



IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 20, 2025

Present: Sunni Case Armstrong, Kelsea Ashenbrenner, BJ Park, Chris Paul, Winnie Lo (virtual), Rebekah Morgan, Cosi Slider, Erinn Stimson, Councilor Christen Sacco

Absent: Gerry Preston, Kolini Fusitu'a, Evelin Hooper

Public:

Staff: Betsy Rodriguez Ruef, Community Engagement Coordinator
Megan George, Deputy City Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chris Paul called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Paul said there would be a change to the agenda to move New Business ahead of Old Business.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Paul called for any corrections to the September minutes. BJ Park moved to accept the September 2025 meeting minutes; Erinn Stimson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Co-Chairs: Chris Paul said he attended the Tualatin Pumpkin Regatta and was impressed by the number of attendees. He said the food trucks were very popular, and the Regatta is a great example of how awesome Tualatin can be when the community comes together.

2. Council Liaison: Councilor Christen Sacco announced most Tualatin residents will have the opportunity to vote on local option levies for public libraries and for public safety on the November 2025 ballot. City Council will adopt a proclamation adopting Native American Heritage Month at its next meeting.

3. Staff: Betsy Rodriguez Ruef shared about the City's engagement at the Tualatin Pumpkin Regatta and that she recently attended the Hispanic Heritage Celebration Day at the Oregon State Capitol.

Megan George shared information about the Community Involvement Organization annual meetings and plans to hire a Climate Action Manager for the City. Tualatin is distributing yard signs to recognize veterans in the

community and will host the annual Veterans Recognition Breakfast in November.

4. Public: None.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Report: Chris Paul reviewed the process for the presenting the IDEA Committee's annual report to City Council in 2024, and Councilor Christen Sacco shared what City Council expects from advisory committee annual reports. Megan George reviewed the presentation slidedeck used by the committee last year. Committee members brainstormed a list of themes and topics to include in this year's report. Erinn Stimson expressed interest assisting Chris Paul with the presentation.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Acknowledgement of Native Land and People: Chris Paul reviewed that based on the committee's prior discussions, there is a desire for more information about local tribes and to rebuild a relationship between the City and the tribes before additional committee work. Jerianne Thompson is working to schedule a group visit to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde's cultural center. Councilor Christen Sacco said that the Grand Ronde offers a monthly email newsletter called Smoke Signals and will share information on how to sign up. BJ Park said that the Grand Ronde helped to create an acknowledgement statement for Washington County that could be used as a reference, and he discouraged including negative phrases such as "stolen land" in a statement, if created.

2. Urban Renewal: Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area: Cosi Slider and Megan George said the City is partnering with an Oregon State University program called Sustainable City Year related to tourism that will feed into the urban renewal project. Slider said that she has advocated for more accessible spaces for teens in the community in project meetings.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Community Groups: Chris Paul and Betsy Rodriguez Ruef asked committee members to consider what specific community groups the IDEA Committee wishes to engage with first and how committee members would like to connect with the Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee (TPARK). Committee members were interested in scheduling a joint meeting with TPARK in 2026.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rebekah Morgan expressed gratitude for her participation on the committee and to committee members for their impact.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerianne Thompson & Betsy Ruef, staff