



City of Tualatin

TUALATIN NATIVE LAND AND PEOPLE ACKNOWLEDMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021
5:30-6:30 P.M.

VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

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MEETING ID: 738 835 3269
PASSWORD: 684594

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

1. Tualatin Native Land And People Acknowledgment Committee Minutes of September 16, 2021

Statement Drafting

Adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN NATIVE LAND AND PEOPLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT COMMITTEE OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Present: City Councilor Valerie Pratt, Tualatin Parks and Recreation Committee Member Emma Gray, Deputy City Manager Megan George, Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee Member Mason Hall, Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee Chair Beth Dittman, Youth Advisory Committee Member Parker Johnson, Tualatin Library Committee Member Nicholas Schiller, Tualatin Library Advisory Committee Student Member Kaia Gill

Call to Order

Committee Chair Beth Dittman called the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Community Before Task - Who Are We?

- What is your name?
- Somewhere (other than your actual home) in Tualatin where you feel at home.

Meeting Recording

Attendees agreed to have meeting recorded for public record.

Approval of meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt meeting minutes made by Member Pratt and seconded by Member Hall.
Aye- Pratt, Gray, George, Hall, Dittman, Johnson, Schiller, Gill
MOTION PASSED

1. Tualatin Native Land And People Acknowledgement Committee Minutes of July 21, 2021
2. Tualatin Native Land And People Acknowledgement Committee Minutes of August 16, 2021
3. Tualatin Native Land And People Acknowledgement Committee Minutes of August 24, 2021
4. Tualatin Native Land And People Acknowledgement Committee Minutes of September 1, 2021

Review and Finalize Purpose Statement

Discussion about and final edits made to the purpose statement that will accompany the acknowledgment. Discussion of the need to create a "guidelines for use" statement to accompany the acknowledgement. Revised purpose statement now reads:

This acknowledgement of native land and people was created intentionally and deliberately. It is a first step in recognizing and sharing the honest history of how the land in the city of Tualatin was acquired. The land on which Tualatin is situated was obtained via unjust means including the 1850 Oregon Land Donation Claim Act, unratified treaties of 1851 and 1854, and the Dawes Act in 1887.

This acknowledgement seeks to respect and witness members of our community: past, present, and future, who have been and who will continue to be impacted by colonialism. By

sharing this acknowledgement, we break the previous silence that perpetuated our complicity in systems of oppression.

This acknowledgement is intended to be both a foundation for building relationships within our community as well as a catalyst for continued truth telling, critical thinking, and dialogue by our community members.

This acknowledgement is intended to be read (read time is approximately 1 minute) at the beginning of all public meetings and community events in our city as well as shared openly and publicly on our city website along with other educational materials and, ultimately, accountable actions being taken to reconcile our past and move forward together.

Group Edits of Combined Draft Statement

Group discussion about ways in which to edit, refine, and reduce length of draft acknowledgement statement. Some elements of original draft were eliminated, some elements were adapted, and some elements were folded into the purpose statement. Revised acknowledgment now reads:

As we gather in community, we welcome everyone here with open hearts and minds and offer gratitude for the land itself and our opportunity to be here today. Let us pause to acknowledge our presence on the unceded homelands and waters of the Tualatin-Atfalati (“at-fall-uh-tee”) Kalapuya (“cal-uh-poo-yuh”) people who are, today, represented by the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde. These original stewards of this place modeled sustainable practices and interdependent relationships with the land and other beings. It is our duty to acknowledge the generational impacts of colonialism, forced displacement, assimilation, disease, and violence on Native American families. We honor past, present, and future Indigenous members of the Tualatin community, recognizing that these First Peoples are still here and connected to this land.

Next Steps

Beth will work with Megan to distribute the statement in a survey format to our respective committees and community contacts

- Do we want to seek input from the community at large?

Decision was reached to share the purpose and acknowledgement statements without use of survey format. Committee members agreed to share the statements with their respective committees and community contacts and return for the final meeting with any additional feedback or suggested edits.

Next Meeting will be held October 5, 5:30 p.m. Council Presentation at Work Session on October 25, 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Committee Chair Beth Dittman adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

/ Beth Dittman, Committee Chair