



MEETING NOTICE

I.D.E.A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 28, 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. Summer Outreach Strategy
2. Workplan Adoption

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. None

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Parks & Recreation: Gathering Places

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

H. ADJOURNMENT

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IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 16, 2025

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

Absent: Evelin Hooper, Winnie Lo, BJ Park

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 April minutes. Kelsea Ashenbrenner moved to accept the April 2025 meeting minutes; Erinn Stimson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Co-Chairs: Chris Paul asked for committee volunteers to assist with tabling at the Pride Concert scheduled for August 8. Paul also announced the committee had reopened nominations for secretary, receiving one nomination for Kelsea Ashenbrenner. Hearing no other nominations, Paul moved to elect Ashenbrenner as committee secretary; Kolini Fusitu'a seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Council Liaison: Councilor Christen Sacco provided updates about City Council proclamations for Mental Health Awareness Month, Pride Month, and Juneteenth. She also shared that the City is discontinuing meal service by Meals on Wheels at the Juanita Pohl Center; a new provider is being contracted and an improved lunch will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays.

3. Staff: Jerianne Thompson announced that because of a recent advisory opinion issued by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, the City is changing how we provide food at public meetings. Thompson shared that the Washington County Board of Commissioners is evaluating how to ensure

compliance with federal governmental requirements, including those specified in Executive Orders, pertaining to equity and inclusion. Washington County receives approximately \$130 million in federal funding annually; these funds may be at risk if the County cannot attest to the federal requirements. Gerry Preston asked how other neighboring counties are addressing this issue. Thompson also announced she will be sending out a survey to committee members regarding the final topics needing review on the committee workplan.

Betsy Rodriguez Ruef shared that planning continues for next month's Viva Tualatin event. The quarterly Las Casitas neighborhood meeting will be held next week, with a fire prevention presentation from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

4. Public: None.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Food Carts & Food Cart Pods: Jerianne Thompson reviewed the main points presented by Community Development staff to City Council about food carts in April. The Municipal Code allows food carts within limited parts of the city, not including downtown; food carts may only operate on paved surfaces and meet other standards; and only one food cart is allowed per site except in the Basalt Creek Employment Zone. Food carts require a permit, and there are requirements by the Oregon Health Authority. In discussion, Council provided input on potential code amendments. Committee member discussion included:

- Is the requirement that they be self-contained and not connect to public utilities prohibitive?
- Would like to build on the excitement being created about downtown and the Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area.
- Are there ways to work with partners such as the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce within the current code to explore options and interest?
- Noted the number of employees at Lam, who have limited time for meal breaks and no dining options in proximity.
- How can committee members leverage their role as an advisory committee?

2. Summer Outreach Strategy: Betsy Rodriguez Ruef led a discussion about the committee's opportunities to participate in outreach at City events this summer. The purpose of outreach is to build relationships with community members, to share information about the IDEA Committee, and to learn what matters most to our community. Committee members shared ideas of what is important to communicate, including what the committee does and its impact so far, how the committee advocates for diverse voices and perspectives, offering connection to resources, and ideas for engagement.

3. Officer Election: Secretary: This item was addressed under Communications.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Workplan Topics – Outcomes & Actions
2. Parks & Recreation: Gathering Places

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kolini Fusitu'a said that the federal government is adding Tonga to the “travel ban” list of countries. Erinn Stimson shared that the annual Dystonia Zoo Walk will be held July 26. Councilor Christian Sacco shared that her family has started a foundation to offer scholarships to people in diversity, equity, and inclusion work.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 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 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.
 - iii. 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. 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~~ Fall 2025 / 2026?

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.
 - 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 rebuilding trust between the community and ~~for~~ local police.
- c. Timing: Ongoing.

C. Cultivating Community

- a. Proposed outcome: The IDEA Committee advocates for partnerships to support local community needs.
- 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.