



DRAFT 2014 ANNUAL REPORT of the Tualatin Park Advisory Committee (TPARK)

1. BACKGROUND

Tualatin Park Advisory Committee (TPARK) was established by Ordinance 418-77, adopted by Council on November 28, 1977, and incorporated into the Tualatin Municipal Code as Chapter 11-2. TPARK also serves as the Tree Board for the purpose of the Tree City USA program pursuant to Resolution 2013-87, adopted by Council on July 27, 1987.

Section 11-2-090 of the Tualatin Municipal Code calls for an annual report summarizing TPARK's activities during the preceding calendar year, outlining future activities of the committee, and identifying any other matters deemed appropriate by the committee for recommendation and advice to the Council.

The members of TPARK in 2014 were Kay Dix, Bruce Andrus-Hughes, Connie Ledbetter, Dana Paulino, Valerie Pratt (Vice Chair), Stephen Ricker and Dennis Wells (Chair).

2. ROLES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Tualatin Park Advisory Committee has the duty to:

- A. Recommend and make suggestions to the City Council regarding all matters relating to public parks, playground-related activities and programs. This shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. the budget process,
 - b. immediate and long-range planning,
 - c. citizen participation; and
- B. Formulate comprehensive and community-wide park and recreation systems and programs to serve the horticultural, environmental, historical, recreational, cultural and leisure needs of all City residents; and
- C. Consider the provisions of any comprehensive plan, project plan or agency plan of the City of Tualatin Development Commission, the Urban Renewal Agency of

the City of Tualatin, and other government agencies having plans or projects affecting the City of Tualatin; and

- D. As the City's Tree Board TPARK makes recommendations to staff and Council on Urban Forestry related issues.

3. ACTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ROLES IN 2014

A. RECOMMEND AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ALL MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKS, PLAYGROUND-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

TPARK made a number of recommendations to staff and Council in 2014. Most of the recommendations were informed by receiving public involvement. Citizens and other interested parties shared their thoughts on a wide range of planning, policy and capital projects including Tualatin River Greenway Trail Gap Connection grant and design, Pohl Center Community Development Block Grant, development projects and the capital improvement projects plan.

1. Supported the City of Tualatin's Community Development Block Grant application and the Connect V grant application.

TPARK provided input, opportunity for public involvement and support of the City's applications for grant funds to install a fire sprinkler system at the Juanita Pohl Center and to develop a three quarters of a mile long section of the Tualatin River Greenway. On a monthly basis, committee members reviewed and provided insight and comments on the grant applications and project plans.

2. Received the 2013 Tualatin Heritage Center Annual Report and forwarded to the Council.

Per the 2005 *Agreement for Operation of the Tualatin Heritage Center*, the Tualatin Historical Society provides annual reports summarizing the operation, activities, attendance, financial status, participant evaluations and surveys, staffing changes, marketing efforts, building and maintenance concerns, and other relevant issues to TPARK and the Tualatin City Council. TPARK received the report on March 11, 2014, and recommended that Council accept the Tualatin Heritage Center Report, which they did on March 24, 2014.

3. Tualatin's Local Share Project List for Metro's 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure

Committee members reviewed the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure for \$220 million to protect wildlife habitat, preserve water quality and enhance public access to nature. The City of Tualatin's Local Share Project amount was \$786,506 with \$88,860 of funds remaining in the Local Legacy Program. The 2006 Resolution 4487-06 approved the use of Tualatin's Local Legacy Program funds to further the goals of the Tualatin River Greenway through land acquisition, within the boundaries of the Tualatin River Greenway. On

December 9, 2014 TPARK recommended to council that the City of Tualatin approve “the use of Tualatin’s Local Legacy Program funds for land acquisition and construction of the Tualatin River Greenway Trail, and its connections.” On January 26, 2015 the Council concurred and approved Resolution No. 5225-15, approving an Amendment to the City of Tualatin’s Local Share Project List for Metro’s 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure.

B. FORMULATE COMPREHENSIVE AND COMMUNITY-WIDE PARK AND RECREATION SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS TO SERVE THE HORTICULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, HISTORICAL, RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND LEISURE NEEDS OF ALL CITY RESIDENTS

During 2014 TPARK regularly provided input on park facilities, recreation programs, activities and events, and also participated in them. TPARK members volunteered at the West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta, Tualatin TRYathlon, Arbor Week Celebration, and other recreation programs. Committee members brought a prospective from citizens, organization and businesses regarding programs and facilities, and provided input representing our diverse community.

1. Trail User Counting Project

On September 10-14, 2014, TPARK members participated in the 2014 trail user counts to determine the use of the Tualatin River Greenway. This data is used to establish a national database of bicycle and pedestrian count information generated by these consistent methods and practices. The trail counts allow analysis on the correlations bicycle and pedestrian activities have on local communities. The information will also help determine the increased use once the gap completion is finished between Barngrover Way and the former RV Site of Portland.

2. Supported the Dog Park Programs and Projects.

Committee members discussed, made suggestions and supported facility enhancements such as shade trees, a covered shelter and programs at this specialized city facility. There were several activity programs and volunteer project enhancements that the committee endorsed.

3. Actively Supported the City of Tualatin’s Connect Oregon V grant application for the Tualatin River Greenway Trail Gap Connection.

TPARK worked toward furthering the Council vision and goals to “Protect and Expand Natural Areas” and “Expand Opportunities for Vibrant Park and Recreational Facilities Including Greenway Trails and Bike/Pedestrian Trails”. The committee focus included ways to support the City missions, programming, and facilities to provide a community benefit which improves health, increases economic development, enhances the environment and provides a quality of place in Tualatin.

4. Endorsed the Pickleball Striping on Tennis Courts at Tualatin Community Park and Jurgens Park.

On May 14, 2014 the committee visited and reviewed the court markings and multi use of the tennis courts for pickleball, one of the fastest growing activities in the country. TPARK members talked with pickleball players, and received feedback from other park users during a site visit at Tualatin Community Park.

C. CONSIDER THE PROVISIONS OF ANY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PROJECT PLAN OR AGENCY PLAN OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES HAVING PLANS OR PROJECTS AFFECTING THE CITY OF TUALATIN

1. Basalt Creek Concept Plan Project

Throughout TPARK meetings during 2014, the Committee received Basalt Creek Concept Plan Project presentations and updates. TPARK members reviewed the base case building process and base case scenarios. They discussed existing conditions and next steps for this planning project. Of interest to committee members was the idea that Office Park/Flex land use may include parks and recreation facilities. On December 9, 2014 the committee indicated that they would like to see public facilities designated in the plan. The input from the committee was to include parks, natural area, trails, recreation and library facilities, and bike lanes. TPARK members recommended that the Ice Age Tonquin Trail be included in the concept plan.

2. City of Tualatin's 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan

On December 9, 2014 TPARK reviewed, discussed and provided input on the City of Tualatin Capital Improvement Plan for 2016-2020. Committee members reviewed project categories, priorities, funding sources and projects by category. TPARK members discussed the draft project list, and the effect that the parks and recreation master plan may have on future capital improvement project lists.

Other projects and plans TPARK reviewed and discussed in 2014 include: Ice Age Tonquin Trail, Tualatin Tomorrow Vision Action Plan, Ice Age Discovery Trail and the Tualatin Together priority planning process.

D. AS THE CITY'S TREE BOARD TPARK MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF AND COUNCIL ON URBAN FORESTRY RELATED ISSUES

1. Recommended that Council Proclaim April 6 – April 12, 2014 Arbor Week in the City of Tualatin

On March 11, 2014, TPARK recommended the adoption of the Arbor Week Proclamation which was approved by Council on March 24, 2014. The advisory committee was also involved in the selection process to determine the winners of the youth Arbor Week poster contest.

4. ACTION PLAN FOR 2015

- A. Continue to fulfill prescribed duties**
- B. Provide Recommendations and Public Involvement Opportunities for the Public during the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update**
- C. Support the Continuing Development of Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs**
- D. Demonstrate the Benefits of Parks, Trails, Recreation, Open Space, Natural Areas and Greenways.**

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Tualatin Park Advisory Committee respectfully recommends:

- 1) That City begins an update to the Park and Recreation Master Plan as scheduled and budgeted.**
- 2) TPARK suggests the City continue to move forward to obtain Tualatin River Greenway Trail land rights, and take appropriate actions to continue development of shared use pathways. The importance of the Tualatin River Greenway trail is to provide opportunities for activity to promote health, access and connection to nature and wildlife, provide bike and pedestrian connectivity, and alternative transportation.**
- 3) The advisory committee agreed on December 9, 2014 they would like to recommend that public facilities be designated in the Basalt Creek Concept Plan Project. The input and suggestion from members was to include parks, natural areas, trails, recreation and library facilities, and bike lanes in the concept plan. TPARK members agreed that the Ice Age Tonquin Trail should be included in the Basalt Creek Concept Plan Project.**
- 4) TPARK suggests that the Regional Active Transportation Plan be considered during City planning processes and development decisions.**