



# Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: October 21, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

#### In Attendance

Committee Members: Ken Ratterree (Chair), Kristen Abele, Alaka Sarangdhar, Carl Nelson, Tricia Lance, Michael Reidel

Staff: Keith Watson (Community Programs manager)

Board Liaison: Wendy Kroger

Absent: Galit Pinker, Nanda Siddaiah (Secretary), Tiago Zuccari, Pat Sheleny (resigned)

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at: 7:10PM

II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the September 2020 meeting were presented to the committee. Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received

#### IV. New Business

- Rentals and Reservations Update: Keith provided an update to the committee as a follow up to this topic being discussed in the September meeting. Keith reported that he took this topic to the management team and the result of the discussion was that staff has been tasked to look at our existing shelter spaces and park rentals process and implement some technological improvements before the end of the calendar year. Further, we are looking at the scope of the project and are recommending we expand it a bit to include photography and filming requests as well. Keith explained that he will keep the committee up-to-date on the project and may ask for their assistance in researching similar rental/reservation procedures for other local agencies.
- Ridgewood Park Dog Event Update: Keith shared details of the upcoming community event at Ridgewood Park. Staff will host a pop-up dog run at the park from November 6 – 20 with a dog-themed event on November 14. Keith invited committee members to join the event to engage with participants and gather feedback. Keith also shared the postcard that will be mailed out to over 900 homes in the local neighborhood to promote the event.

#### V. Old Business

- Jackie Husen Dog Run Review: Keith shared a memo regarding the Jackie Husen dog run asking the committee to support staff's recommendation to make the dog run a permanent amenity at the park. The memo was emailed to the committee a week in advance of this meeting. Committee discussion ensued and **Ken (committee chair)** indicated we should go for it and it would be a great amenity at the park. **Carl** seconded his support and suggested we should continue feedback/surveys in the future to be sure we are hearing the local community. **Alaka** asked what the off-leash calls meant in the report and Keith explained it referred to calls to park patrol for dogs off leash. He also indicated that 5 calls over the course of 10 months

is relatively low compared to many other sites in the district. **Alaka** did not see a problem with the dog run and supported the recommendation. **Carl** asked about THPRD's leash law and how long it has been in place. Keith explained this has always been THPRD's rule and we've never allowed dogs off-leash outside of designated areas. **Michael** expressed his support and noted that within the report the majority of people support the dog run and think it is a fantastic idea. **Wendy** commented that THPRD has addressed many issues/concerns and that we will continue to monitor and maintain the park. In situations like this, it is difficult to satisfy everyone, but we must remember that THPRD owns the parks and this serves the community district wide. **Wendy** was in support and indicated that as we expand more offerings for dog owners the community will be better off.

Discussion ensued about how we might be able to soften the direct connection between the dog run and nearby homes. **Tricia** commented that we should ask the neighbors before we do anything Approaching with solutions shows we are listening and making an effort to make everyone happy. Great idea. Could we reach out to CWS to ask about a native plant buffer? **Wendy** commented THPRD planning has a good list of companion plantings that might be a good starting place. **Carl** commented that it might be nice to have a sign for neighbors to leave feedback. Keith noted that we currently do not have signs in the park for direct feedback but there is a comment section on the dog park webpage.

After the discussion, the committee gave their approval to move forward with making the dog run at Jackie Husen park a permanent amenity as of December 2020.

## **VI. Wrap Up**

- Keith indicated that there were some delays in the naming process and that Liana will visit in November with an update.
- Keith promised to share info on the reservations and photo policy project as the information gathering progress continues.
- Wendy requested that the AC members be given an update on the budget... AC members need to hear what we are dealing with and it would be appropriate to share. Keith indicated he would follow up and provide an update at the November meeting. Tricia asked if it was possible to provide a high-level summary on educating members on how THPRD/public agency budgets work.

## **VII. Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, November 18, 6pm

Meeting adjourned at: 7:45PM

Minutes submitted by,

Keith Watson, THPRD staff