

MEETING NOTICE



I.D.E.A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 18, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Tualatin Library, 18878 SW Martinazzi Ave.

Virtual Meeting Access:
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A. CALL TO ORDER (6:10 PM)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Co-Chairs
2. Council Liaison
3. Staff
4. Public

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Transgender Day of Visibility Proclamation

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Workplan Topic Prioritization
2. Land Acknowledgement

F. NEW BUSINESS

2. Community Resources Webpage

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Committee Workplan

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I. ADJOURNMENT

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For those wishing to provide comment during the meeting, there is one opportunity on the agenda: Public Communications. Written statements may be sent in advance to Library Director Jerianne Thompson no later than 5pm on February 18, 2025.



I.D.E.A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 21, 2025

Present: Sunni Armstrong, Kelsea Ashenbrenner, Kolini Fusitu'a, Winnie Lo (virtual), BJ Park, Chris Paul, Erinn Stimson, Councilor Cyndy Hillier

Absent: Destini Barajas, Angelica Butler, Evelin Hooper, Rebekah Morgan, Gerry Preston

Public: None

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director
Betsy Rodriguez Ruef, Community Engagement Coordinator
Megan George, Deputy City Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Paul asked if there were any revisions to the December meeting minutes. ABC moved to approve the minutes as written; ZYX seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Co-Chairs: Chris Paul read a personal statement reaffirming a commitment to the values of inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility in our community.

2. Council Liaison: Councilor Cyndy Hillier reported on the recent swearing-in of city councilors for another 4-year term, including Council President Valerie Pratt, Councilor Christen Sacco, and herself. Hillier discussed the recent City Council meeting where Metro representatives presented information about the proposed supportive housing services reform measure. She highlighted concerns about potential gaps in the proposed approach, particularly regarding services for people experiencing homelessness. The Council emphasized the importance of providing services to keep people housed and help them transition into stable housing, rather than solely focusing on building new housing units.

2. Staff: Jerianne Thompson informed the committee about recently approved proclamations for the year, including Black History Month, Pride

Month, Juneteenth, and Hispanic Heritage Month. She announced the city's participation in a point-in-time count for homeless and houseless community members.

Betsy Ruef added information about her involvement in the point-in-time count event and her recent outreach efforts with the Latino community. She mentioned upcoming events at the library to provide resources and answer questions for the Latino community.

3. Public: None.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Engagement Incentives Policy: Megan George presented a draft city policy on community engagement incentives. She explained that the policy aims to create additional tools for city staff to reduce barriers preventing people from participating in city community engagement events and activities. George outlined the policy's structure, which includes five categories of incentives and provides guidance on implementation.

Committee members discussed potential negative impacts and assumptions of the policy and strategies to mitigate those. The committee emphasized the importance of community education, making information accessible through various channels, and involving community members in outreach efforts. They also discussed the need for consistency in incentive offerings across different city departments and events.

D. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Workplan Topic Prioritization:** Tabled.
- 2. Land Acknowledgement:** Tabled.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Community Resources Webpage**

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Paul suggested informal meetups with committee members to foster better connections. BJ Park echoed Chris's sentiments about meeting outside of the committee setting to get to know each other better. Kolini Fusitu'a thanked Chris and BJ for their leadership roles in the committee. The committee discussed the possibility of organizing social events and incorporating more opportunities for connection and self-care into their work.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerianne Thompson & Betsy Ruef, staff



Proclamation

DECLARING MARCH 31, 2025, AS TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY IN THE CITY OF TUALATIN

WHEREAS, March 31 is internationally recognized as Transgender Day of Visibility, celebrating the resilience, contributions, and accomplishments of transgender and nonbinary people; and

WHEREAS, transgender and nonbinary people make significant contributions to our community, culture, economy, and society, enriching the lives of all who live in Tualatin; and

WHEREAS, transgender and nonbinary individuals continue to face systemic discrimination, lack of access to healthcare, housing instability, and disproportionate rates of violence; and

WHEREAS, transgender and nonbinary youth face disproportionately high rates of homelessness and suicide due to family rejection, discrimination, and barriers to affirming healthcare and resources; and

WHEREAS, creating a supportive and inclusive community can significantly improve the well-being and safety of transgender youth by ensuring they have access to the resources, respect, and opportunities they deserve; and

WHEREAS, recent shifts in federal policy have created uncertainty and concern for many transgender and nonbinary individuals, highlighting the vital role that local communities play in fostering inclusion, respect, and equal opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tualatin affirms its commitment to creating a community that is inclusive, equitable, and safe for all individuals, regardless of gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility uplifts the strength, courage, and authenticity of those who live openly as their true selves inspiring hope, understanding, and fostering a more inclusive community for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, Oregon that Tualatin recognizes the 31st day of March 2025 as Transgender Day of Visibility. We encourage community members to join in celebrating the contributions of transgender and nonbinary people and to commit to advancing equality, understanding, and justice for all.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2025.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
City Recorder



Creating the IDEA Committee's Workplan – Topic Summaries

1. Culture & Identity – supporting Council's vision of safe & vibrant gathering places throughout the city that build and celebrate our whole community.
 - a. Food Carts: Food carts are currently allowed in several planning districts in Tualatin, including the Light Manufacturing, General Manufacturing, Institutional, and Basalt Creek Employment districts. Food carts are not allowed in the Central Commercial district (ie, downtown), in Commercial Office districts in proximity to the Central Commercial district, and in General Commercial (except along Highway 99). The code language also prohibits multiple food carts located together (in a "pod"). [This zoning map](#) shows Tualatin's planning districts. Revisiting the policy and specifications is one of the City Council's current priorities, currently scheduled for late 2025 (per the Planning Division's Work Plan).
 - b. Urban Renewal: Urban renewal is a financing mechanism used to improve the economic viability of specified areas. Through tax increment financing, Tualatin can earmark property tax revenues from increases in assessed property value within the area. The incremental revenue generated is later used to finance projects in the area. Tualatin has two urban renewal areas:
 - i. [Southwest and Basalt Creek Development Area](#) – includes the Basalt Creek area south of Tualatin and an area bordering 124th Avenue near Tualatin-Sherwood Road; established in 2021; focused on commercial and industrial development, transportation infrastructure, and utility infrastructure. The first funded projects are slated for 2029.
 - ii. [Core Opportunity and Reinvestment Area](#) – includes central Tualatin along Tualatin-Sherwood Road / Nyberg Street on either side of I-5; established in 2022; with plan priorities of attainable housing, community identity, economic development, transportation, and environmental stewardship. The first funded projects are slated for 2030.
 - c. Gathering Places: Tualatin has about a dozen park sites in addition to facilities such as the Juanita Pohl Center and the Library. The [Parks and Recreation Master Plan](#) includes goals of expanding accessible and inclusive parks and facilities to support community interests and recreation needs, and to activate parks and facilities through vibrant programs, events, and recreation opportunities for people of different ages, abilities, cultures, and interests. A parks and trails bond was passed by voters in 2022 that is funding parks improvements and expansions citywide. The City supports several annual events to encourage community gathering including Viva Tualatin and the Giant Pumpkin Regatta.
2. Community Engagement – supporting Council's vision of a connected, informed, and civically engaged community that embraces our city's diversity.

- a. Community Groups: In addition to nine advisory committees and seven [Community Involvement Organizations](#) (CIOs), City of Tualatin provides several community groups with direct or in-kind support, including [Community Emergency Response Team](#) (CERT) and [Tualatin Neighborhood Ready](#), [Community Partners for Affordable Housing](#), [Family Promise of Tualatin Valley](#), [Pili Group](#), [Tualatin Food Pantry](#), [Tualatin Together](#), and [Tualatin Riverkeepers](#). In the current fiscal year, the City awarded \$40,000 to 14 organizations through its Outside Agency Grant Program. Most organizations serving culturally specific groups (including Latino and Spanish-speaking residents, Pacific Islander residents, immigrants, and LGBTQIA+ residents) are located in the region but outside of Tualatin. There are culturally specific support groups at local schools including MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán), the Pacific Islander Affinity Group, and the Gender & Sexuality Alliance at Tualatin High School. The City partners with additional nonprofit organizations to offer programs and services through the Library and Parks and Recreation departments. Tualatin also has a Historical Society, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Elks Lodge, and the Winona Grange.
 - b. Public Participation: Tualatin regularly recruits volunteers to serve on [advisory committees](#), which provide community members' perspectives and technical advice on specific service areas. Most advisory committees meet monthly and provide an opportunity for public comment during their meetings, which are open to the public. These advisory committees make recommendations and give an annual report to City Council. Council meetings are typically held twice monthly and also include public comment. Some Council meetings include the opportunity to give testimony (land use hearings). State law allows for some closed meetings (called Executive Sessions) in limited circumstances. State law also requires public meetings have a virtual viewing option available.
3. Housing & Public Safety – supporting Council's vision of safe, desirable, welcoming, and sustainable neighborhoods with housing that is available to all.
 - a. Housing: In 2019 the City produced a [Housing Needs Analysis](#), which evaluates how much and what type of housing is needed to accommodate our community's future needs. This led to a [Housing Production Strategy](#) in 2021 to establish goals and strategic actions Tualatin can take to address identified housing needs, with an emphasis on improving outcomes for underserved communities, people with lower incomes, and people in protected classes. Affordable housing, funded through the Washington County Affordable Housing Bond, is being developed in south Tualatin. Revisiting the City's Housing Production Strategy and reviewing options for zoning changes in the Housing Code is on the Council priority list. In September 2024, a Homeless Services System City Liaison was hired; this position will be shared among Tualatin, Tigard, and Sherwood and is funded by Washington County.

- b. Policing: The Tualatin Police Department uses a community policing model, which emphasizes collaborating with community members and partner agencies to solve problems together. This approach differs from more traditional policing in how the community is perceived, the increased trust developed between police and community members, and efforts to mitigate the underlying causes of crime through those strengthened partnerships. In 2020, the Tualatin Police held a series of [community conversations about police use of force](#), which has led to increased training and regular updates to City Council. A mental health clinician regularly patrols with Tualatin officers through Washington County's Mental Health Response Team, and the department has a therapy dog, Onyx. In 2024 Tualatin Police began implementing a trauma informed response training program.

IDEA Committee Workplan - DRAFT

Focus Area: Culture & Identity

Supporting City Council's vision of safe and vibrant gathering places throughout the city that build and celebrate our whole community.

- A. Food Carts
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin has more access to a variety of foods through increased food cart locations.
 - b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about the city's role in managing food carts, including legal issues and development code, and how IDEA Committee can advocate for change.
 - ii. Explore connections between food carts and community inclusion, diversity and cultural connections, economic development and small business support.
 - c. Timing: Planning Department to begin work in late 2025.
- B. Urban Renewal
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin has greater access to gathering places, with sites supporting arts, culture, and community identity, through a revitalized downtown.
 - b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about the city's urban renewal plans for downtown.
 - ii. Explore connections between the city's downtown and community identity, arts and culture, housing, gathering places.
 - c. Timing: Planning work to begin (?) for downtown area.
- C. Gathering Places
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin has increased availability of accessible and inclusive gathering places with amenities supporting community needs.
 - b. Potential actions
 - i. Connect with other city advisory committees that inform the city's support of gathering places. (ex: TPARK, TAAC)
 - ii. Find ways to support increased accessible and inclusive spaces within the city.
 - c. Timing: Parks and Recreation Department actively developing new spaces through the parks bond measure.

Focus Area: Community Engagement

Supporting City Council's vision of a connected, informed, and civically engaged community that embraces our city's diversity.

- A. Community Groups
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin residents feel more connected and supported in addressing needs locally.

- b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about and from other community groups and share ideas on increasing community awareness. (ex: CERT / Neighborhood Ready, CIOs)
 - ii. Explore ways to increase community member's awareness of local groups and resources.
 - iii. Explore ways to advocate for community members facing bias or discrimination, including but not limited to Latino, Asian-American and Pacific Islander, and LGBTQ residents.
- c. Timing: Ongoing.
- B. Public Participation
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin residents are more engaged with local elected officials and city staff.
 - b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about ways community members can be involved and engaged in public affairs.
 - ii. Explore ways to remove or reduce barriers to public participation.
 - c. Timing: Ongoing.

Focus Area: Housing & Public Safety

Supporting City Council's vision of safe, desirable, welcoming, and sustainable neighborhoods with housing that is available to all.

- A. Housing
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin offers a greater range of housing and rental choices, including more affordable housing.
 - b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about the city's role in supporting affordable housing (including projects in development) and addressing affordability of housing (including rentals).
 - ii. Learn about local homeless populations, availability of services in our area, and the role of the Homeless Services System City Liaison.
 - iii. Suggest ways to reduce barriers for community members seeking resources about housing.
 - c. Timing: Ongoing.
- B. Public Safety
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin is known for being a safe and welcoming place to live.
 - b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about Tualatin Police's community-based approach, data about local policing, and local safety concerns.
 - ii. Explore ways to build community awareness and support for local police.
 - c. Timing: Ongoing.

Additional topics discussed 2/18

- Funding
 - For service providers, housing, programs for youth
 - Sustainability and impacts to access (when loss of funds), ballot measures
- Cultivating Community
 - Mutual aid
 - Food insecurity (food shelves / free fridge)
- Committee Togetherness
 - Social connections and activities
 - Field trips: food cart pods in other cities, CIPA affordable housing development in south Tualatin, parks / urban renewal sites