Project Advisory Committee Meeting #5

Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Location: Tualatin Police Services Training Room, 8650 SW Tualatin Road

Agenda

6:30-6:35 pm  Welcome and Introductions (Valerie Pratt)
Meeting Business (Rich Mueller)

6:35-6:45 pm  • Approval of Minutes
              May 8, 2018
              • Public Comment
              • Project Announcements
              • Project Schedule

6:45-6:50 pm  Review Systemwide & Site Recommendations (Cindy Mendoza)

6:50-7:10 pm  Discussion of Systemwide Recommendations (Cindy Mendoza)

7:10-7:35 pm  Small Group Discussion #1
              • Site Specific Recommendations Matrix

7:35-7:40 pm  Break

7:40-8:25 pm  Small Group Discussion #2
              • Site Specific Recommendations

8:30 pm       Close
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 Kelley 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.
Introduction

The aspirations for Tualatin’s parks, greenways, natural areas, trails, recreation programs, events, and public art are the guiding forces for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan). The community’s vision and priorities provide a foundation for the specific recommendations City staff will implement to achieve the goals and objectives of the Master Plan. These goals, objectives, and systemwide recommendations provide overarching direction for the development, programming, and management of the park and recreation system.

These systemwide recommendations provide the context for the additional site recommendations contained in the next chapter. Together with the objectives, systemwide recommendations, and site recommendations will provide the basis for achieving the Master Plan goals, and obtaining the community’s vision for the future.

Goals, Objectives and Systemwide Recommendations

The Master Plan objectives and systemwide recommendations, presented on the following pages, are organized into seven central goals. Table 1 explains the relationship between goals, objectives, and recommendations in the Master Plan.

Table 1: Master Plan Framework

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Seven goals represent the City’s overarching directions for the park and recreation system:

**Goal 1:** Expand accessible and inclusive parks and facilities to support community interests and recreation needs.

**Goal 2:** Create a walkable, bikeable, and interconnected City by providing a network of regional and local trails.

**Goal 3:** Conserve and restore natural areas to support wildlife, promote ecological functions, and connect residents to nature and the outdoors.

**Goal 4:** Activate parks and facilities through vibrant programs, events, and recreation opportunities for people of different ages, abilities, cultures, and interests.

**Goal 5:** Support the arts through programs, parks, and public spaces that reflect Tualatin’s identity, heritage, history, and expressive character.

**Goal 6:** Promote Tualatin’s unique identity, economic vitality, and tourism through parks, natural resources, historic preservation, events, programs, and placemaking.

**Goal 7:** Manage, administer, and maintain quality parks, facilities, and programs through outstanding customer service, stewardship, and sustainable practices.
Goals, objectives, and systemwide recommendations are structured in the following format:

**Goal X**

Xa. Objective

Xa.1 Recommendation

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**Goal 1: Expand accessible and inclusive parks and facilities to support community interests and recreation needs.**

1a. Provide parks, greenways, and natural areas in residential areas.

1a.1 Ensure that residents have access to parkland or a recreation resource within a ½-mile travel distance from home. (Note: Parkland includes parks, greenways and natural areas. Recreation resources include joint-use facilities and shared use paths.)

1a.2 Acquire and develop parkland in targeted underserved areas and near new residential development to meet neighborhood needs, as guided by park design and development guidelines.

1a.3 Consider partnerships with the Tigard-Tualatin School District, Metro, and others to meet the need of unserved areas, especially in East Tualatin, the Pony Ridge area, and Central/South Tualatin. These partnerships may include development at partner sites, joint-use agreements for school facilities, and/or improved access and connections to partner sites.

1a.4 Develop parkland in underserved areas to meet the needs of nearby neighbors.

1b. Provide parks, greenways, and natural areas in commercial and industrial areas to meet the needs of employees.

1b.1 When planning areas expand, apply applicable park, recreation, and library standards to conserve natural resources and assure the availability of facilities, programs, and services citywide.

1b.2 Ensure that all new concept area plans include provisions for natural areas, greenways and trails, if aligned with regional, state and/or federal criteria.

1b.3 Continue to coordinate with City staff and officials to provide parks, natural areas, greenways, and trails in the Basalt Creek Concept Plan Area.

1b.4 Consider options to collaborate in the provision of privately owned public open spaces that clearly set expectations for public access, recreation use, and natural elements in commercial and industrial areas.

1c. Provide more parks, greenways and natural areas to maintain the City’s existing level of service for parkland to support community livability as Tualatin grows. [Note: See the Goal 1 Reference Material handout for PAC discussion of proposed standards.]

1c.1 Adopt a parkland standard to be determined of acres of parkland per 1,000 residents for the provision of parks, greenways, natural areas, and shared use paths. This is equivalent to the City’s existing level of service.
1c.2 Acquire a minimum of acres to be determined of new parkland to continue providing the existing Level of Service (LOS) for parkland as the City grows through 2035.

1c.3 Exceed this standard if feasible—through acquisitions, partnerships, easements, and donations consistent with the goals of the Master Plan—to support the community desire for sports fields, trails, indoor recreation space, and a variety of recreation options.

1c.4 Provide more developed parks if feasible, striving to achieve the City’s adopted standard of acres per 1,000 residents.

1c.5 Acquire land in advance of need to assure the future availability of land for park and recreation use at the most reasonable cost.

1d. Address deferred maintenance projects and improve facility conditions by implementing an asset replacement plan.

1d.1 Prioritize and sequence deferred maintenance projects identified in the Master Plan in annual capital improvement planning and annual operating budgets.

1d.2 Identify and track the lifecycle of existing facilities to plan for their replacement or renovation as they are worn.

1d.3 Evaluate needs and safety for worn and damaged facilities before replacing them; consider best practices and current and future recreation needs are addressed before making like-for-like replacements.

1d.4 Ensure resources are available to provide necessary maintenance and upkeep of existing facilities to lengthen the lifespan of facilities and minimize deferred projects.

1e. Distribute a variety of recreation facilities throughout Tualatin to improve recreation opportunities and access. [Note: See the Goal 1 Reference Material handout for PAC discussion of potential facility guidelines.]

1e.1 Consider equity, access, and the distribution and location of existing facilities when adding new ones to improve access.

1e.2 Increase the variety of sport and recreation options to respond to new trends and needs. Consider adding facilities such as pickleball courts, futsal courts, outdoor fitness equipment, bike skills course/pump track, climbing walls, bocce, game tables, dog parks, skate parks, etc.

1e.3 Design new facilities in parks for multipurpose uses.

1e.4 Consider joint-use and programming opportunities in schools across the City to address indoor recreation needs.

1e.5 Evaluate opportunities for a new community park with space to include elements such as sports fields, sports courts, picnic areas, nature interpretive areas, and other specialized facilities.

1f. Diversify sports and play experiences across the City.

1f.1 Increase the availability of sports fields. Add lighting to existing fields to increase play where appropriate. Collaborate with the school district to develop multi-use sports fields. Consider developing lighted, multi-use fields with synthetic turf that can be lined for several sports to diversify and increase play.
1f.2 Integrate more sports courts in parks, focusing on futsal, pickleball, and basketball, plus adding unique courts such as badminton, bocce, and outdoor table tennis where appropriate and desired.

1f.3 Continue to provide innovative play opportunities. Provide play experiences that integrate the specific landscape and topography of the park. Develop nature play areas made from natural components such as logs, sand, water, mud, boulders, hills, plants, and trees.

1f.4 Provide a universal play area to meet the needs of all residents, including those of varying abilities.

1f.5 Increase adventure play opportunities for older children and teens, adding facilities such as challenge courses, zip lines, rope swings, net climbers, and climbing spires.

1f.6 Provide outdoor and, if feasible, indoor fitness stations, equipment, and programs for adults and older adults.

1g. Ensure that the City’s parks, greenways, natural areas, trails, and other facilities are safe and accessible to people of varying abilities, ages, and skill levels.

1g.1 Ensure new and renovated parks, facilities, and trails meet or exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

1g.2 Implement the ADA Transition Plan to prioritize ADA improvements throughout City parks, greenways, natural areas, and shared use paths.

1g.3 Factor in long-term use, programming, and costs before phasing in major ADA improvements for public buildings as noted in the ADA Transition Plan. Review all barriers and first address those that can be resolved through programmatic modifications and maintenance tasks. (See also 4f.)

1g.4 Make City parks welcoming for people with disabilities by providing more information at sites and online about accessible facilities and challenge levels; continue to ensure policies and procedures support inclusion.

1g.5 Address the needs of an aging population and multi-generational families when designing, improving, and maintaining parks facilities, and programs. Consider elements such as slopes, seating arrangements, restrooms, equipment, etc.

1g.6 Provide lighting in community parks, large neighborhood parks, and on high-use trails—where not affecting nearby neighbors—to extend use hours and ensure safety.

1g.7 Provide parks, facilities, and programs that respond to different skill levels, ranging from novice/recreational to advanced/competitive. If these, focus on connecting new and more participants to parks and recreation opportunities.

1h. Design parks and facilities to respond to demographic, cultural, and neighborhood needs.

1h.1 Create dynamic parks and recreation facilities by adding or incorporating historic and cultural resources, public art, innovative features, diverse landscaping, varied color palettes, and appropriate amenities and furnishings to support social gatherings and user comfort.

1h.2 For new and renovated parks, identify a design theme and use it to guide design choices; connect to the site history, art, or natural resources; meet the needs of the surrounding community; and tell a unique story for each park.

1h.3 Involve residents in site master planning to ensure local needs are met.
1h.4 Provide parks and facilities and services that consider the needs of people of all demographics, including different ages, gender, incomes, race/cultures, family configuration, and education levels.

1h.5 Address the needs of underserved populations across the park system and at key sites. Integrate bilingual signage, culturally specific art, and elements such as plazas, futsal courts, community gardens, sports fields, and group picnic areas.

1h.6 Create small group seating/activity areas in parks, by grouping benches and adding small activity/game tables in parks.

Goal 2: Create a walkable, bikeable, and interconnected city by providing a network of regional and local trails.

2a. Develop trails to connect Tualatin to the regional trail system.
   2a.1 Coordinate with Metro and neighboring communities to plan, design, and develop regional trails, such as the Ice Age Tonquin Trail, in Tualatin as proposed. (See Map 1 in Chapter 4 for the location of planned and proposed trails.)
   2a.2 Prioritize regional trails that provide access to natural areas and connect parks, natural areas, and greenways, such as the Tualatin River Greenway Trail and the planned Ice Age Tonquin Trail.

2b. Develop an interconnected system of on- and off-street bike and pedestrian facilities to connect people to a variety of destinations, including public facilities, nature, and residential, commercial, and industrial areas.
   2b.1 Implement the current adopted trail plan. (See Map 1 in Chapter 4 for the location of planned and proposed trails.)
   2b.2 Prioritize planned local greenway and creek paths and trails that extend or connect to existing trails and connect existing parks and greenways, such as the Saum Creek, Hedges Creek, and Nyberg Creek Greenway Trails.
   2b.3 Prioritize and develop trails that connect a possible park in the Basalt Creek Concept Plan Area to local trails and the regional trail system.
   2b.4 Evaluate opportunities to connect Ibach Park to Helenus Greenway and Blake Street via local trails.
   2b.5 Assure shared use pathways and bikeways are developed as land rights and resources are available.
   2b.6 Assure that shared use trails are developed in future City planning areas.

2c. Improve park access for pedestrians and cyclists.
   2c.1 Develop park entries and access points for pedestrian and bicyclists where trails connect to parks and greenways. Provide park identification signage, and in larger parks, provide bike racks, seating and restrooms.
   2c.2 Provide park directional and distance signage along trails to note the distance to key destinations, including parks, schools, commercial spaces, and major City or public facilities.

2d. Connect residents to the existing Tualatin River Water Trail.
2d.1 Increase input/takeout points for canoes and kayaks on the Tualatin River Water Trail.

2d.2 Work with partners to provide information online and in other formats to communicate water recreation opportunities and available support amenities for water trail users, such as trailhead amenities and facilities, interpretive features, art, safety, culture, and natural resources.

2e. Design and develop quality trails to enhance the trail experience.

2e.1 Develop greenways and trails by implementing adopted policies for the Natural Resource Protection Overlay (NRPO) District, as noted in Section 72 of the City’s Development Code.

2e.2 Implement trail design and development guidelines and best practices that comply with federal and state bike and pedestrian standards, to guide trail development, access, and use. Follow guidelines related to trail surfaced, lighting, slope, width, seating/resting stations, and adjacencies to natural areas.

2e.3 Implement ADA and/or ABA recommendations for trail improvements.

2e.4 Consider adding lighting to selected trails corridors to increase commuter and after-hours use and improve trail safety.

Goal 3: Conserve and restore natural areas to support wildlife, promote ecological functions, and connect residents to nature and the outdoors.

3a. Identify and protect Tualatin’s natural resources.

3a.1 Identify, inventory, and assess the condition of habitat and significant natural resources in parks, greenways, and other areas throughout the City.

3a.2 Work with partners to strategically connect and protect riparian areas (river and creek corridors) and wetlands to preserve vital ecological functions, improve water quality, and increase biodiversity.

3a.3 Balance natural resource protection with access when planning trails through or adjacent to greenways and natural areas.

3b. Ensure natural resources in parks, greenways, and natural areas are maintained and stewarded.

3b.1 Provide adequate maintenance funding to achieve established levels of service and best practices in greenways, natural areas, and natural resources in parks.

3b.2 Establish a standard of maintenance in all parks, natural areas, and greenways to control invasive species, remove/prune hazardous trees, control river- and stream-bank erosion, minimize wildfire hazards, and promote safe access.

3b.3 Identify natural areas that need a higher level of maintenance and/or restoration.

3b.4 Create a natural resource management plan for significant natural areas, identifying the tasks, frequencies, staffing, and budget needed to manage and maintain them to established maintenance standards to accomplish a level of good ecological conditions for natural resources management.

3b.5 Limit public access to sensitive natural areas in parks through fencing and other barriers with informational and interpretive signage to inform residents about the natural resource value of parks.
3b.6 Provide periodic creek clean-ups near parks and along trails.

3c. Restore and enhance natural resources in parks, greenways, and natural areas to support wildlife and the ecological function of parks.
   3c.1 Protect and conserve natural areas and greenways by implementing adopted policies for the Natural Resource Protection Overlay District (NRPO), the Wetlands Protection District, and Floodplain District as noted in Sections 72, 71 and 70 respectively of the City’s Development Code.
   3c.2 Update the City’s plant palette to encourage horticultural diversity in parks for ecological benefits, visual interest and sustainability. Include a variety of carefully selected shrub, grass, succulent, and groundcover species that have unique textures and colors that are best suited for Tualatin’s climate, soil, and wildlife. Utilize native and/or climate-appropriate plants when possible.
   3c.3 Include an invasive removal plan when establishing maintenance standards in natural areas and greenways.
   3c.4 Incorporate stormwater management standards from Clean Water Services for green infrastructure elements such as rain gardens, bioswales, permeable pavers, and detention ponds to help reduce flooding and filter pollutants into the City Development Code.
   3c.5 Implement community forestry strategies and best practices. Maintain healthy, mature trees and increase tree canopy where opportunities exist. Develop a Community Forestry Management Plan for maintaining and managing parkland, street, and community trees canopy.
   3c.6 Integrate pollinator corridors along street rights-of-way and pollinator patches in parks and beautification areas where appropriate.
   3c.7 Review current street development and municipal code sections and update to current best practices and standards.
   3c.8 Seek to acquire contiguous natural areas and connected corridors to create larger habitat areas and wildlife migration routes.

3d. Expand opportunities to experience nature in Tualatin.
   3d.1 Encourage interaction with nature through the provision of nature trails, natural play areas, community gardens, habitat-viewing areas, and interpretive nature, historic, and art features.
   3d.2 Coordinate with schools to develop outdoor classrooms and community gardens for environmental education in parks, schools, and community locations.
   3d.3 Add plantings in developed parks to attract birds and butterflies for viewing; incorporate boulder groupings and other niches where insect and plant discovery could occur.
   3d.4 Develop and maintain parks to support nature programs and events in designated locations, including birding and wildlife viewing, nature play, etc. Avoid high-impact programming in sensitive natural areas.
   3d.5 Support and partner with organizations and agencies to create opportunities for outdoor education.
   3d.6 Market and promote Tualatin as a bird and wildlife viewing destination by designing and building distinct and creative viewing areas in natural areas and greenways to attract tourism.
Goal 4: Activate parks and facilities through vibrant programs, events, and recreation opportunities for people of different ages, abilities, cultures, and interests.

4a. Provide recreation and library programs in core program areas, as referenced in Chapter X, to respond to community needs.

4a.1 Identify and provide services in the core program areas where the Parks & Recreation and Library Departments play a significant role: Arts & Culture; Enrichment & Learning; Health, Wellness & Fitness; Nature Programs; Older Adult & Senior Programs; Social Activities; Special Events; Sports; and Youth Programs.

4a.2 Continue to provide youth programs that include day camps, youth development, and leadership. Assess the need and potential for partnerships to facilitate youth and teen before & after-school recreation programs.

4a.3 Create and redefine programs to support the City’s vision and values, including cultural diversity, inclusiveness, health and wellness, conservation and stewardship, and others.

4a.4 To support core program areas, increase programs, activities, and events in Sports and Nature Programs. Diversify Arts & Culture and Enrichment & Learning programs. (See objectives below and 5f.)

4a.5 Increase programs for all demographics and populations, including Hispanic and Latino residents. In the next three to five years, re-evaluate City demographics and revisit whether Cultural Diversity should be added as a core service area. Culturally diverse programming is defined as events, activities, classes, and bilingual programs that celebrate or promote all cultures.

4a.6 Ensure that core area programs are adapted and modified to support all ages, cultures, and abilities, plus provide multi-generational opportunities. Increase programs for teens, young adults, and active adults.

4a.7 Implement specific ADA Transition Plan recommendations related to providing notice about program modifications; ensuring that programs and special events are accessible; ensuring that programs and services offered by other entities at parks and recreation facilities are accessible; and improving information about the accessibility of parks, facilities, trails, programs, and events.

4a.8 Use the tracked information on the numbers of participants annually in each core program area, as well as the numbers and types of programs, activities, classes, and leagues provided or facilitated to support decision-making regarding the numbers and types of programs to provide.

4b. Expand sports programs to support health, fitness, and team building.

4b.1 Provide or partner to provide learn-to-play sports classes and camps to help prepare and connect children to physical activity and local sports leagues.

4b.2 In conjunction with new sports facility development, organize drop-in, learn-to-play, or skill development programs for futsal, pickleball, basketball, and other activities. Consider recreation-oriented competitions (e.g. 3-on-3 tournaments by age group).
4b.3 Offer or expand adult sports leagues (e.g., kickball, softball, dodgeball, pickleball, futsal) to connect to improve the health and fitness of residents and employees.

4c. Continue to provide events, social gatherings, and celebrations to connect residents and strengthen community spirit.
   4c.1 Ensure there are adequate resources readily available to continue successful programs such as the Pumpkin Regatta, Blender Dash, and Summer on the Commons that support community identity and that promote Tualatin as a destination place for tourism.
   4c.2 Offer community-oriented programs such as movies and concerts in the park at more sites. Identify events appropriate for large neighborhood parks (Atfalati, Ibach, and Jurgens), as well as community parks (Tualatin) and special use sites (Tualatin Commons).
   4c.3 Expand nature-oriented events at Brown’s Ferry Park and other natural areas and greenways.
   4c.4 Increase cultural festivals, art festivals, and Hispanic/Latino events.
   4c.5 Support walks, races, markets, fitness challenges, and other healthy lifestyle and fitness programs and events to support health and wellness and enhance tourism.

4d. Strengthen and diversify enrichment and learning programs.
   4d.1 Maintain coordination between Library staff, Recreation staff, and other organizations and agencies in programming.
   4d.2 Bring neighborhood enrichment programs to underserved areas by continuing and expanding makerspace activities at parks, recreation facilities, the Library, and schools. Invest in a Mobile Recreation/Nature Van to bring arts & crafts, music, nature activities, sports, recreation equipment, and staff-led activities to parklands and other community locations. Focus on underserved neighborhood parks, public spaces, and lower-income areas to introduce more youth to activities in core program areas.
   4d.3 Support bilingual staff to expand communication, bilingual enrichment, and recreation programs.
   4d.4 Continue to explore funding sources and joint investment opportunities with school and industry partners to develop a temporary or permanent makerspace/technology hub. In the long term, integrate these functions into the Library.
   4d.5 When needed update the Library strategic plan to evaluate and enhance programs and services at Tualatin Library.
4e. Increase outdoor and nature programming.

4e.1 Support year-round recreation opportunities and outdoor programs by providing and programming outdoor classrooms and covered pavilions in parks. Consider outdoor fitness and activity, natural history, and other recreation, arts, enrichment, and interpretive programs.

4e.2 Expand and make available online, and in other formats, self-guided activities such as the Art Walk, nature walk, self-guided bike tours, river access maps, and nature guides for key parklands.

4e.3 Encourage trail-related recreation through walking groups, birding groups, and, in timely response to key trends, activities such as gaming outings.

4e.4 Provide programs in Tualatin’s natural areas, greenways, and parks to increase nature programs, interpretive programs, and environmental education where these do not damage significant habitat areas or natural resources.

4e.5 Provide a balance of drop-in and programmed opportunities in parks, recreation facilities, the Library, and other City facilities.

4f. Phase in more indoor programming.

4f.1 Complete a market analysis, financial feasibility study and master plan for a new recreation/community center. Consider programming and revenue-generating opportunities to provide gymnasium/fitness space, indoor track, multi-purpose banquet room, meeting/classrooms, art room, dance floor, maker/incubator space, theater/stage, social gathering space, office space for staff, and indoor/outdoor spaces. Consider replacing three or four existing Tualatin Community Park buildings when developed. Include indoor/outdoor programming and event space.

4f.2 Continue successful programming of the Library. In the short term, explore opportunities to offer Library and recreation programs in other locations, including outdoors in parks or indoors in schools.

4f.3 Continue the current successful programming of the Juanita Pohl Center. If an indoor recreation and community center is developed, expand and/or include programming and space for older adults and seniors.

4f.4 Continue to rely on the Van Raden Community Center in the short term for meeting space and the provision of carefully selected programs, considering supervision and safety considerations in a building not designed or well suited for some programs. Consider demolition or repurposing this building for non-recreation uses if a new recreation and community center is to be developed.

4f.5 Avoid or carefully consider significant remodels/upgrades to existing community centers and park buildings that are not designed for programs. Factor in long-term building use, programs, and costs before phasing in ADA improvements noted in the Transition Plan.

4f.6 Consider options to replace the Brown’s Ferry Park “community center” house with a nature-oriented event space suitable for indoor/outdoor nature programs, or weddings and other rentals.

4f.7 Acquire land and develop a new recreation/community center that is centrally located and accessible to residents by roads, trails, bike routes, and transit, and able to accommodate indoor/outdoor programmed uses.
Goal 5: Support public arts through programs, parks, and public spaces that reflect Tualatin’s identity, heritage, history, and expressive character.

5a. Support the role of public art in placemaking to contribute to the sense of place, character, and identity in Tualatin.

5a.1 Adopt this goal, objectives, and recommendations as the Tualatin Public Arts Plan—providing an update every 5 years—to recognize the role different types of art play in placemaking, including but not limited to interactive art in parks, educational/interpretive art, art installation and sculptures, visual/display arts, and programs/events and media art.

5a.2 Include artists on park and facility design teams to provide artistic and cultural features that support the site’s identity or theme, where appropriate.

- When designing facilities, such as but not limited to trails, parks, buildings, and other key features, encourage artists to work with maintenance and recreation staff to ensure functionality, determine where maintenance efficiencies can be incorporated, and identify where art can be interactive to support the park theme or play environment.
- Involve the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee on park and facilities design development and master plan process.

5a.3 Consider decorative and artistic elements in parks, greenways and trails such as creative bicycle racks and benches, unique lampposts, decorative sidewalk paving, wall etchings and mosaics, artistic planters, wide sidewalk promenades, interpretive and educational features, murals, monuments, and modern media in the design development phase of a site.

5a.4 Explore ways to integrate art into City-managed facilities as a branding strategy.

- Identify locations for strategic public art placements.
- Incorporate wayfinding signage or art installations at City entrances and utility box wraps at key road intersections.
- Consider strategically placed murals on long empty building facades in public facilities (parks, public buildings, public spaces), to activate the area.

5a.5 Following adoption of the Tualatin Public Arts Plan, develop a public art implementation strategy with a focus on private-public partnerships to support public art in commercial and industrial spaces throughout the city.

5a.6 Encourage understanding of different cultures through artwork and provide opportunities for information sharing through all forms of display, performing, and visual art (installations, physical art pieces, functional art pieces, programs, events) to facilitate better diversity and inclusion among different demographics.

5a.7 Continue to support community events, such as ArtSplash, as a destination for artists and spectators in the region and abroad.

5b. Emphasize interactive art in parks and facilities.

5b.1 Integrate creative and innovative play and educational art facilities in play areas that encourage people to create, play, interact with, and explore art, music, and history. This includes, but is not limited to, climbable sculptures, interactive spray
or musical fountains, sensory gardens, outdoor xylophones and drums, bioswales with stackable rocks (cairns) and other natural play features or structures, decorated book share boxes (little libraries), play areas with movable parts, and other artistic park elements.

5b.2 Continue to develop new and update existing thematic play areas, such as the Ibach Park playground.

5b.3 Include etchings of poetry or famous quotation in sidewalks and staircases.

5b.4 Activate parks with temporary art projects or installations that encourage play and draw attention to lesser-known sites. These can range from chalk drawings to temporary interactive and creative play features, to temporary sculptures that appear in different places around town.

5b.5 Provide versatile spaces using strategically placed infrastructure (such as small platforms) that allow for “pop-up” performances, with less preparation and effort by staff.

5c. Provide educational art displays and interpretive features that promote Tualatin and its history, culture, and character.

5c.1 Incorporate art in parks and public spaces that reflects or calls attention to Tualatin’s natural and cultural history through educational or interpretive elements.

5c.2 Selectively provide interpretive signage and kiosks in parks to provide information about local history, natural resources, etc. Consider temporary signs that link people to websites with additional information.

5c.3 Include plant/tree identification plaques in high traffic areas to educate about native and non-native flora and fauna.

5c.4 Continue to promote the region’s geologic history, Native American history, and Tualatin River through strategically placed art and interpretive elements.

5c.5 Encourage the development of sidewalk or traditional building façade murals on public and/or commercial buildings. Collaborate with partners such as the Tualatin Riverkeepers or Tualatin Historical Society.

5c.6 Display art that reflects community demographics, including the culture of Hispanic/Latino residents and other cultural groups.

5d. Enhance the City’s visual environment by encouraging the display of visual arts in public spaces.

5d.1 Consider the provision of sculptures and art installation on an opportunity basis. Integrate non-educational, non-interpretive art where appropriate to make a park or facility more playful, colorful, attractive, or interesting.

5d.2 Identify opportunities to display on a rotating basis the City’s Visual Chronicle, the collection of art work that visually depict how Tualatin has changed over the years by artists in the Pacific Northwest. Consider expanding outside of public buildings, into coffee shops, commercial areas, and schools for temporary or permanent displays.

5d.3 Continue to support visual arts in heavily used spaces such as the Tualatin Library and the Juanita Pohl Center to encourage a sense of place for patrons.

5d.4 Continue to inventory and catalog art pieces that the City acquires.
5e. Invest in facilities that support art and arts programming.

5e.1 Work with the Library to combine the City's interest in creating a maker space/incubator hub with an emphasis on art interests.

5e.2 Support investment in art technology at the Library, including computer animation, graphics, website development, music recording, etc.

5e.3 Ensure that arts, performing arts and cultural programming spaces are incorporated into a new recreation/community center. Consider dedicated art classrooms, stage/theater, music/dance rooms, display space, and necessary equipment such as but not limited to a kiln, pottery wheels, computers, video and audio recording equipment, etc.

5e.4 Integrate art into useable features and displays in a proposed recreation/community center.

5e.5 Evaluate options to provide permanent and/or additional outdoor performance space, such as a small amphitheater or multiuse fountain/plaza/performance space.

5f. Diversify Arts & Culture programs and events as a core recreation service area.

5f.1 Provide and track arts programming and participation in the following five areas: fine arts, cultural programming, educational arts, literary arts, and media arts.

5f.2 Continue the City's emphasis on cultural programming, such as ArtSplash Show and Sale, and Summer on the Commons, but also expand other types of art classes, events, and activities.

5f.3 Expand Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) programs.

5f.4 Encourage informal “mini-art” performances located in parks or other under-utilized public spaces to bring more performing arts viewing opportunities to residents.

5f.5 Develop art programs with a central focus on youth participation to encourage a creative outlet for expression and reflection.
  o Incorporate artists and art into youth recreation programming, partnering with schools and other organizations.
  o Explore ways to encourage young artists to participate in the City’s arts and cultural programs.
  o Partner with community organizations such as Tualatin RiverKeepers and Willowbrook to develop arts education to develop young artists.

5g. Market, promote, and fund art and art programs.

5g.1 Market and promote Tualatin's arts programming and events through social media to raise awareness among residents and visitors.

5g.2 Initiate an annual photo contest of Tualatin’s parks and natural areas.

5g.3 Partner with schools to encourage student development of videos highlighting positive activities or behaviors in Tualatin parks, recreation facilities, and natural areas. (See example: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FB3VFQpcp8)

5g.4 Promote the Tualatin ArtWalk with local businesses and companies as part of their employee health and fitness program.

5g.5 Create a downloadable or interactive map of Tualatin’s ArtWalk route.

5g.6 Encourage businesses and commercial entities to display or incorporate art in their facilities and/or landscaping.
5g.7 Consider funding possibilities to support art resources and programming.
- Adopt a percent for arts ordinance for new private development.
- Partner with the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce to encourage visual arts or installations in commercial spaces.
- Consider incentives for new developments that incorporate art into the concept or design development stages.
- Explore opportunities to create an arts endowment to provide long-term, stable funding for art-related venues and programs.

**Goal 6: Promote Tualatin’s unique identity, economic vitality, and tourism through parks, natural resources, historic preservation, events, programs, and placemaking.**

6a. Provide and design parks and facilities to promote a sense of place.
- 6a.1 Use art and facility design to reflect the City’s heritage, history, landscape, interests, culture, character, and people. (See 1h and 5a.)
- 6a.2 Preserve, conserve, and provide access to designated historic resources and significant natural resources that contribute to Tualatin’s sense of place.
- 6a.3 Develop a tourism strategy that strikes a balance between visitation, economic impact, natural resource conservation, and livability.
- 6a.4 Ensure tourism goals are aligned with Washington and Clackamas County’s rural tourism plan.
- 6a.5 Market and promote the City as a tourist destination, emphasizing the City’s parks, trails, and programs, between Portland Metro and Willamette Valley wine country.

6b. Improve City center parks as community gathering hubs.
- 6b.1 Update the site master plan for Tualatin Community Park to improve access, reduce user conflicts, better meet recreation and indoor facility needs, and serve as a focus point for community activities.
- 6b.2 Strengthen connections between Tualatin Community Park, the Library, and Tualatin Commons to serve as a community and tourist focus point for civic life, recreation, public art, and cultural opportunities.
- 6b.3 Update the fountain and plaza at Tualatin Commons to become a more versatile play and programming space.
- 6b.4 Complete a market analysis, financial feasibility study, and master plan for a new recreation/community center to serve as a civic and community gathering space. (See 4f.)

6c. Increase connections to the Tualatin River.
- 6c.1 Preserve the scenic value of the Tualatin River by expanding the greenway and riverfront trail along the riverbank within the city.
- 6c.2 Improve and increase water access points, including boat launches and floating docks to support recreation, including boating and fishing.
- 6c.3 Identify and improve views of the Tualatin River, creating overlooks for water viewing.
6c.4 Encourage art and interpretive elements to reflect and promote connections to the river.
6c.5 Continue partnerships to provide rental non-motorized boats at Brown’s Ferry Park.
6c.6 Continue partnerships with Tualatin Riverkeepers to ensure clean waters, steward the riparian corridor, and educate residents, visitors, and youth about local ecological traditions.

6d. Communicate the benefits provided by Tualatin’s parks, natural areas, trails, and programs.
6d.1 Continue to promote Tualatin’s park and recreation brand: Accessible, inclusive, vibrant parks and recreation.
6d.2 Collect data to illustrate how City parks and programs are accessible and inclusive to people of different abilities, ages, and cultures.
6d.3 Build on current promotions to increase awareness of the variety and diversity of park and recreation opportunities in Tualatin. Use traditional media and social media that is bilingual to communicate more broadly to residents.
6d.4 Promote and provide unique events, parks, and trails to support tourism and visitors from outside the city. Work with local businesses to promote local services during events to encourage people to stay in the City longer.
6d.5 Provide elected officials and the City staff with talking points on the ways that parks and recreation, the Library, and public art attract residents and businesses and support economic development and tourism.

6e. Engage volunteers, partners, stakeholders, and local businesses to support art, recreation and tourism.
6e.1 Continue to collaborate and cultivate partnerships to increase Department influence and support. Work with the School District, sports leagues, and contract program providers to enhance recreation options.
6e.2 Increase outreach to engage volunteers in programs and events, building on the Library volunteer program and the Park Maintenance volunteer and youth programs. Recruit, train, recognize, and reward volunteers.
6e.3 Involve residents, local artists or the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee, and groups in park planning and design.
6e.4 Reach out to businesses to cultivate sponsorships in parks, programs, and arts.
6e.5 Explore opportunities to leverage the existing Washington County and Clackamas County Rural Tourism Studies for funding and strategic policy alignment.
Goal 7: Manage, administer, and maintain quality parks, facilities, and programs through outstanding customer service, stewardship, and sustainable practices.

7a. Maintain and operate parks effectively to support quality use.
   7a.1 Implement Master Plan goals, objectives, strategies, and recommendations relating to asset maintenance, replacement, reinvestment, and stewardship. (See 1d.)
   7a.2 Ensure that routine and preventative maintenance services are adequately funded in parklands to ensure park safety, make parks more attractive, provide a quality user experience, and avoid a park maintenance backlog.
   7a.3 Invest additional funds in natural resource stewardship, and protect cultural, historical, and natural resources in parks.
   7a.4 Improve maintenance efficiencies. Consider integrating native and/or climate appropriate plants and avoid difficult-to-maintain amenities that do not function well.
   7a.5 Invest in technology to conserve resources and reduce utility and water costs.
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   7a.7 Invest in technology to conserve resources and reduce utility and water costs.

7b. Adopt design and development guidelines to guide park and facility maintenance, management, renovation, and development.
   7b.1 Update park and trail design and development guidelines. Include federal and state bike and pedestrian design standards for on- and off-road development in and adjacent to greenways and natural areas.
   7b.2 Develop the City’s maintenance management plan.
   7b.3 Develop a natural resource management plan for significant natural areas, identifying the tasks, frequencies, staffing, and budget needed to manage and maintain them. (See 3b.)
   7b.4 Ensure that new standards and guidelines are incorporated into the City’s Development and Municipal Code updates.

7c. Be fiscally and financially prudent in funding the park and recreation needs of the Tualatin community.
   7c.1 Coordinate with City leaders to identify and potentially expand the Department’s resources to support parkland and facilities, park and natural area maintenance, recreation, and the arts.
   7c.2 Periodically review and revise the Department’s fees and charges philosophy and cost recovery expectations for programs and rental facilities.
   7c.3 Expand staff capacity, as resources allow, for grant writing, grant management, and the solicitation of sponsorships and donations.
   7c.4 Diversify funding sources, considering a bond measure, operational levies, utility fee, and other alternatives to fund capital projects and operations.
7c.5 Modify and implement the System Development Charge (SDC) methodology to support park, greenway, and trail development in residential, commercial, and industrial areas in accordance with state law.

7c.6 Leverage and expand resources by collaborating with partners, stakeholders, and volunteers. (See 6e.)

7c.7 Develop and maintain relationships with targeted public and private organizations and entities to support City objectives and standards for providing recreation opportunities.

7d. Continue the provision of high quality, responsive customer service.

7d.1 Provide an online contact option on the Parks and Recreation home page for residents to provide feedback to City staff.

7d.2 Identify a contact person for people who have questions or need immediate information.

7d.3 Continue to provide high-quality services and support friendly, welcoming, and inclusive recreation environments.

7d.4 Update rules, policies, and programs as noted in the ADA Transition Plan to enhance customer service.

7d.5 Improve and add comfort amenities, such as trash receptacles, restrooms, shade, picnic tables, barbecues, drinking fountains, park lighting, benches, and doggie bag stations.

7d.6 Provide more frequent park janitorial services, trash removal, and clean-up in high-use parks or during peak use times.

7d.7 Continue coordination with Tualatin Police to patrol parks and connect residents to options to discuss park safety concerns.

7e. Improve information, communication and relationships with park users, city residents, and employees.

7e.1 Conduct satisfaction surveys and post-program follow-up to track and measure park use, satisfaction, and the benefits that City parks and programs provide.

7e.2 Implement ADA Transition Plan policy recommendations related to communication, accessible and inclusive documentation, and the provision of information on accessible facilities and trails to provide more inclusive community services.

7e.3 Continually update website pages, signage and communication materials. Provide information in Spanish where warranted.

7e.4 Reach out to employees and businesses to identify employee-oriented program opportunities.
### Table: City of Tualatin Existing Parks, Natural Areas & Recreation Site Recommendations Matrix (DRAFT)

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**Notes:**
1. The percentage of site to be developed will be updated when Site Master Plans are completed.
2. Information will be added when the ADA Transition Plan is completed.

Yellow highlights indicate acreage amounts that should be updated following a discussion of acquisition strategies and parkland standards.
DRAFT SITE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Master Plan identifies recommendations by site, organized by category as described in this document. Recommendations include some facilities for which sites have not yet been identified. Recommendation are presented in the following categories:

- Existing parks
- Existing natural parks and areas
- Trails and greenways
- New parks and partnerships
- New facilities
- Public art

Site recommendations identify a general direction for site improvements, followed by more specific opportunities that should be considered when updating sites. Following each section heading, graphics are presented for each goal that is advanced by implementing these recommendations. Note: recommendations for all sites are summarized in a matrix under a separate cover.

Existing Parks

Atfalati Park

Atfalati Park is a 13-acre large neighborhood park that provides both active and passive recreation opportunities. Site recommendations primarily focus on enhancing recreation opportunities and restoring natural resources. Focused efforts should improve and expand the gathering and play areas, add shade trees, add sport and challenge elements as space allows, and better integrate/restore Saum Creek frontage.

- Fully implement the current site master plan, including adding a second parking lot at SW 65th Avenue, a small picnic shelter, a large group picnic shelter with shade and moveable tables for programming and group events, and an adjacent nature play area
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- Consider needs of nearby Hispanic/Latino neighbors
- Add a new water play or spray feature
- Add soccer fields, considering needs for one youth and one adult size soccer field
- Add futsal court
- Renovate existing tennis court for multi-use as pickleball/tennis or futsal
- Add adventure play elements for teens (see New Facilities)
- Stabilize banks of Saum Creek with native vegetation

### IBACH PARK

Ibach Park is a 20-acre large neighborhood park surrounded by single-family homes. The site supports sports, picnicking, recreation, and play. It includes a unique play area that speaks to the City’s prehistoric, American Indian, and pioneer historic eras. The park also connects to an adjacent greenway and trail. Site recommendations for Ibach Park primarily focus on enhancement projects, natural area restoration, and connections.

- Fully implement site master plan
- Renovate the play area, incorporating interactive art, removing the sand play area and considering shade sails
- Carry the prehistoric/historic theme and art into other site elements when replaced or added
- Design and construct proposed boardwalk and bridge over Hedges Creek to connect to existing sidewalks and trails
- Consider adding site and/or field lighting to increase hours of play
- Expand teen zone area, adding selected adventure play elements for teens (see New Facilities)
- Add shade trees throughout
- Stabilize banks of Hedges Creek with native vegetation
- Add new program uses to lawn areas

### JURGENS PARK

Jurgens Park is a 15.5-acre large neighborhood park that serves as a center for neighborhood activity and team sports in northwest Tualatin. The site offers thematic and open play opportunities, gathering areas, and access to the Tualatin River. Site recommendations for Jurgens Park focus on expanding the park by acquiring an adjacent space, enhancing the site to introduce new uses, and restoring/stewarding natural areas around the pond and along the river.

- Acquire adjacent property as available
- Create and implement a site master plan with a public involvement process, specifically focusing on the north end of the park but including the entire site to apply a consistent design theme. Consider the following:
  - Add a parking area at north end of park closer to the dock to ease effort of carrying kayaks to water
  - Add large shelter at northeast corner of ballfield
  - Add site and/or field lighting to increase hours of use and play
  - Add small picnic shelter and restroom at north end of park
  - Add wood deck observation area along Tualatin River

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Consider adding of an off-leash dog park (fenced or buffered from habitat areas and surrounding uses)
Consider adding community gardens
Consider a passive use area around the pond for respite, exploration and art and nature appreciation that includes native plantings, grouped and individual seating, interpretive and thematic art, pollinator patches, display gardens, integrated nature play elements and spaces, and viewpoints

- Stabilize banks of Tualatin River with native vegetation
- Add subsurface drainage and irrigation to north field and convert to four youth soccer fields
- Replace lawn areas with no-mow natives to reduce maintenance
- Connect this site to the Tualatin River Greenway trail, adding wayfinding and distance signage to different destinations

**Lafky Park**

Lafky Park is a 2-acre small neighborhood park located in central Tualatin that provides local gathering and play opportunities. Site recommendations for Lafky Park focus on minor enhancements to improve site function, expand walking opportunities, and extend the lifespan of site infrastructure.

- Add an on-street walking loop on Siletz, Willapa, and Ochoco
- Update park irrigation and drainage system
- Replace amenities and facilities at end of lifecycle, considering adjustable basketball hoops for youth and family play

**Stoneridge Park**

Stoneridge Park is a quarter-acre park that provides shaded play space in a residential neighborhood in east Tualatin. Site recommendations for Stoneridge Park include making the space more relevant to the surrounding community, providing family gathering space, maintaining safety and sightlines, and activating the site to connect nearby neighbors, families, and children to the park.

- Work with a community-based organization and conduct a bilingual design process with nearby neighbors to design and implement a Latino community-focused “parque” or plaza. Consider the following:
  - Replace the play equipment and surfacing with thematic play elements consistent with the site concept
  - Add raised community garden beds (if enough sunshine)
  - Add seating or tables to support family gatherings and consider a picnic shelter
  - Provide adjacent residential uses more privacy from the park
- Continue coordinating with the community-based organization and Library Department on programming and stewarding the site to create a new use pattern
Tualatin Commons

Tualatin Commons is located in the heart of the city and is the result of a public/private partnership that began in the early 1990s, with a major redevelopment of downtown. The Commons will continue to be the city’s prime urban gathering spot for city celebrations and special events. Site recommendations for the site focus on overall reinvestment, enhancing the fountain, and maintaining to the original design standards.

- Aerate the lake or improve water circulation to upgrade water quality
- Renovate the surface, system, plumbing and spray heads at fountain
- Add functional and interactive artwork or other interpretive material

Tualatin Commons Park

Tualatin Commons Park is a small gateway located near Interstate 5 along Nyberg Road. The park provides art and passive opportunities. Site recommendations for Tualatin Commons Park focus on maintenance, safety, and adding new touches that enhance its function as a visible gateway.

- Improve sight lines into park
- Install decorative lighting in trees

Tualatin Community Park

Tualatin Community Park is the City’s first and largest park located at the heart of the city on the Tualatin River below the Southern Pacific Railroad trestle. Site recommendations for Tualatin Community Park focus on improving access and recreation opportunities through the potential re-siting of existing facilities and infrastructure. Improvements will address the future use of existing site buildings and facilities to maintain the park’s role as an indoor and outdoor gathering hub for the city. Natural area restoration and associated maintenance activities along the river are another major emphasis of the site recommendations.

- Update and implement master plan to enhance the role of the park as the heart of the Tualatin community. Consider the following:
  - Identify a design theme for the park
  - Improve entry, circulation and parking to address vehicular and pedestrian access into and within park
  - Consider renovation of the Juanita Pohl Center and/or the consolidation of buildings into a multigenerational community recreation center (see Community Recreation Center recommendations in the New Facilities section)
  - Leverage indoor/outdoor programming opportunities associated with building improvements. For example, consider a small outdoor amphitheater in association with indoor performance and program space; consider low impact activities such as bocce and shuffleboard with shaded group seating adjacent to the Juanita Pohl Center
  - Resolve the use conflict at the ballfield, rail trestle, river, adjacent uses, and proximity to parking with possible relocation of field
  - Replace field lighting with LEDs to minimize maintenance and increase hours of play
Consider replacing horseshoes with bocce ball or another low-impact activity with a similar footprint
- Re-stripe existing tennis court for multi-use as pickleball/tennis
- Expand and replace the main picnic shelter and barbecue facilities
- Add a restroom near the dog park
- Add outdoor exercise equipment and fitness features
- Stabilize banks of Tualatin River with native vegetation; steward natural resources on site
- Redesign hydrozones, irrigation, and subsurface drainage system including new controller, heads, etc.
- Connect this site to the Tualatin River Greenway trail, adding additional wayfinding and distance signage to different destinations
- Better connect this site to the Library

Existing Natural Parks and Areas

BROWN’S FERRY PARK

Brown’s Ferry Park is a 28.33-acre natural area park located on the Tualatin River in east Tualatin. The park provides river access and passive recreation such as walking, picnicking, and wildlife viewing. Seasonally, the park provides kayak rentals and a summer art program. Site recommendations for Brown’s Ferry Park are geared towards overall enhancement and focused investment to better connect residents to nature, the river, and local history.

- Redevelop portions of Brown’s Ferry Park to better facilitate arts, natural and cultural history, and nature programs and events
  - Terrace and improve access to the outdoor amphitheater
  - Renovate the barn to create an event space/pavilion for group activities
  - Add a group picnic shelter
  - Add interpretive elements and identification signage, calling attention to plants and nest boxes for wood ducks and bats
  - Build an outdoor classroom near the pond
  - Designate or create a nature exploration area that can be programmed for environmental education and interpretation or support drop-in activities such as fort-building, digging, planting, etc.
  - Conduct a business plan and identify options for renovating the existing Community Center (house) and improving accessibility and function in conjunction with planning a multigenerational community recreation center (see Community Recreation Center recommendations in the New Facilities section). Consider this site as a reservable for wedding/small event venue with opportunities for arts, cultural, and nature programming.
• Fully implement the site master plan to include phased prairie restoration at two locations near pond with partner organization
• Stabilize banks of Tualatin River and Nyberg Creek with native vegetation
• Replace lawn areas with no-mow natives to reduce maintenance
• Consider park expansion area at RV park site

LITTLE WOODROSE NATURE PARK

Little Woodrose Nature Park is a 6.55-acre natural area located in central Tualatin. The vision for Little Woodrose Nature Park aims to provide surrounding residential uses access to nature, shade, trail opportunities, and mature vegetation. Site recommendations for Little Woodrose Nature Park focus on stewardship to address deferred maintenance and natural area restoration and associated maintenance activities.

• Stabilize wetland banks with native vegetation
• Rebuild entry and stairways throughout the park and entryways

OTHER NATURAL AREAS

Tualatin’s natural areas provide a range of experience for users to interact with the City’s waterways, forests, wetlands, and wildlife. Site recommendations focus on interpretive enhancement, stewardship, and natural area restoration and associated maintenance activities.

Other natural areas include Hedges Creek Wetlands Protection District, Hervin Grove Natural Area, Johnnie and William Koller Wetland Park, Saarinen Wayside Park, Sequoia Ridge Natural Area, Sweek Ponds Natural Area, Sweek Woods Natural Area, and Victoria Woods Natural Area.

• Monitor and repair creek and river erosion issues
• Fully implement site master plans, improving nature trails and wetland trails
• Add interpretive information, viewpoints and habitat viewing areas, particularly where trails/pathways meet, to highlight local geography, natural features, and the early history of site (ex: Lake Missoula flood)
• Improve natural resource stewardship and restoration as per systemwide recommendations
Trails & Greenways

Tualatin’s trails and greenways support both local and regional trail connections. Recommendations focus on filling gaps in the existing trail network to create interconnected loops and access to parks and open space.

- Connect the trail system by developing planned and proposed paths as per **Map 1: Existing, Planned and Proposed Paths and Trails**.
- Focus efforts on priority trail segments (highlighted on Map 1) that improve access to parks and other community designations. Continue to re-assess trail priorities to achieve proposed trail guidelines and greenway standards. Priority trails with estimated trail distances for discussion include:
  - Tualatin River Greenway Trail (3.3 mi.)
  - Ice Age Tonquin Trail to Basalt Creek Plan Area (1.83 mi.)
  - Hedges Creek Trail (2.4 mi.)
  - Saum Creek Greenway Trail (0.95 mi.)
  - Nyberg Creek Trail (0.70 mi.)
  - Tualatin Reservoir to Ibach Park connection (0.92 mi)
- Explore a partnership with Metro, King City, and others to provide a bridge over the Tualatin River connecting to the planned Westside Regional Trail at the Heritage Pines Natural Area
- Maintain current boat access to the Tualatin River Trail at Brown’s Ferry Park, Tualatin Community Park, Jurgens Park, and Hazelbrook Road at Hwy 99 and expand river access when possible
- Add lighting, seating, viewpoints, interpretative, and interactive art in appropriate trail locations
- Provide trailheads with a range of amenities at large neighborhood and community parks that connect to trails (restrooms, parking, seating, bike racks, water fountains, directional signage)

New Parks and Potential Partnerships

**Basalt Creek**

A new large neighborhood park is proposed for the Basalt Creek Concept Plan Area in south Tualatin to serve residents and employees. Prior to acquisition, opportunities should be
evaluated to acquire additional land to support community-wide recreation needs and protect natural resources in the Basalt Creek Canyon. A larger park in the Basalt Creek Concept Plan area would help address traffic congestion by developing the City’s second community park, connected to the local and regional trail system, providing tourism attractions and space for community events, large and small group gatherings, sports (fields or a sports complex), as well as other active and passive recreation uses.

- Acquire 15-20+ acres of park space
- Acquire additional land for greenways and natural parks to support planned trail connectivity and protect creek canyon habitat and natural resources
- Master Plan and develop site as a community park to meet neighborhood, employee and community needs
- Identify a site theme and incorporate interactive, interpreting, and thematic art elements to support site character
- Involve residents in developing the master plan to identify park elements. Consider the following:
  - A destination and/or universal play area, with water play features
  - Multi-use rectangular and diamond sports fields or complex (lighted, synthetic turf, multi-use, seating)
  - Pickleball sports court complex (lighted)
  - Other lighted sports courts (futsal, basketball, tennis)
  - Game and activity/challenge areas
  - Picnic and group gathering shelters with seating
  - Event space and amphitheater-style gathering area for events
  - Dog park or dog run
  - Disc golf
  - Looped walking trail
  - Trailhead
  - Nature viewpoints
  - Other outdoor facilities consistent with plan recommendations

**East Tualatin**

Residents in east Tualatin lack access to a nearby neighborhood park. The City should explore a partnership or joint-use agreement with the Tigard-Tualatin School District for the use and/or improvement of recreation facilities of Bridgeport Elementary. The partnership would expand the range of parklands available in east Tualatin, which is now limited to greenways and natural areas.

- Pursue a school partnership with Bridgeport Elementary to formalize the joint use of the outdoor play areas, lawn, sports field, basketball courts, and track during out-of-school hours
- Identify options to provide jointly-funded facilities at this site to expand recreation options

**Pony Ridge**

Residents in the Pony Ridge area of north Tualatin lack access to a nearby neighborhood park. To meet these needs, the City of Tualatin should continue to develop the Tualatin River Greenway trail to connect residents to Metro’s planned Heritage Pines Natural Area, just
west of the City. The City may consider a partnership with Metro to add elements to the Heritage Pines Natural Area to meet resident needs.

- Develop and connect the Ice Age Tonquin Trail in northwest Tualatin to provide access to and through Heritage Pines Natural Area
- Explore joint development opportunities of Heritage Pines Natural Area. Consider park elements to meet Pony Ridge neighbor needs, such as:
  - Nature play area
  - Seating area
  - Small picnic shelter that fits in with Metro’s vision for this site

**South/Central Tualatin**

Improved access to parkland is needed south/central Tualatin, where developed parks are lacking. The City should explore expanding school partnerships and may consider prioritizing greenway and trail development to address these needs.

- Connect existing trail segments to improve recreation opportunities and access to nearby schools, natural areas, retail services, medical, and public facilities
- Explore the joint use of outdoor recreation facilities at Byrom Elementary, in addition to the existing cross country trail
- Explore the acquisition of property adjacent to Tualatin Elementary School for sports field development

**New Facilities**

**Community Recreation Center**

Multipurpose community recreation centers are full-service, multi-generational facilities offering recreation, health, wellness, and social engagement opportunities.

Modern recreation centers are generally at least 25,000 to 30,000 square feet (sf) in size, and can be much larger (65,000+ sf, though this size facility typically also includes an indoor aquatic center). Modern multipurpose recreation centers include a variety of spaces, and the final building program is usually determined as part of a business and operations plan that focuses on cost recovery and financial performance. Frequently, an equity partner is involved in development and/or site operations; partnerships should be addressed in the business and operations plan.

Though these centers typically do not fully recover their operating costs, the right mix of features that maximize revenue potential and adjacencies that are efficient to staff will minimize the operating
In order to help the City determine the best location, right mix of features and the preferred operating model, a business and operations plan will help. Many centers of this type include a health and fitness component and offer memberships as part of their operating model. Typical features included in a multipurpose recreation center building program are:

- Social gathering/lobby space, often with an entry checkpoint for members
- Gymnasium (multiple courts if possible)
- Additional health and fitness elements such as a fitness equipment, a walking track, a climbing wall, dance/exercise studio space
- Locker rooms
- Event space suitable for both City programs and private rentals
- Classroom space, which sometimes includes a “messy room” with a sink for art classes
- Storage space to allow flexibility in programming
- Office space

Additional features that should be considered as part of a business and operations plan for a multipurpose recreation center in Tualatin include:

- Indoor soccer field(s)
- Cultural, performing, and fine arts space, such as a theater, studio space, dance and music studios and gallery space
- Library maker/incubator space
- Multi-story structure

The business and operations plan should address facility location. General guidelines for locating a multipurpose recreation center include:

- Located relatively centrally within the market area
- Good visibility from a major street
- Connected to the trail and bikeway network
- If a stand-alone site, approximately 4-5 acres of buildable land suitable for indoor/outdoor programming opportunities
- If within a site, park should be classified as a community park
- Access to public transportation and/or bicycle transportation network

The business and operations plan should consider impacts of this facility on the Department’s other indoor buildings, including those in Tualatin Community Park, Brown’s Ferry Park, and Sweek Ponds Natural Area:

- Depending on site selection, consider repurposing existing buildings for other uses or eliminating them.
- Evaluate operational impacts associated with providing one consolidated arts, recreation, sports and community facility (with Department administrative space) versus 2-3 smaller buildings.
SPORTS FACILITIES (FIELDS AND COURTS)

There is a need for additional sport field space, improvements to existing fields to improve and expand playability, as well as an added variety of sports courts. While site and other facility recommendations also address sport field needs, recommendations are summarized below for a more comprehensive approach to addressing these needs.

- **Sports complex:** Investigate options to acquire, plan, and develop sports fields on land adjacent to Tualatin Elementary and/or as part of a new park in the Basalt Creek Concept Plan Area for grouped fields
- **School Joint Use Agreement:** Coordinate on use of school fields; formalize arrangement in joint-use agreements; consider improving fields at selected sites
- **Pickleball courts:** Consider a pickleball court complex (4 lighted courts at minimum), plus joint striping/lighting of 2-court pairs of tennis/pickleball courts at Atfalati and Tualatin Community Park
- **Futsal court:** Add 1-2 dedicated futsal courts (1 at Atfalati and another site TBD)
- **Sports court variety:** Identify sites suitable for badminton, bocce, table tennis, shuffleboard, and similar sports courts and games. Consider low-impact opportunities near the Juanita Pohl Center and active use courts in areas with nearby youth and teens
- **Indoor sports space:** provide 1-2 gymnasiums and consider fieldhouse elements in conjunction with the community recreation center
- **Added fields:** Consider through site master planning adding sports fields to Jurgens
- **Existing field improvements:** Consider moving/improving the Tualatin Community Park ballfield and adding lighting, seating and drainage improvements to other sites to expand playability
- **Summer sports:** Leave out soccer goals at selected sites during summer months (alternating sites to allow field rest) to support summer drop-in play

OTHER OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Options to expand the variety of recreation experiences and facility access should be evaluated through site planning, design, and master planning at various sites. The variation and geographic distribution of several different types of elements should be considered at targeting sites across the City. The City may want to integrate a few of these at pilot sites to test use, before adding them to additional sites. Additional recreation opportunities that respond to trends and community needs may be considered beyond the list of facilities noted below.

- **Play areas:** Vary the types of play areas in parks to address needs for universal play, nature play, and water play while supporting imaginative, creative, and active play for children and families. Incorporate art in play areas, including playable elements such as musical instruments.
- **Teen zone:** Select 1-3 sites (e.g., Atfalati, Ibach and Basalt Creek) to add challenge/adventure play elements for teens, such as zip lines, rope swings, climbing spire/net climbers, bike skills course, skate spots/parks, etc.
- **Dog parks:** Consider off-leash dog areas at Jurgens Park and possibly the proposed Basalt Creek Community Park (or similar sites to distribute options around the city). Provide small and large dog areas. Vary surfacing to include turf, decomposed granite, synthetic turf or a
combination of the three. Provide site amenities such as dog waste dispensers, seating and a gated main entry, if fenced. Consider additional amenities, such as drinking stations, water pools, shade, picnic tables, topography, lighting and landscaping. Consider fenced areas, and if appropriate, unfenced areas buffered from other site uses

- **Community gardens:** Identify 1-2 sites with sunlight, drainage, access to water, and land suitable for gardens or raised gardens. Consider options adjacent to recreation facilities or schools for joint programming
- **Disc golf course:** Provide one 18-hole disc golf course at a site TBD
- **Water access facilities:** Evaluate option to add one additional floating dock on the river and/or add additional sections to existing floating docks
- **Fitness facilities/equipment:** Integrate outdoor fitness equipment at 1-2 community parks or large neighborhood parks
- **Activity spots:** Consider unique elements in 3-5 parks to support social interaction, fitness and play, such as skate spots, uneven shooting hoops, outdoor ping pong tables, giant chess boards, chess tables, pop-up play installations, hill slides/climbers, slack lines, hammocks, unique swings, mini foot golf, putting green, tai chi court, etc.
- **Interpretive/nature spots:** Consider adding small venues to connect people to nature in 3-5 parks, natural areas, and greenways. These may incorporate both natural and developed elements, such as butterfly garden/pollinator patch, frog pond, rock formation for climbing/seating, vista/viewpoint, interpretive area or trail, permaculture area, accessible creek, stepping-stones or logs, bridged bio swales, rock gardens, groves, treehouses, etc.

**Public Art**

Public art in Tualatin is important in connecting people to art, culture, history, and nature, as well as strengthening the City’s identity and sense of place. Art and/or interpretive elements can be integrated in many public parks, facilities, and spaces as noted in the site recommendations above, as well as systemwide recommendations.

Recommendations for the City’s public art program include:

- Integrate place-specific interpretive art into all public parks and greenway trails
- Consider the relative representation of art among City neighborhoods and seek to distribute public art broadly throughout the community
- Expand the art collection through a variety of methods including commissioned works, incorporating art into infrastructure through design teams, temporary works, and direct purchases
- Continue to focus on themes for place-based art that enhance Tualatin’s identity and sense of place
• Include arts and culture space in all new public buildings and add exhibit or other space when renovating facilities
• Consider a public art funding method and opportunities such as a percentage for art
• Curate more temporary art installations in parks and public spaces throughout Tualatin:
  o The Quilt Barn Trail piece at Brown’s Ferry Park is an example of temporary art, in this case part of a larger Washington County temporary installation.
• Provide for diverse forms of art within the public collection, since a wide range of style, media, subjects, and viewpoints will offer perspective and interest for everyone

The Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee has guided the City’s arts programs and art in public places. Over its years of integrating arts and culture into its services, Tualatin has focused on several themes in its site-specific interpretive works within its parks:

• Geologic and glacial processes with an emphasis on the Ice Age floods
• Human history in Tualatin, from local tribes such as the Atfalati to the agricultural/settlement history of Tualatin and significant individuals and buildings
• Natural history, including native flora and fauna