



MEETING NOTICE

I.D.E.A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 13, 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. OLD BUSINESS

1. None

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks & Recreation: Gathering Places
2. Food Carts & Food Cart Pods
3. Officer Election: Secretary

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Workplan Topics – Outcomes & Actions
2. Community Groups

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

H. ADJOURNMENT

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IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 21, 2025

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

Absent: Kolini Fuitu'a, 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. He announced an agenda change to move the CORA: Core Opportunity and Reinvestment Area Plan agenda item ahead of Old Business.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Paul called for any corrections to the March minutes. BJ Park moved to accept the March 2025 meeting minutes; Sunni Armstrong seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Co-Chairs: Chris Paul announced that Angelica Butler has resigned from the committee.

2. Council Liaison: Councilor Christen Sacco provided updates about recent presentations to City Council, including a report about homelessness in our community, a presentation from the Tualatin Riverkeepers, and a trip by Councilors and Youth Advisory Council members to Washington, DC. She said that City Council will have a discussion about food carts in Tualatin at the April 28 Council meeting.

3. Staff: Jerianne Thompson announced that she and Chris Paul reviewed the proclamation for Pride Month, which was included in the committee's packet. Because this proclamation is on the annual list for City Council, it does not require action by the committee. She also shared that she and Betsy

Rodriguez Ruef are working to create a Microsoft Teams site for committee members to share information.

Betsy Rodriguez Ruef shared information about upcoming Community Involvement Organization meetings, which bring neighbors together to discuss local Issues and stay informed, and showed images of a t-shirt the City will order for committee members with the committee logo.

4. Public: None.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. CORA: Core Opportunity and Reinvestment Area Plan: Urban Renewal & Economic Development Manager Sid Sin gave an overview presentation about plans for downtown revitalization through an urban renewal project. A Community Advisory Committee will be formed, including representatives from advisory committees and other stakeholder groups, to give community input on the plan's development. The project will include identifying community identity / placemaking concepts, design development, and updates to Tualatin design standards, with multiple opportunities for community engagement. Committee members BJ Park, Kelsea Ashenbrenner, and Gerry Preston volunteered to serve on the Community Advisory Committee; Jerianne Thompson and Betsy Rodriguez Ruef will connect with Chris Paul and BJ Park to identify the committee's representative.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Workplan Topics – Outcomes & Actions: Jerianne Thompson led the committee in a review of proposed outcomes and actions for the workplan topics Food Carts / Food Cart Pods and Community Groups. Regarding Community Groups, committee members expressed interest in brainstorming different ways to share information with community members and to encourage positive expressions of multiculturalism in Tualatin. Committee members suggested revising the proposed outcome for Food Carts / Food Cart Pods to be about experiences and gathering places, rather than variety of food choices, noting that visiting a food cart pod is a different experience than visiting a brick-and-mortar restaurant, and you currently have to leave Tualatin for that experience.

E. NEW BUSINESS

2. Community Park Universal Playground: Parks and Recreation is pursuing a grant from Oregon's Local Government Grant Program to support a universal playground at Tualatin Community Park. Jerianne Thompson shared a summary of common features for universal playgrounds and asked if the committee would like to submit a letter of support for the project. Committee members agreed by consensus to send a letter.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Parks & Recreation: Gathering Places

G. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None.

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerianne Thompson & Betsy Ruef, staff

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 / [Food Cart Pods](#)
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin has more access to a variety of [dining experiences](#) ~~foods~~ [and gathering places with food](#) 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.
 - iii. [Advocate for amenities accompanying food cart pods, such as covered eating areas or performance spaces.](#)
 - 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 ([Spring 2025?](#)) 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.
 - iii. [Learn more about facility rental options and processes, rental fees, and recreation fees.](#)
 - iv. [Investigate community interest in a community center.](#)
 - 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, African American, 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.
—Consider hosting listening sessions to engage with residents and community workshops to educate community members about how the City operates, Council functions, city committees, etc.
 - iii. Develop methods to support togetherness for IDEA Advisory Committee members, including social gatherings and field trips to visit sites relevant to committee topics
- c. Timing: Ongoing.

C. Land Acknowledgement

- a. Proposed outcome: The IDEA Committee recommends an approach to acknowledging native land and people in the City of Tualatin.
- b. Potential actions
 - i. Discuss and build consensus for actionable steps to pair with a proposed acknowledgement statement
 - ii. Discuss and build consensus for how to measure the impact and effectiveness of the acknowledgement
- 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.
 - iii.iv. Advocate for additional local services to help residents struggling with housing, such as a safe parking program.
- 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.

C. Cultivating Community

- a. Proposed outcome:
- b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about options for sustainability of funding for service providers
 - ii. Learn about opportunities for mutual aid (ex: food insecurity) within the community
- c. Timing: Ongoing.

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