

IDEA Committee Workplan - 2026



Focus Area: Culture & Identity

Supporting City Council's vision of safe and vibrant gathering places throughout the city that build and celebrate our whole community.

- A. Food Carts / Food Cart Pods
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin has more access to a variety of dining experiences and gathering places with food through increased food cart locations.
 - b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about the city's role in managing food carts, including legal issues and development code, and how IDEA Committee can advocate for change.
 - ii. Explore connections between food carts and community inclusion, diversity and cultural connections, economic development and small business support.
 - iii. Advocate for amenities accompanying food cart pods, such as covered eating areas or performance spaces.
 - c. Timing: Planning Department to begin work in 2026.
- B. Urban Renewal
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin has greater access to gathering places, with sites supporting arts, culture, and community identity, through a revitalized downtown.
 - b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about the city's urban renewal plans for downtown.
 - ii. Explore connections between the city's downtown and community identity, arts and culture, housing, gathering places.
 - c. Timing: Planning work began Spring 2025 for downtown area, continues through 2026.
- C. Gathering Places
 - a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin has increased availability of accessible and inclusive gathering places with amenities supporting community needs.
 - b. Potential actions
 - i. Connect with other city advisory committees that inform the city's support of gathering places. (ex: TPARK, TAAC)
 - ii. Find ways to support increased accessible and inclusive spaces within the city.
 - iii. Learn more about facility rental options and processes, rental fees, and recreation fees.
 - iv. Investigate community interest in a community center.
 - c. Timing: Parks and Recreation Department actively developing new spaces through the parks bond measure.

Focus Area: Community Engagement

Supporting City Council's vision of a connected, informed, and civically engaged community that embraces our city's diversity.

A. Community Groups

- a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin residents feel more connected and supported in addressing needs locally.
- b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about and from other community groups and share ideas on increasing community awareness. (ex: CERT / Neighborhood Ready, CIOs)
 - ii. Explore ways to increase community member's awareness of local groups and resources.
 - iii. Explore ways to advocate for community members facing bias or discrimination, including but not limited to Latino, Asian-American and Pacific Islander, African American, and LGBTQ residents.
- c. Timing: Ongoing.

B. Public Participation

- a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin residents are more engaged with local elected officials and city staff.
- b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about ways community members can be involved and engaged in public affairs.
 - ii. Explore ways to remove or reduce barriers to public participation.
 - iii. Consider hosting listening sessions to engage with residents and community workshops to educate community members about how the City operates, Council functions, city committees, etc. Develop methods to support togetherness for IDEA Advisory Committee members, including social gatherings and field trips to visit sites relevant to committee topics
- c. Timing: Ongoing.

C. Land Acknowledgement

- a. Proposed outcome: The IDEA Committee recommends an approach to acknowledging native land and people in the City of Tualatin.
- b. Potential actions
 - i. Discuss and build consensus for actionable steps to pair with a proposed acknowledgement statement
 - ii. Discuss and build consensus for how to measure the impact and effectiveness of the acknowledgement
- c. Timing: Spring 2026

Focus Area: Housing & Public Safety

Supporting City Council's vision of safe, desirable, welcoming, and sustainable neighborhoods with housing that is available to all.

A. Housing

- a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin offers a greater range of housing and rental choices, including more affordable housing.
- b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about the city's role in supporting affordable housing (including projects in development) and addressing affordability of housing (including rentals).
 - ii. Learn about local homeless populations, availability of services in our area, and the role of the Homeless Services System City Liaison.
 - iii. Suggest ways to reduce barriers for community members seeking resources about housing.
 - iv. Advocate for additional local services to help residents struggling with housing, such as a safe parking program.
- c. Timing: Ongoing.

B. Public Safety

- a. Proposed outcome: Tualatin is known for being a safe and welcoming place to live.
- b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about Tualatin Police's community-based approach, data about local policing, and local safety concerns.
 - ii. Explore ways to build community awareness and support rebuilding trust between the community and local police.
- c. Timing: Ongoing.

C. Cultivating Community

- a. Proposed outcome: The IDEA Committee advocates for partnerships to support local community needs.
- b. Potential actions
 - i. Learn about options for sustainability of funding for service providers
 - ii. Learn about opportunities for mutual aid (ex: food insecurity) within the community
- c. Timing: Ongoing.