



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: May 26, 2021

Time: 6PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

In Attendance

Committee Members: Ken Ratterree (Chair), Carl Nelson, Michael Reidel, Tricia Lance, Nanda Siddaiah

Staff: Keith Watson (Community Programs Manager)

Board Liaison: Wendy Kroger

Guests: Robert Dupoy, Michael Panhorst, Michael Coursolle (Cedar Mill Historical Society)

Absent: Alaka Sarangdhar, Tiago Zuccari, Kristen Abele

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 PM
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the April 2021 meeting were presented to the committee; Carl proposed three edits: for the Conestoga pool project add project start date and that it is expected to last 12 weeks at a cost of \$2.1 million; for the Jackie Husen Park project add info about SRTS walkway project; and in the Challenge Grant update add that benches are approx. \$1,200 each. Corrections were made by Keith. Carl then made a motion to approve and Michael seconded; approved.
- III. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment
- IV. **New Business**
 - John Quincy Adams Young House Presentation: Michael Panhorst, Michael Coursolle, and Robert Dupoy from the Cedar Mill Historical Society introduced themselves. Keith introduced the topic and shared a bit of history on the home and how it became an asset of THPRD. Keith provided a timeline starting in 2005 when the site was acquired until 2019 when THPRD and CMHS entered into an MOU to update the cost estimates to restore the home. Michael Panhorst then took over the presentation and provided the committee an update on what has been happening at the house since 2020. Michael shared that the work to send an RFP out for updated cost estimates was on pause due to their current inability to fundraise, he shared photos of the home interior and recent work on the historic fruit trees, and shared work they have performed to monitor humidity levels and suggest ventilation and drainage improvements to THPRD. Michael also shared that the society is working to answer questions about the historical wallpaper that remains in the home, they are also trying to determine if future work on Cornell road will require the home to be moved, and if regrading of the surrounding property could be accomplished outside of the fundraising efforts. Keith then provided the committee with a list of opportunities and challenges from a THPRD perspective. He also reinforced the fact that the home was purchased by THPRD at the urging of a group of local supporters with an agreement that the park district would maintain and protect the home while the local group raised funds for restoration. With many other challenges and competing priorities throughout the district, THPRD has no immediate plans outside of protecting the home. Keith mentioned that THPRD would be willing to meet with the society to discuss future potential grant opportunities. At the conclusion of the presentation members of the society left the meeting and the committee had a brief discussion: Wendy commented that it was important for the committee to hear the challenges THPRD is faced with when it comes to these types of projects. Ken commented that limited resources are certainly a concern. Carl mentioned that losing history is difficult, but the excessive cost is a challenge. Nanda asked if THPRD would

be willing to pay a portion of the cost if a certain amount of fundraising was achieved. Keith mentioned that if the fundraising ever reached a point of being close that THPRD would consider helping by providing staff resources (project management) but that he was not in a place to comment on any financial commitments from THPRD. Tricia asked if the local historical society was ever approached about this project and Keith commented that he believed the CMHS had reached out but was not 100% sure.

- Challenge Grant Discussion: Ken had not received any additional ideas from committee members since our April meeting but asked members to bring ideas to the June meeting. Carl reminded the committee about three projects... seating areas at Jenkins Estate, park benches/agility equipment for dog runs, and planting project at HMT complex.
- Park Tours: Committee members were asked to bring ideas about site visits and/or park tours to consider this summer. Wendy mentioned that perhaps there might be some future projects/sites that the committee might visit. The committee is interested in site visits this summer.

V. Old Business

- Ridgewood Dog Run Status: Keith provided an update on the plans for the Ridgewood Park dog run. He explained that the plan was to move forward with pursuing a dog run at Ridgewood Park with the City of Beaverton and use it as a guide to help determine if additional sites within the city limits would be pursued in the future. Committee members thought this would be a good test to see how the process goes.

VI. Wrap Up

- Keith and members of the committee thanked Wendy for her service on the Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee as she will be leaving the board after June.
- Carl suggested perhaps a park tour of Somerset West Park in June. Wendy suggested Raleigh Park, Commonwealth Park and Cedar Hills Park. Keith suggested sending ideas to Ken for some park tours in July.

VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 23, 6pm

Meeting adjourned at: 7:05PM
Minutes submitted by,
Keith Watson, THPRD staff