Preston, Cosi Slider, Erinn Stimson, Councilor Christen Sacco

Absent: Winnie Lo, Rebekah Morgan

Public:

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

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chris Paul called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chris Paul called for any corrections to the August minutes. Sunni Armstrong moved to accept the August 2025 meeting minutes; Kolini Fusitu'a seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **Co-Chairs:** None.

2. **Council Liaison:** Councilor Christen Sacco announced that City Council adopted a proclamation honoring Hispanic Heritage Month.

3. **Staff:** Jerianne Thompson announced City Council grants to outside agencies and that Washington County will have local option levies for libraries and public safety on the November ballot. She reminded committee members with expiring terms about the opportunity to reapply to the committee.

Betsy Rodriguez Ruef announced she has been attending Back to School Nights and about the annual Las Casitas neighborhood clean-up.

4. **Public:** None.

D. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Gathering Places:** Parks & Recreation Director Dustin Schull gave a presentation about Tualatin's parks and trail projects, recreation programs

and services, and opportunities for the IDEA Committee to collaborate. Schull said that Parks and Recreation is conducting a market assessment about recreation fees and answered questions about shelter rentals, summer camps, and upcoming parks projects.

2. Urban Renewal: Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area: Cosi Slider and Kelsea Ashenbrenner are participating in the Community Advisory Committee for the downtown urban renewal area. A community survey was conducted over the summer, with a draft report planned for October. The City will partner with the University of Oregon's Sustainable City Year Program to support project development and prioritization.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Acknowledgement of Native Land and People: Jerianne Thompson presented demographic data and information on how other local agencies are using land acknowledgements, in response to committee questions. She summarized previous committee discussions: Committee members want to honor local tribes and tribal heritage, want to focus on partnering with tribes to bring forward actions that are important to the tribes, want to ensure our approach is supported by local tribes, and see adopting a written statement as potentially performative. She led the committee in discussion to determine if there was consensus about what approach to take. Committee members were split, with some supporting an acknowledgement as part of a larger project, some supporting an acknowledgement alone, and some not supporting adoption of an acknowledgement statement. Committee members expressed a desire to better understand the preferences of local tribes and developing a stronger connection between tribes and Tualatin.

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Kolini Fusitu'a said that Tonga Day was held in Portland on August 16 and provided a big lift to the local Pacific Islander community.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerianne Thompson & Betsy Ruef, staff

Draft Info for 2025 IDEA Committee Annual Report

Per the Municipal Code:

No later than December 31 of each year, the committee shall file its annual report with the City Council. The annual report shall include a summary of the committee's activities during the preceding year and other matters and recommendations the committee deems appropriate for the City Council.

The below list includes the actions taken by the committee during the past year in support of the powers and duties appointed to the committee by the City Council:

(1) Provide advice to the City Council by conducting research, including engaging with a range of community members and groups, to identify areas of opportunity to increase equity, inclusion, diversity, access, and belonging in Tualatin.

- The Committee adopted a workplan (**attached**) with three focus areas: Culture & Identity, Community Engagement, and Housing & Public Safety.
 - Culture & Identity: Food Carts - Committee members learned about current regulations regarding food carts and discussed desired potential changes.
 - Culture & Identity: Urban Renewal - Committee members received a presentation from Economic Development Manager Sid Sin, providing feedback on opportunities related to inclusion, diversity, equity, access, and belonging. Two IDEA Committee members participated in the Community Advisory Committee for the Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area.
 - Culture & Identity: Gathering Places - Committee members received a presentation from Parks & Recreation Director Dustin Schull, providing feedback on opportunities to collaborate and improve access and inclusion.
 - Community Engagement: Public Participation – Committee members provided feedback about the City's proposed Community Engagement Incentives Policy.
 - Community Engagement: Land Acknowledgement – Committee members received a presentation from Beth Dittman about prior efforts to develop a statement of acknowledgement for native lands and people, considered recommendations from the consultant who supported the Committee's launch, and discussed a proposal from a committee member for a different approach. This topic is still under consideration.
 - Housing & Public Safety: Cultivating Community - Committee members engaged in discussions about the changing regional landscape within public agencies regarding equity and inclusion.

(2) Recommend goals, objectives, and methods for the City to use to measure progress towards achieving greater equity, inclusion, diversity, access, and belonging in Tualatin.

- The Committee approved submitting a letter of support for the City's grant application to support installation of universal playground equipment at Tualatin Community Park.

(3) Review practices and procedures to make recommendations on how to remove or lessen barriers to public participation in City government.

- Committee members gave feedback on the City's proposed Community Engagements Incentives Policy.
- Committee members gave recommendations for revisions to the City's Community Resources webpage.

(4) Recommend policies and procedures for the City to further empower people to connect with City elected and appointed officials and staff.

- Committee members conducted outreach at two 2025 events: Viva Tualatin and the Concert Celebrating Pride, connecting with community members to learn about what's important to residents.
- Committee members participated in the community-led aspects of the Concert Celebrating Pride, assisting with planning and logistics.
- City staff and City Council liaison provided regular updates to the committee about the City's community engagement efforts, and committee members engaged in discussion about these activities.

(5) Make recommendations to the City Council regarding issues of equity, inclusion, diversity, access, and belonging.

- The Committee reviewed and recommended adoption of two proclamations:
 - Transgender Day of Visibility Proclamation
 - Pride Month Proclamation