

MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA TUALATIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE March 14, 2023 - 6:00 pm

8511 SW Tualatin Road (in Tualatin Community Park)

Available to Join Virtually By Phone: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Meeting ID: 858 1569 0378 By video: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85815690378</u>

"We are a group of enthusiastic advocates for the Parks & Recreation system with a focus on the stewardship and enhancement of our community."

A. Call to Order

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Introduction of New Members
- 3. Election of Officers

B. Approval of Minutes

1. February 14, 2023

C. Communications & Comments

- 1. Chair
- 2. Staff
- 3. Public

D. Old Business

1. Annual Report Council Presentation

2. Arbor Month

- a. Art & Photo Contest Judging
- b. TPARK Presentation April 10
- 3. Parks Bond Update

E. New Business

- 1. Committee Goals
 - a. 1st Quarter
 - i. Advocate for once-per-quarter in-person meetings
 - ii. Connect with Equity Committee Planning Group re: their recommendations to council
 - iii. Audit membership as it relates to how we represent our city's demographics
 - b. 2nd Quarter
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 - ii. Evaluate existing tree code for possible climate resiliency updates and

- recommendation
- iii. Promote pollinator information and resources
- iv. Provide community resources for trees and bees
- c. 3rd Quarter
 - i. Outreach to vocal advocates from Stoneridge visioning work
 - ii. Outreach to Tualatinos
 - iii. Invite other advisory committees to share meetings
 - iv. Evaluate current park naming policies for possible updates and recommendations
- d. 4th Quarter
 - i. Work with council to identify ways to seat members as interest arises
 - ii. Explore potential for an integrated pest management program
 - iii. Continue to host joint meetings with arts advisory committee
- 2. Veterans Plaza Service Inspired Art Selection Committee
 - a. Representative
- 3. Bee City USA
 - a. Application
- 4. Updates
 - a. Programs
 - b. Projects
 - c. Operations
 - d. Volunteers
- F. Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review
- G. Committee Member Communications
- H. Adjournment



Minutes

TUALATIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE February 14, 2023

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:	Beth Dittman, Emma Gray, Michael Klein, John Makepeace, Anthony Warren
Members Absent:	Claire Roach, Denise Cline
Staff Present:	Ross Hoover, Parks and Recreation Director Rich Mueller, Parks Planning and Development Manager Kyla Cesca, Office Coordinator
Public:	Carl Hosticka, Kati Radziwon, Len Fransen

A. Call to Order

Chair Emma Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Roll Call was taken with five members present and two members absent.

B. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Anthony Warren, and second from Beth Dittman.

C. Communications & Comments

1. Chair

Emma Gray reminded members of officer elections will take place during the March meeting. Any nominations should be sent to Rich and Kyla within three weeks. Emma recognized members of TPARK departing the committee and thank them for their work as members.

- 2. Staff None
- 3. Public
 - None

D. Old Business

1. In Person Committee Meetings

Emma recapped the committee's decision to schedule future in person meetings. Committee members discussed date preferences. The following future in person dates where approved on a motion by John Makepeace, and second from Anthony Warren with the committee unanimous approval: March 14, May 9, September 12, and November 14. 2. Parks Bond

Ross Hoover reported on the first set of smaller scale projects in progress. Ross shared the bond sales are planned for two phases, with phase one sales targeted in mid-April.

3. Annual Report

Emma Gray gave a brief update on the annual report. Emma and Beth Dittman will present the report to Council on March 13.

4. Arbor Month

Emma summarized the Arbor Day process for committee members and requested committee members volunteer to give the presentation to Council on April 10.

E. New Business

1. Playground Presentations

Rich Mueller provided an overview on the playground equipment selection process, and the role committee members will be playing. Rich provided photos of the equipment being replaced at Atfalati and Ibach Parks, and the original design plan for Jurgens Park, which will be a total replacement.

Kati Radziwon joined the meeting representing Buell Recreation. Kati began by explaining the company's values and protocols and the benefits of Burke playground equipment. Kati then presented the two playground equipment options for Atfalati Park, and shared features of each option. Next Kati shared an equipment option for Ibach Park, and explained why the playground designers chose two separate play pieces to encourage play. Last Kati shared the design replacement options for Jurgens Park playground with the benefits for each play feature. Kati explained the different ground cover choices that are interchangeable for the design options. Kati completed the presentation, and committee members had an opportunity to ask questions.

Len Fransen representing Ross Recreation with landscape structures joined the meeting. Len shared the benefits of the landscape structures products and clarified that they offer all surfacing types. Len presented the playground equipment options for Atfalati Park and shared the age appropriate features of each option. He shared the equipment options for Ibach Park and how designers worked to find something to go with the existing play river. Len then presented the options for the Jurgens playground replacement and encouraged members to click the link in the presentation for a 3D representation of the design. Emma Gray asked committee members for question.

Emma Gray then led the committee though the selection process. The committee began with a discussion on the vendor choice for Jurgens Park playground replacement. Due to the uniqueness of designs for the community to choose from, Beth Dittman made a motion to recommend Ross Recreation as the vendor for public consideration at Jurgens Park. This was seconded by Anthony Warren and followed by a unanimous committee vote. TPARK then discussed to the equipment replacement choices at Ibach Park. Anthony made a motion to recommend option #2 from Ross Recreation, which was seconded by Michael Klein, and received a unanimous vote of the committee. The committee discussed the options at Atfalati. Anthony entertained a motion to recommend Buell option #2 with the addition of a shade sail. The motion was seconded by

John Makepeace and approved unanimously by the committee.

2. Committee Goals

Beth Dittman and Emma Gray recapped the plan for committee goals, and how to accomplish them. Beth requested committee members review the plan below for further discussion at the March meeting.

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 - a. Program

Kyla Cesca reported on the upcoming events and programs.

b. Projects

Rich Mueller reported on ongoing and upcoming park projects including property acquisitions.

- c. Operations Ross reported on the series of trauma informed classes the parks maintenance team is enrolled in.
- d. Volunteers Plantings and volunteer park projects were included in the meeting packet.

F. Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review

Emma Gray reviewed the calendars.

G. Committee Member Communications None

H. Adjournment

Chair Emma Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Arbor Month 2023







The Purpose of Arbor Month

Tualatin recognizes April as **Arbor Month** to celebrate the many contributions that trees make to our lives and community.

The benefits of trees:

Public Health & Social Benefits

- Clean air
- Noise reduction
- Reduce crime
- Traffic calming

Environmental Benefits

- Climate change
- Energy conservation
- Water filtration
- Wildlife habitat

Economic Benefits

- Increase home value
- Attract businesses

Arbor Month Events & Activities

- Tualatin Trees Photography Contest
- Kids' Poster Contest
- Arbor Month Proclamation
- Trip to Leach Botanical Garden
- Trip to Jackson Bottom Wetlands
- Tualatin Historical Society Poetry Contest
- Putting Down Roots Volunteer Tree Plantings
- Tualatin Library tree-themed storytimes and poet-tree
- Arbor Month Scavenger Hunt in the park
- Flying of Tree City USA Flags at City offices and schools









Kids' Poster Contest: "Tualatin Trees are

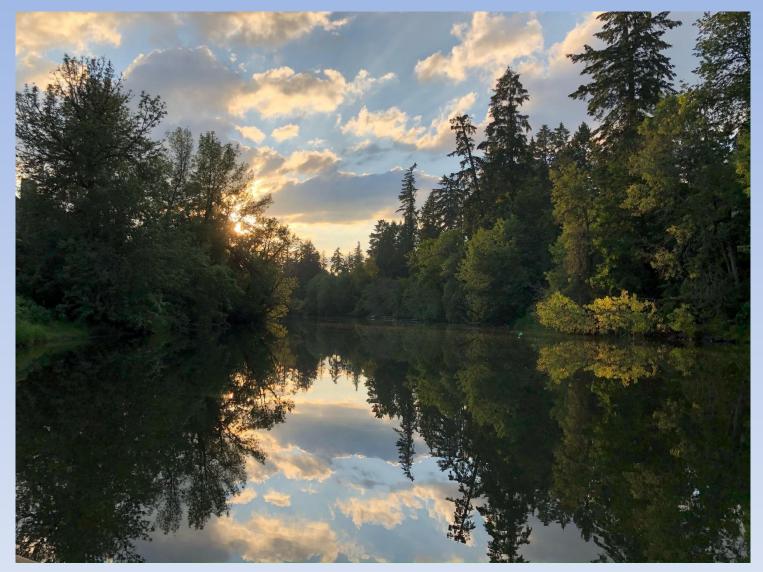




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"Beautiful" Lucy D. Grades K-5 "Beautiful" Ethan C. Grades 6-8

Tualatin Trees Photo Contest



"Reflections" First Place – Helena Holt Location – Brown's Ferry Park

Tualatin Trees Photo Contest





"Fairy's Doorway" Second Place – Nicole Peuser Location – Jurgens Park "Winter's Touch" Third Place – Nils Peuser Location – 106th Court

Tree City USA

The Tree City USA certification is awarded by the National Arbor Day Foundation to recognize communities that have proven their commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program.

Tree City USA Standards Include: Tree Board, Tree Care Ordinance, Community Forestry Program with Budget, and Arbor Month Observance and Proclamation.

The City of Tualatin is Recognized as a Tree City USA for the 36th consecutive Year!



Bond Projects Schedule 3/7/2023

5/1/2023												Phase 1
Project Location	Phase 1	Phase 2	5/23 6/23 7/	2023 23 8/23 9/23 10/23 11/23 12/2	3 1/24 2/24 3/24 4/24	2024 4 5/24 6/24 7/24 8/24 9/2	/24 10/24 11/24 12/24 1	1/25 2/25 3/25 4/2	2025 25 5/25 6/25 7/25	8/25 9/25 10/25 11/25 12/25	2026 1/26 2/26 3/26	
Trail Connections Nyberg Creek/Wetlands Design Construction Trails Cost			Partial Design	Partial Construction Design			Construction					
New River Access ICP Planning & Design Construction <i>River Cost</i>				Design								
Athletic Fields Parks TCP field lights (replacement LED) Backstops & fencing Neighborhood park fields School shared use partnership Fields Cost					Design, Permits, Pro	ocurement	Construction					
Jpgrades Stoneridge Park /eterans Plaza Jpgrades Cost			Design	Design	Construction	Constructio	ion					
Natural Areas Property acquisition Natural parkland WA County TCP (expansion) Natural Cost			Riverfront	Tonquin								
Play & Park Equipment Atfalati bach Jurgens Play Cost			Play Design, Purc Play Design, Purc Play Design, Perm	nase Installation		er Design, Purchase rea Design, Purchase	Shelter Installati Play Equip Installation	ion				
Project Manager												

Key Themes & Objectives

Community engagement events and public input during the Phase 1 planning phase defined the Veterans Memorial's key themes and objectives as:

Honor

To show respect and regard for:

- + All military service members & branches
- + Military family members
- + Freedom & peace, not war
- + Hidden heroes (civilian support)

Timeless

Considers the past, present and future; has relevance for generations; can change over time; remains adaptable.

- + Honors military service
- + Includes past, present & future
- + Adaptable & able to evolve
- + Peaceful conflict resolution

Connection

A sense of community and belonging, feeling that one matters, commitment to one another.

- + Recognizing all who have served & sacrificed
- + Honors families & others affected
- + Empathy & understanding for veterans' experiences
- + Celebrates community

Shared Values

Common beliefs, ethics, concepts or principles that are important and lasting.

- + Service
- + Respect
- + Sacrifice
- + Inclusive/ diversity
- + Honor

Experience

Connection to the space by engaging the senses.

- + Welcoming to all
- + Sense of peace & memory
- + Focus on positive, not violence
- + Does not celebrate war
- + Interactive & engaging

Engagement

Captures attention and promotes active interaction with visitors.

- + Space for events & gatherings
- + Space for benches, picnic tables & trails
- + Encourages conversation & storytelling
- + Space for active recreation

Responses gathered from the community also gave clear guidance on who and what the memorial is not. Public comments stated that the Veterans Memorial should not:

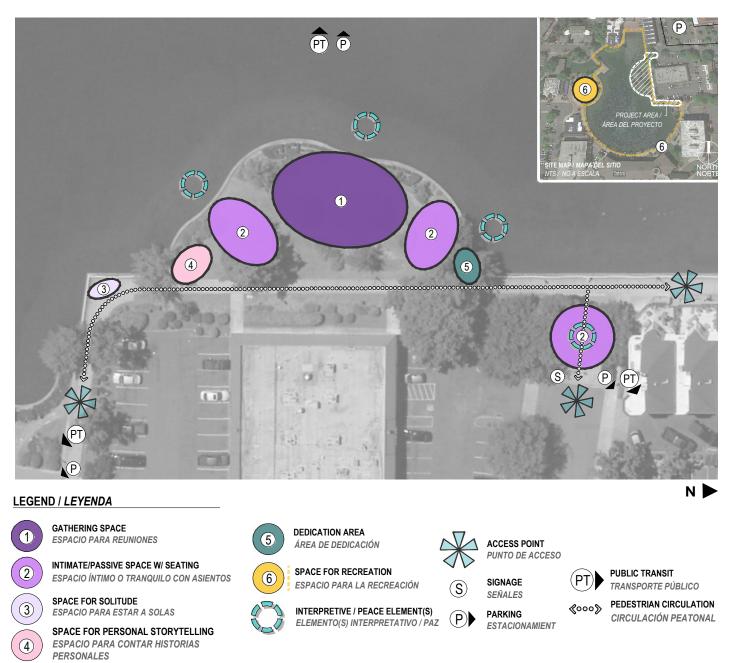
- + Emphasize war or glorify violence in any manner and should focus on service and positive messaging.
- + Be focused on providing large amounts of information, but should focus on being an inclusive space, welcoming.

Design Program & Site Concept Diagram

The design program outlines desired uses and site features that have spatial characteristics for the site. These include:

- Gathering space: Provide a gathering space to accommodate 50 people standing or 30 people sitting. The space should be flexible and open to accommodate diverse programming and small community gatherings.
- + Intimate/passive spaces with seating: Provide an intimate space or a sequence of smaller spaces that accommodate two to three people comfortably sitting.
- + **Space for solitude:** Provide a space that is quiet, reflective, calming, and peaceful.
- + **Space for personal storytelling:** Provide a passive space where people can do personal storytelling.

- + **Recreation space:** Provide space that can accommodate active recreation.
- + **Dedication area:** Provide a dedication area that is inclusive of all.
- + Interpretive element(s): Provide interpretive element(s) that will serve as a focal point that celebrates life and remains timeless.
- + **Signage:** Provide signage for the Memorial.
- + Parking: Provide parking for up to 25 cars
- + **Public transportation:** The site should be accessible by public transportation.



Bee City USA

Renewal Preview

This is a preview of questions on the Bee City USA annual renewal form. You can use this to gather your responses before copying and pasting them into the official form. Questions highlighted in yellow will appear in your publicly visible renewal report. In addition to answering these questions you will be asked to review and update your contact information and other general information about your committee.

Education & Outreach

How many pollinator-related events did you host or help with last year (in total)? 13

How many people attended those events (in total)? 725

How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)? 2

Did your city council/county commission (highest elected body) issue a proclamation for National Pollinator Week last summer? Yes

Please describe pollinator conservation event(s) in your community last year, whether your committee hosted them or not, but indicating which of the events your committee hosted. Recommended word count: 200-400 words.

The City of Tualatin hosted ten volunteer planting events where community members mulched native trees, shrubs, pollinator friendly flowers, vegetables and herbs. In addition, the City hosted educational events to celebrate pollinator week and illustrate the importance of pollinators. The City of Tualatin was also featured on local news in a segment called North West Grown. In the segment, Tualatin City Councilor Bridget Brooks was interviewed about the importance of being a Bee City and how the status helps the pollinators.

The largest volunteer event was at Jurgens Park where Mayor Bubenik planted an annual historical tree for Arbor Day. Drying the event a large section of grass was removed and replanted with native flowers, plants and trees. This is the first pollinator demonstration garden at Jurgens Park and also serves as a hedgerow bordering the Tualatin River.





Through the planting events hosted by the City, 2,500 native plants were installed to improve forest diversity, stream health and pollinator habitat. The events ranged in scale from 100 volunteers planting 750 plants to 15 volunteers and installing 30 plants. All of these events are designed to promote the importance of native trees and plants in our community and improve pollinator habitat.

The educational events put on by the City provided the community the opportunity to learn about how they can help support pollinators by creating a habitat where they live or work. The city also participated in the Annual Bio Blitz hosted by the National Recreation and Park Association as another way for community members to get involved and learn about supporting pollinators.

Photo(s) of education & outreach activities (up to 3 photos).



Pre-registration required | TualatinOregon.gov | 503.691.3061

Flier for one of the educational events celebrating pollinator week







Arbor Day Tree Planting Event Please provide a caption for each education & outreach photo you uploaded.

Enhancing Pollinator Health & Habitat

How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance last year? 10

How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced? 29,340 square feet

How many volunteers helped with those projects? 687

Please check all that describe the habitats you helped to create or enhance last year with pollinator benefit in mind

- X Flower garden
- x Vegetable garden
- □ Orchard

X Natural area with tree snags and stumps and bare areas for ground nesting species

- □ Meadow
- □ Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- X Herb garden
- □ Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- X Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- X Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- X Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting; Rain garden/bioswale;
- **Roadside/rights of way planting**
- □ School garden





X Other (Heritage Center Raised Beds)

Please describe pollinator habitat creation or enhancement event(s) in your community last year, whether your committee hosted them or not. Recommended word count: 200-400 words.

The City of Tualatin has an active volunteer planting program called Put Down Roots in Tualatin (PDRT) that engages hundreds of people annually in "hands on" environmental wok. PDRT hosts four to five large restoration events each year that typically includes up to 100 people planting 1,000 native plants in restoring /improving a park sites that were once over run with invasive plant species, primarily Himalayan Blackberry and English Ivy. Over the past five years, staff have recognized the importance of pollinator habitat creation and protection. During this time areas within developed parks have been identified as lower grade turf have been transformed to pollinator gardens. These gardens contain all native shrubs and wildflowers planted in a "hedgerow" fashion to encourage bee habitat. These areas are no longer mowed, reducing staff time, carbon emissions, and showcasing native landscape design creating pollinator habitat to our park visitors.

29,340 square feet of newly created habitat areas as follows:

At Jurgens Park 3,900 sq. ft. was created including native trees, shrubs, and native wildflowers in a rough mow area at the back of the park. This will reduce the amount of area that was once mowed regularly, reducing maintenance needs, and increasing pollinator habitat and increasing awareness with park users.

At Tualatin Community Park 10'440 sq. ft._of native trees and shrubs along Hedges Creek was created. This planting served many goals and initiatives including eliminating a rough mow turf area, lessening the resource needs and improving streamside native vegetation diversity and function. This area qualifies for mitigation enhancement credits through Clean Water Services (CWS), the regions storm water oversight agency.

At Saum Creek Greenway we enhanced and reforested 15,000 sq. ft. in a riparian forested area that is eligible for mitigation enhancement credits with CWS. Invasive Blackberry plants were removed and native trees and shrubs were planted.

Photo(s) of pollinator habitat and related activities (up to 3 photos).







Various Put Down Roots in Tualatin Volunteer Planting Events

Policies & Practices

What actions have you taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly? Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan

- X Avoided use of pesticides in public sites containing designated pollinator habitat or other sensitive features (except when targeted use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed, insect or disease management)
- □ Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods on city or campus grounds
- **□** Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics on city or campus grounds
- □ Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied





- □ Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides on city or campus grounds
- X Eliminated use of neonicotinoid insecticides on city or campus grounds
- Dropped pesticide use altogether on city or campus grounds
- Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use
- □ Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using "Buying Bee-Safe Plants" methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <u>https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants</u>)
- □ Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids
- □ Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants using "Buying Bee-Safe Plants" methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <u>https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants</u>)
- □ Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants that were not treated with neonicotinoids)

Please provide more detail about pollinator-friendly pest management actions on city or campus managed property. Recommended word count: 200-400 words.

All staff are required to possess and maintain a Public Pesticide Applicators License issued by the State of Oregon. By law, each applicator is required to obtain Continuing Education Units (CEU's) over the course of the license term to renew. All of these CEU's are informational classes on the safe and effective use of pesticides. In recent years, Oregon has included information in these classes about protecting pollinators.

The most invasive plant species throughout our natural areas within our park system is Himalayan Blackberry. We have adjusted our spraying practices to eliminate exposure to bees, pollinators, birds, other wildlife and humans by only spraying in mid to late fall. This timing is specifically designed to only spray long after the bloom time (May-June) and not in the the fruit bearing months of late summer (July-August) to protect pollinating birds and insects. Our targeted spray timing is typically in late October and early November when plants are translocating sugars in to the root zone for winter and increasing the effectiveness of the herbicide.

Are efforts underway in your community to further reduce pesticide use in residential or business areas? This may include neighborhood-led efforts, outreach to landscapers, etc. If so, please describe. We have avoided use of pesticides in designated pollinator habitat and other sensitive sites (except when targeted herbicide use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed management); Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods; Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics; Reduced the number of sites where pesticides are used; Restricted pesticides used to organic pesticides; Dropped pesticide use altogether)

In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?





No?

Please describe actions by your affiliate to attend training on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management and/or to review IPM plans and programs considered of high quality by Bee City USA? All Parks Maintenance staff attend reoccurring training by Oregon State University Extension Services as well as the Xerces Society. All with the intent to use less pesticides, avoid conflicts with pollinating insects, and be thoughtful about thresholds when determining to use of pesticides.

Do you consider yourself a model for other affiliates? Are you available to teach and mentor other affiliates?

In some areas we have been able to share our practices with others to learn from. In other areas, we have yet to begin to grow and develop, but plan to in the future.





Various Put Down Roots in Tualatin Volunteer Planting Events

Please upload a caption for your photo.





Other

Please upload a photo related to your committee.



Please provide a caption for your photo. Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee – November 2022 virtual meeting

URL for your recommended locally native plant species list https://www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/bee-city-usa%C2%AE-city-tualatin

URL for regional suppliers of those plants https://www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/bee-city-usa%C2%AE-city-tualatin URL for integrated pest management plan

Website URL for your Bee City USA news https://www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/bee-city-usa-city-tualatin

Facebook or other social media URL for your Bee City USA news https://www.facebook.com/cityoftualatin/

Visit <u>www.beecityusa.org</u> to learn more.





MARCH 2023



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APRIL 2023 Arbor Month



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