



TUALATIN PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
6:00 PM

VIRTUAL (ZOOM)

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Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

1. April 14, 2026

Communication & Comments

1. Chair
2. Staff
3. Public

Presentations

1. Kate Griffin - Volunteer Coordinator
2. Amanda Watson - Climate Action Program Manager

Committee Member Communications

Adjournment

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Parks Advisory Committee

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
FOR APRIL 14, 2026

PRESENT: Beth Dittman, Nisha George, Emma Gray, Adam Peterson, Bella DePhillipo, Dustin Schull

ABSENT: Cosi Slider, Taylor Sarman

Call to Order

1. Roll Call: Emma Gray called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm, noting that committee chair Adam Peterson could not make it to the first half of the meeting. She confirmed that the members present made a quorum, since Carl Hosticka will not reapply and Cosi is currently not a voting member.

Approval of Minutes

1. March 10, 2026: Emma Gray entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Nisha George motioned, Emma seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Communications & Comments

1. Chair: None.
2. Staff: Bella DePhillipo shared that calendar invitations will now be sent out ahead of time for the year, and packets will be sent out closer to meeting times. Dustin Schull informed the committee that Rich's last day was Friday, and the department is currently looking at next steps for filling his position. Dustin also shared that Kate Griffin and Amanda Watson will both present at the May committee meeting.
3. Public: None.

Old Business

1. Parks & Trails Bond Update: Dustin Schull shared photos and a map of Nyberg Creek Trail, and shared that the trail is nearing completion with all of the concrete poured and all of the sod and plants in. The trail will be done within the next couple of weeks, and a ribbon cutting will be held at the end of June. Emma Gray asked if the trail is walkable now, and Dustin replied that while nothing is blocking access at the moment, he does not encourage use of the trail until final completion. Dustin also added that this project brings four of the six bond project categories to completion.

2. **Park Utility Fee Update:** Dustin Schull shared that the Tualatin Community Park playground replacement has been pushed back to September to keep the playground open through the summer.
3. **ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Update:** Dustin Schull shared the site plan and map for Basalt Creek Linear Park. He informed the committee that the project is out to bid, and that the pre-construction meeting was last week. The project will be done by mid to late summer, and Dustin reminded the committee that this park is only being lightly designed so the community can give input on the full design. Dustin also shared that the Las Casitas ribbon cutting is taking place at May 2nd at 2:00 pm, and that Bella DePhillipo will be sharing out information on parking and shuttling soon.
4. **Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area Update:** Beth Dittman shared that the CORA committee is currently reviewing design proposals from the University of Oregon students. Dustin Schull added that the old radio station is going to be demolished soon.
5. **Committee Goals Review:** Emma Gray referred the committee to the new goals document that is linked in the agenda, and then checked off the goals that have been completed and identified those that are ongoing. Dustin Schull added that the adapted list of street trees is still in process.

New Business

1. **Program Update:** Bella DePhillipo shared that all Juanita Pohl Center programs have moved to Van Raden with good participation, and Blender Dash registration is currently open. Dustin Schull added that 50 people came to lunch at Van Raden and Sara Shepherd got a grant for the meal program. Dustin also added that summer camp registration is full.
2. **Maintenance & Operations Update:** Dustin Schull shared that progress is going well on the Juanita Pohl Center renovation, with the bathroom under construction and the front door already replaced. He also shared that Tom Steiger and the Parks Maintenance team are preparing for spring, working on fields and renovating landscapes like the bridge at Lake of the Commons, and also getting water features up and running. Emma Gray asked when the splash pad at the Lake will open, and Dustin said it would be sometime in early May when the weather gets nicer. Nisha George asked if there are any other splash pads, and Dustin said there is only the large one at the Lake and the smaller one at Las Casitas, along with the small ones at Tualatin Community Park and Jurgens Park.
3. **Volunteer Update:** Dustin shared that the Arbor Day planting on Saturday went well, with about 100 people at Browns Ferry Park and 2500 native plants and trees planted. Dustin also shared that the maintenance team and volunteers are preparing for the emerald ash borer at Browns Ferry Park, and Nisha George asked if that work is being done in collaboration with Clean Water Services. Dustin confirmed, and Nisha asked who pays for the work. Dustin replied that Clean Water Services pays for work done in the areas that fall under their jurisdiction and the Parks Department is currently looking at how to fund the other areas.

Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review

1. **Atfalati Restroom Grant, Willowbrook, Historical Society:** Emma Gray pointed the committee to the calendar in the packet and confirmed that the next committee meeting is

on May 12th. Dustin Schull shared about the grant application for the Atfalati bathroom, and promised to bring a letter of support to the May meeting for the committee to review and sign. He also offered to speak offline if anyone has any questions or concerns about the letter or the grant. He added that Willowbrook Camp and the Historical Society IGA will both be at the next City Council meeting.

Committee Member Communications

1. Beth Dittman asked if there is an official parks process for requesting a trashcan at a park location, and Dustin Schull replied that the only way those requests are currently considered is when people reach out individually. Beth shared that the place where Browns Ferry Park meets the Ice Age Trail could use one, and Dustin agreed to take a look at the spot and also to talk about the organizational process in the future.
2. Nisha George thanked Dustin Schull for responding to her concern about trail potholes. She asked when the fiscal year is, and how the Parks Department interacts with that. Dustin responded that the budget process is currently in progress, and added that the Parks Advisory Committee mainly contributes to this process by providing input on Utility Fee projects. Nisha also mentioned that trail potholes are a continuing issue, especially with elderly communities, and Dustin mentioned that this is the first year that there is a budget line item for ADA trail fixes. He added that after the budget is approved, Parks staff will start walking trails to evaluate the most necessary fixes and take community comments and suggestions. Nisha asked if there is a deferred maintenance plan for the trail system, and Dustin said that there isn't one yet but it's currently being worked on in partnership with the new asset manager at Public Works. Emma Gray asked if asphalt trails will continue to be patched with asphalt or replaced with concrete, and Dustin said that would vary by location – all new projects will be concrete, but some older trails make more sense to maintain as asphalt, usually due to slope. Dustin added that the trail Nisha has been referring to makes more sense as an asphalt trail due to its steep slope, and Nisha asked if it will always be so steep. Dustin said it would most likely remain at the current slope that it is, but added that the trail will eventually connect to Lake Oswego via a pedestrian bridge over the river. Nisha asked about the potential for a community-led patching effort, and Dustin replied that he would not encourage that but added that the City is aware and working on a solution.
3. Dustin Schull encouraged everyone to let others know about the opening on the committee, since Carl Hosticka will not be reapplying. Bella DePhillipo will send the application out to the whole group via email.

Adjournment: Emma Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.



Volunteer Program Parks and Natural Areas

May 12, 2026 – TPARK Meeting

Introduction to Volunteer Programs



Parks (Kate)	Citywide (Shared)	Library (Margaret)
Put Down Roots in Tualatin	Family Volunteering	Makerspace Volunteers
Hug a Park / Hug a Wetland / Hug a Trail / Hug a Tree	Corporate & Group Team Building	Spruce Up the Library
T. E. A. M. Tualatin	Community Event Volunteer	General Library Volunteer
BSA Eagle & GS Silver Gold	Boards & Advisory Committees	Summer Library Teens
High school programs	Volunteer Appreciation	Tween Takeover



Volunteer Programs in Parks



Put Down Roots Tualatin



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Volunteer Programs in Parks



Put Down Roots Tualatin: 2026

- Arbor Day | Apr. 11, 2026 | 120 volunteers + 1,200 native trees & plants
- Earth Day | Apr. 24, 2026 | 70 volunteers + 100 native plants + invasive + mulch
- Hug-a-Park | Apr. 2, 2026 | Saarinen Wayside Park Marco Ideas Inc } 150 plants
- Backyard Habitat @ TCS | May 7, 2026 | 72 Tualatin High School students
- Tualatin High School Stewardship | May 2 & 11, 2026 | invasive removal + plantings



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Youth Volunteer Programs

T.E.A.M. Tualatin – Youth Helping Parks Thrive

TEAM Tualatin - Together, Everyone Achieves More in Tualatin



Youth Volunteer Programs



Scouts: GS Gold & BSA Eagle Projects

- **Ibach Park** - Three benches need repair
- **Brown's Ferry Park** – Fence post repair and panel replacement.
- **Tualatin Community Park** – Paving stone pad replaced and 100 pollinator plants added.
- **Jurgens Park** – Split rail fence repair.
- Two other Scouts exploring projects - awaiting approval



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Upcoming events....



Corporate and Community Groups

May & June

HMS Cares, May 21, 2026 Hazelbrook Middle School
Day of Service.

Lam | Hug-a-Park | Tualatin Community Park

Tualatin Rotary | Hug-a-Street

PNW Properties | Hug-a-Park

Youth Volunteer Programs

TEAM Tualatin – June 29 to August 13





Fall and Winter 2026

- **Stewardship Events**
- **Fall Planting**
- **National Family Volunteering Day**
- **Friends of Parks**
- **Community Science**
- **Backyard Habitat**
- **Community Partner Building**



“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you.” – Jane Goodall

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Climate Action Plan Update

May 12, 2026 TPARK Meeting

Introduction to the CAP



Community Climate Action Plan adopted by City Council on May 28, 2024.

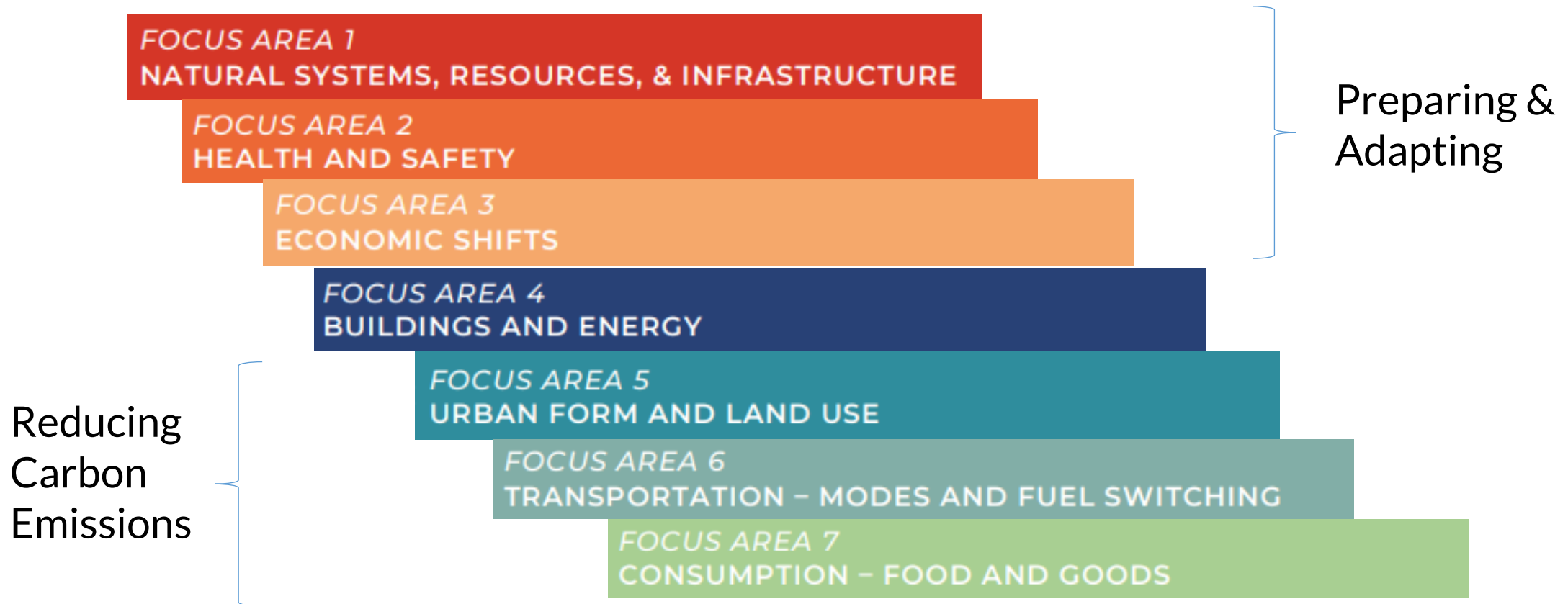
- Net zero emissions by 2050
- Prepare for & increase community resilience to the impacts of climate change



What's in the plan?



7 Focus Areas, 28 Strategies, 119 Actions



Parks-related CAP actions



Strategy 1.1: Improve the resilience of Tualatin's natural systems, resources, and infrastructure to extreme heat.

- Increase access to water for cooling, incl. rivers, pools, swimming holes, splash pads.
- Protect and restore the Tualatin River watershed.
- Create park design standards to increase shade cover, shelter, increase availability of drinking water fountains and water features in City parks.

Strategy 1.3: Improve the resilience of Tualatin's natural systems, resources, and infrastructure to handle an increase in heavy precipitation events, flooding, and winter storms.

- Increase flood capacity on publicly owned lands.
- Increase sustainability of outdoor spaces (e.g. Backyard Habitat Certification, pollinator-friendly landscaping, SITES certification).



Parks-related CAP actions



Strategy 5.2: Urban/community forestry & carbon sequestration

- Update Tualatin's approved street tree list with climate adapted and/or drought resistant tree options to better withstand climate change.
- Continue to partner with Friends of Trees to plant trees in Tualatin.
- Maintain and increase tree canopy cover on public and private property to equitably increase shade cover.



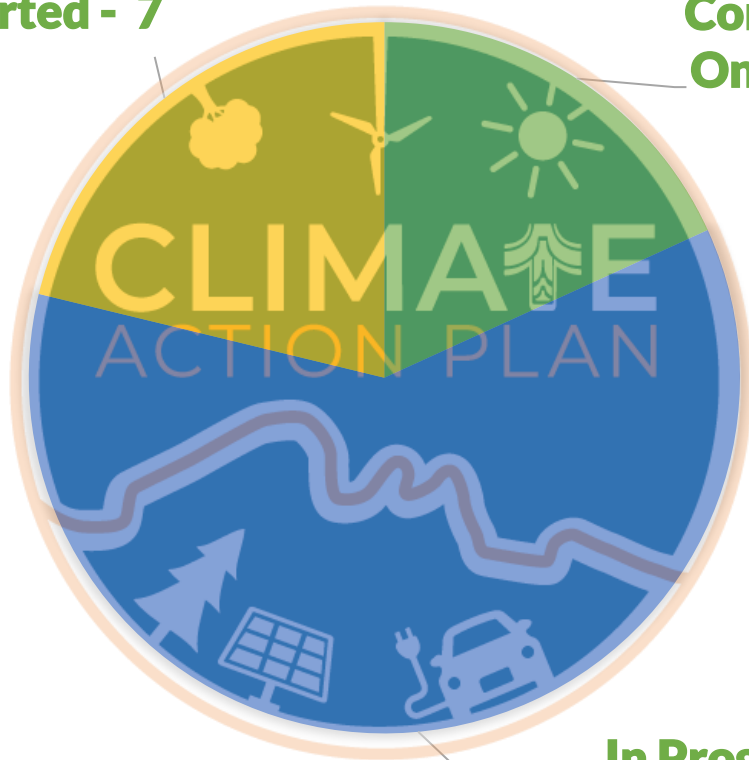
2024 - 2026 Progress



2024-2026 Work Plan Actions

Not Started - 7

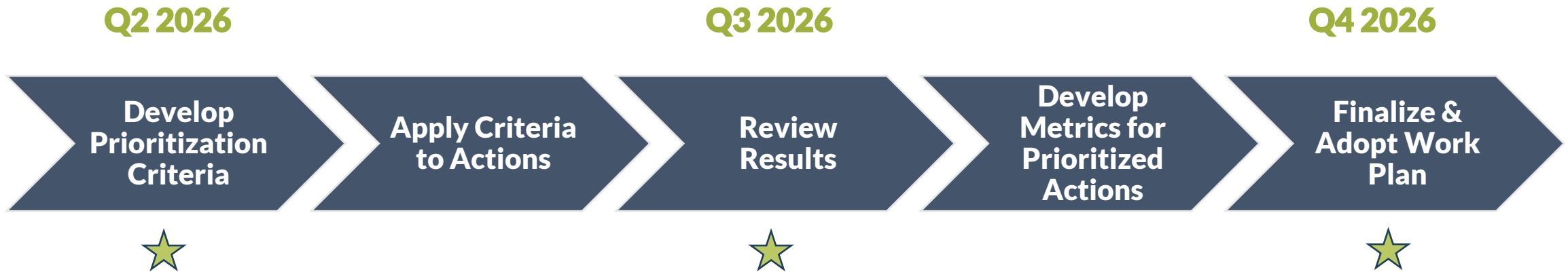
Completed/
Ongoing - 6



In Progress - 20

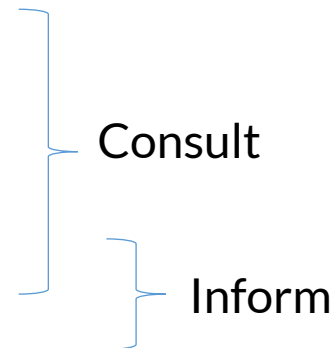
- ✓ Majority of the actions in initial 2-year work plan are completed or underway
- 5 actions not started due to CFI grant on hold

5-Year Work Plan development



Who will be involved?

- City staff
- City Council (work sessions/meetings denoted with ★)
- External partners
- Advisory committees
- General public



How should we prioritize actions?



- **Climate impact**
 - GHG emissions reductions and/or climate hazard risk reduction
- **Co-benefits**
 - Economic prosperity/opportunity, health & well-being, ecosystem health, reducing disparities
- **Alignment with City Council goals or adopted Master Plans**
- **Feasibility**
 - Community support, staff capacity, funding availability
- **Implementation cost**
- **Opportuneness/timeliness**



Thank you!

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