July 8, 2014
TPARK Meeting

Intent:
Request TPARK's support in asking the City Council to design and pass ordinance language making all City Park and City maintained properties smoke and tobacco free.

Why:
- To support the City's goal of having a Healthy Tualatin.
- To provide an environment that promotes protective factors for youth and families to recreate in smoke and tobacco free parks and on City property.
- Save the City resources on park/city property clean up.

When:
As soon as practical

What's Happening Outside Tualatin:
- Forest Grove – Tobacco-free policy at City Property and all events
- Sherwood - 100% tobacco-free policy for all City Property and looking at including smoking and language for e-cigarettes
- Beaverton – 100% tobacco-free and definition includes smoking and e-cigarettes
- Washington County Commissioners voted to adopt a smoke free campus
- THPRD - 100% smoke-free

Summary:
Tualatin Together collaborates with partners to enhance and support a community environment that discourages and reduces youth substance abuse and promotes factors that protect our youth and families. Council's 2020 goals "#2: Protect and expand natural spaces," and Goal #6: "A Livable, family-oriented, safe, healthy and active-living. " are the simple reasons we believe our parks should be smoke & tobacco free. Tualatin Together's partners such as the Tualatin Library, Meridian Park Hospital, TVF&R, our faith community, law enforcement and our youth all help us plan for effective prevention work. We believe that a huge step forward in discouraging Tualatin Youth from making decisions to start using or abusing a substance is by limiting the places they can use it and where youth see adults using it in public settings.

We look forward to helpful discussion, including any concerns you might have. We hope that TPARK will partner with us in this initiative to help us protect our youth, our community and our resources.

Regards,

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