



MEETING NOTICE

I.D.E.A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 15, 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. Annual Report
2. Community Groups: Open House

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026 Meeting Calendar

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Co-Chair Election

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

H. ADJOURNMENT

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IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 17, 2025

Present: Sunni Case Armstrong, Kelsea Ashenbrenner, Emily Baker, Laura Engberson, Evelin Hooper (virtual), Nina Ichikawa, Chris Paul, Samantha Peterson, Maia Schroeder, Erinn Stimson, Councilor Christen Sacco

Absent: Gerry Preston, Kolini Fusitu'a

Public:

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

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chris Paul called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chris Paul called for any corrections to the October minutes. Kelsea Ashenbrenner moved to accept the October 2025 meeting minutes; Erinn Stimson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **Co-Chairs:** Chris Paul welcomed new members to the IDEA Committee.

2. **Council Liaison:** Councilor Christen Sacco shared information about Just Compassion, a Tualatin grant recipient who recently presented to City Council, and about the upcoming housing forum. She said that the Tualatin Food Pantry is actively seeking donations and volunteers.

Emily Baker moved that the IDEA Committee encourage other city advisory committees to donate to the Tualatin Food Pantry through a food drive challenge. Maia Schroeder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Staff:** Jerianne Thompson announced the upcoming Board & Committee Summit with City Council and asked committee members to RSVP. She shared information about recent passage of two Washington County local option levies for libraries and public safety and about federal policy changes to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care program, which supports people experiencing homelessness.

Betsy Rodriguez Ruef announced the Tualatin Holiday Lights Parades, scheduled for December 5-7, and the upcoming Midwest CIO annual meeting. She also shared information about the Pili Group, another Tualatin grant recipient.

4. Public: None.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Committee Documents: Committee members reviewed the IDEA Committee's Mission and Vision Statements and Community Agreements.

2. Community Groups: Committee members discussed how to engage with community groups serving Tualatin residents. Kelsea Ashenbrenner suggested hosting an open house to bring community groups together to learn about each other. Nina Ichikawa suggested improving connections between groups and schools and said that affinity groups have representatives on the Tualatin High School Student Council.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Report: Chris Paul led committee members in a review of the committee's draft annual report to City Council. Committee members suggested wording for proposed recommendation statements. Discussion topics included the desired look and feel for downtown Tualatin, accessibility of and transportation to gathering places, developing an action plan to build relationships with local tribal groups, and providing a way for community members to contact the IDEA Committee. This item was tabled until December's meeting.

2. Urban Renewal: Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area: Kelsea Ashenbrenner shared updates about the work underway, including a survey on community identity and partnership with University of Oregon's Sustainable City Year Program.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Co-Chair Election**
- 2. 2026 Meeting Calendar**

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerianne Thompson & Betsy Ruef, staff



CITY OF TUALATIN

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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

DATE: January 12, 2026

SUBJECT:
IDEA Advisory Committee Annual Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Co-chair Chris Paul and other members of the I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee will present their 2025 annual report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2025 IDEA Committee annual report
- IDEA Advisory Committee workplan
- 2025 IDEA Committee annual report presentation

BACKGROUND

The Tualatin Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Advisory Committee was established by Ordinance 1473-23, adopted by Tualatin City Council on April 10, 2023, and incorporated into the Tualatin Municipal Code as Chapter 11-11. The enabling ordinance requires the IDEA Committee to file an annual report with the Council including a summary of the committee’s activities during the preceding year and other matters and recommendations the committee deems appropriate.

Current members of the IDEA Committee are Sunni Armstrong, Kolini Fusitu’a, Chris Paul (co-chair), Gerry Preston, and Erinn Stimson, plus newly appointed members Samantha Peterson, Maia Schroeder, Emily Baker, Laura Engberson, and Nina Ichikawa (student). Former members included Destini Barajas, Angelica Butler, Winnie Lo, Rebekah Morgan, BJ Park (co-chair), and Cosi Slider (student). Christen Sacco serves as the City Council Liaison, and staff support is provided by Jerianne Thompson, Library Director and Equity & Inclusion Officer, and Betsy Rodriguez Ruef, Community Engagement Coordinator.

ROLES OF THE COMMITTEE

per Tualatin Municipal Code, Chapter 11-11:

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.
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.
3. Review practices and procedures to make recommendations on how to remove or lessen barriers to public participation in City government.
4. Recommend policies and procedures for the City to further empower people to connect with City elected and appointed officials and staff.
5. Make recommendations to the City Council regarding issues of equity, inclusion, diversity, access, and belonging.

ACTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The IDEA Advisory Committee in 2025 developed and adopted a workplan with three focus areas: Culture & Identity, Community Engagement, and Housing & Public Safety. (See attachments.) The IDEA Committee took a variety of actions during the past year in support of the powers and duties appointed by Council.

Culture & Identity

Committee members participated in the launch of the Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area in downtown Tualatin. Economic Development Manager Sid Sin gave a presentation

about the project, and committee members provided feedback on opportunities related to inclusion, diversity, equity, access, and belonging. Two IDEA Committee members participated in the Community Advisory Committee for CORA, sharing perspectives to inform the project work and providing updates to the IDEA Committee.

Committee members also received a presentation from Parks & Recreation Director Dustin Schull, providing feedback on opportunities to collaborate and improve access and inclusion within Tualatin's parks and recreation programs. The Committee submitted a letter of support for the City's grant application to fund installation of universal playground equipment at Tualatin Community Park.

The IDEA Committee reviewed and recommended adoption of two proclamations in 2025: Transgender Day of Visibility and Pride Month.

Committee members learned about current regulations regarding food carts in Tualatin and discussed desired potential changes. The IDEA Committee plans to be active participants in future community engagement on this topic.

Community Engagement

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 also participated in the community-led aspects of the Concert Celebrating Pride, assisting with planning and logistics.

Committee members provided feedback about the City's proposed Community Engagement Incentives policy, to support access, inclusion, and equity of opportunity. Committee members also gave recommendations for revisions to the City's Community Resources webpage. City staff and the City Council liaison provided regular updates to the committee about the City's community engagement efforts, and committee members engaged in discussions and shared perspectives about these activities.

Committee members learned about prior community efforts to develop a statement of acknowledgement for native lands and people. They considered recommendations from the City Council-appointed task force, as well as recommendations from Paradigm Public Affairs, the consultant who supported the Committee's launch, and discussed a proposal from a committee member for a different approach to honor the connections between native people and Tualatin, focusing on the Tualatin River. This topic remains under discussion; there is not consensus yet on what approach to recommend.

Housing & Public Safety

Committee members engaged in discussions about the changing regional landscape within public agencies regarding equity and inclusion. Committee members heard updates and discussed ideas related to supportive housing services and homelessness.

In addition, throughout the year, members of the IDEA Committee provided networking and support to each other, demonstrating a commitment to ensuring that Tualatin is a place where everyone is treated with dignity, respect, and fairness. As Co-Chair Chris Paul said to the IDEA Committee at the beginning of the year, marginalized groups “often face heightened risks of discrimination, exclusion, or reduced access to essential resources. Whether through systemic barriers, policy changes, or societal attitudes, these challenges call for our collective effort to advocate, educate, and create safe and equitable spaces. By addressing these issues together, we can ensure that our community continues to value and uplift all of its members.”

RECOMMENDATIONS

The IDEA Committee makes the following recommendations to City Council:

- Incorporate accessible public transportation, affordable housing, and community gathering places as part of the CORA downtown revitalization plan.
- When considering changes to food cart regulations in Tualatin, prioritize community members’ experiences and ways to encourage community gathering through multiple food cart locations.

ACTION PLAN FOR 2026

The IDEA Committee plans to focus on the following priorities in the coming year:

- *Culture & Identity*
 - Participate in community engagement related to food cart regulations, and advocate for amenities that support community gathering and cultural activities.
 - Continue engagement with CORA process, and explore connections between downtown and community identity, arts and culture, housing, and gathering places.
- *Community Engagement*
 - Connect with other City Advisory Committees and Community Involvement Organizations to explore intersecting issues of inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.
 - Host an open house to connect with community groups and share ideas on raising awareness among residents about resources available and how to access them.
 - Increase attendance at community outreach events to learn from community members and to share resource information.
 - Continue learning about local indigenous populations and support the City building a relationship with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, to inform future recommended actions.

- *Housing & Public Safety*
 - Learn about Tualatin Police Department's community-based approach to public safety, including data collected and local safety concerns.
 - Support cultivation of community by engaging on policy issues that impact vulnerable Tualatin residents, such as food insecurity and supportive housing services.



Tualatin I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee

2026 Meeting Calendar

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
January 13	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
February 17	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
March 16	Monday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
April 20	Monday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
May 18	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
June 15	Monday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
July 20	Monday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
August 17	Monday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
September 21	Monday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
October 19	Monday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
November 16	Monday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room
December 21	Monday	6:00 PM	Library Community Room