



PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Project Advisory Committee Meeting #4 Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Tualatin Police Department

Attendance: Graehm Albery, Diane Bonica, Andrew Evans, Cyndy Hillier, Candice Kelly, Krista Nanton, Dana Paulino, Valerie Pratt, Ted Saedi, Maureen Sevigny, Dennis Wells

Councilor: Paul Morrison

Staff: Paul Hennon, Rich Mueller, Tom Steiger, Jerianne Thompson

Consultant: Cindy Mendoza, MIG

Public: Warren Harnew, Steve Paul

Absent: Councilor Jeff DeHaan, Kay Dix, Anthony Gallegos, Tom Gile, Robert Knight, Christen Sacco, Anthony Warren

Welcome and Introductions

At 6:32 pm Chair Valerie Pratt called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members and guests

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dana Paulino moved and Candace Kelly seconded to approve the December 5, 2017, minutes and the revised September 12, 2017 minutes. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Public Comment

Warren Harnew stated he would like to see an off-leash area for dogs in Jurgens Park.

Project Announcements

Rich Mueller said that after 30 years, Community Services Director, Paul Hennon, is retiring on May 31. Paul Hennon reported that the Community Services Department will become two separate departments, Parks & Recreation and the Library. Jerianne Thompson will be reclassified to Library Director and the City will hire a Parks & Recreation Director. Paul. Hennon said that Rich Mueller, Parks & Recreation Manager, will continue to serve as project manager on the Master Plan update. The project will continue with the same staff, consultants, and approval process.

Project Schedule

Rich Mueller said phases 1-3 are complete. Phase 4, which addresses the ADA Transition Plan is in process concurrently with the City's ADA Task Force. Rich Mueller said the Master Plan project is currently in Phase 5, Goals and Recommendations, which will be addressed in this meeting and the committee's next meeting will be held this summer. Phase 6, Funding and Action Plan, will be addressed in late summer and fall. Staff expect to have a draft plan (part of Phase 7) ready to review this fall, with adoption by City Council in the winter. The project is on track for completion by the end of 2018. City staff and the project consultant will give an update to City Council on Monday night, May 14.

Community Outreach Themes

Cindy Mendoza, the consultant project manager, presented a quick review of the main themes identified during public engagement:

- Parks and recreation are important to Tualatin's quality of life.
- Trail connections and trail activities are a priority for community members.
- There is a need for improved facilities and expanded capacity for sports.
- A multi-use indoor facility is desired to support a variety of community interests and needs.
- Community members desire inclusive communications and marketing from the City and Community Services Department.
- A greater variety of programs and activities is needed to meet the needs and interests of people of all ages and cultures.
- Community members highly value Tualatin's natural resources and want access to natural features, especially the river, for recreation.

Values, Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives, and Recommendations

Cindy Mendoza presented an overview of the framework used to develop the Master Plan.

- **Values** are internal beliefs or the philosophy that guides the work. Cindy Mendoza said the core values identified grew out of work Council members have already done, Tualatin Tomorrow visioning, and community priorities.
- The **vision** is the desired end-state or aspirations for the future. Vision answers the question of what does the department want to achieve, or where does the department want to be 20-30 years down the road.
- The **mission statement** is what the department will do to achieve the vision.
- **Goals** are the high-level overarching directions for long-term change, to achieve the vision.
 - Goal 1 addresses parks and facilities.
 - Goal 2 deals with trails.
 - Goal 3 deals with natural areas.
 - Goal 4 addresses programs, events, recreation activities.
 - Goal 5 addresses public arts.
 - Goal 6's purpose is to address everything uniquely Tualatin, those elements that make Tualatin a special place to live.
 - Goal 7 addresses management and maintenance of what the department does and develops.

- **Objectives** are different from goals, in that they are specific measurable outcomes to achieve to contribute to the goals.
- After the feedback from this meeting, the next step will be to write the **recommendations**, which are the action items to achieve objectives and goals.

Cindy Mendoza then explained the small group format of the remainder of the meeting. Committee members were divided into three groups.

Small Group Discussion #1

The groups each discussed the proposed core values, vision, mission, and goals, then reported out a brief summary of their discussion. Highlights included:

- Values: Overall, the committee is supportive of the draft values. They included a sense of fiscal viability, however, there was a dislike for the terms “economic viability” and “cohesion,” Overall, the values identified are good.
- Vision: The committee likes the draft vision. They suggested finding a better word for “cohesion,” and liked the terms used in Goal 5 rather than “culture.”
- Mission:
 - Suggest moving “connect our community...” to the end. (“We actively care for our parks and protect our river, greenways, and natural areas to create a beautiful, livable city and to connect our community through trails and programs.”)
 - Make the statement more active; diversity and facilities need to be represented.
 - The statement has a lot of emphasis on maintenance, needs to include leadership, forward-thinking, and support of economic vitality.
- Goals: Overall, the committee is supportive of the draft, but members were concerned the Goals are not equally weighted.
 1. Add: “that grow and expand with community.”
 2. “Community destinations” feels vague; inclusivity is important here.
 3. “Functions” sounds odd in the goal statement.
 4. Say “diverse” instead of “all,” change the word “activate.”
 5. “Expressive character” seems redundant, move “support” phrase after “unique identity.” (“Reflect Tualatin’s unique identity, heritage, and history by supporting public arts...”)
 6. Don’t like the words “cohesion” and “placemaking.”
 7. Stable funding needs to be represented, broaden Goal to include communication with the community.

The committee took a 5 minute break then re-adjourned.

Small Group Discussion #2

The groups each discussed the draft Objectives, then each reported on their discussion of the Objectives under two Goals.

Highlights included:

- Goal 1: Objective A and C deal with location, size, and quantity of parks, instead of “continue to maintain ... existing level,” add enhancing, increasing; limitation of ½ mile as standard could potentially restrict, consider acres per people; lighting could be addressed under this Goal.
- Goal 2: Not addressed.
- Goal 3: Wildlife is stated in the Goal but needs to be addressed in the Objectives; questioned whether “steward” is redundant in Objective B; “parklands” feels limiting in Objective C.
- Goal 4: Unsure what “core program areas” are in Objective A; “health and fitness” in Objective B feels limiting; add diversity to Objective C; unsure if “strategically” adds anything to Objective D; this Goal should include an Objective about a recreation center.
- Goal 5: Consider a different term for “placemaking;” Objective F needs to include a focal point, such as the concept of a creative center, where the activities happen; Objective G references the “City’s branding strategy,” which doesn’t exist.
- Goal 6: Consider “gathering” instead of “placemaking” in Objective A; “emphasize and augment” in Objective C feels clunky; Objective D stands out and doesn’t tie in to other statements.
- Goal 7: Objective B needs to include community engagement; “prudent” in Objective C feels like a stop word; dislike “provision” in Objective D.

Cindy Mendoza stated there is a need to update park standards from the 1983 Master Plan. She also asked the committee if they agreed that there’s a desire for a higher level of service than current; the committee affirmed this statement.

Close

Valerie Pratt adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.