



**OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR
TUALATIN TOMORROW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 6, 2016
TUALATIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Present: Chair Candice Kelly
Vice-Chair John Bartholomew
Committee Member Ed Casey
Committee Member Diana Emami
Committee Member Larry McClure
Committee Member Linda Moholt
Committee Member Dana Terhune
Committee Member Bethany Wurtz

Absent: Councilor Frank Bubenik
Committee Member Terry Powell

Staff Present: Sara Singer, Vision Advisor

Visitors: Pastor Mark Began, Rolling Hills Community Church/Tualatin Together Board Chair
Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-hood
Chad Darby, Neighbors Nourishing Communities
Peggy Fisher, Neighbors Nourishing Communities

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Chair Kelly called the meeting to order and because of the number of guests in attendance the group did introductions.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Committee Member Wurtz motioned to approve the minutes from February 3, 2016. Committee Member McClure seconded the motion. Minutes from February 3, 2016. were unanimously approved.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Tualatin Tomorrow Partner Meeting and Transportation Forum Recap

Chair Kelly said the event went well and there was a good turnout. Committee Member Wurtz said some of the speakers spent more time on their updates than we had allotted. She suggested having only 4-5 panelists in the future to keep things on on schedule. She said she enjoyed the diversity of information provided by the speakers.

Ms. Singer said an update will go out to all of the partners with a link to the annual report.

b. America's Best Communities (ABC) Award Update

Vice-Chair Bartholomew said things are moving quickly as the team prepares to leave for North Carolina at the end of the month.

He said new 3D renderings and a video tour of the mobile makerspace is being developed and will be included in their presentation to the judges in North Carolina. He said the team will hold a public rehearsal on April 13 and all are welcome. He said he and Committee Member Wurtz will be presenting the pitch to Tualatin's Rotary Club at their meeting on April 20. He said the team will find out if they are advancing to the next round while in North Carolina on April 27.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Partner Award Presentation – Neighbors Nourishing Communities

Chair Kelly shared a few words about the Annual Partner Award and presented it to Chad Darby and Peggy Fisher from Neighbors Nourishing Communities. Chad thanked the group and expressed how much it means to their organization. He said their mission is to tackle hunger in the community. He said they are would like to see everyone in the community thrive. He said their organization's success has been driven by the partnerships between citizens, the City, businesses, schools, and others.

Chair Kelly said it is impressive what they have accomplished in such a short time. That is what Tualatin Tomorrow is all about.

b. Discuss Tualatin Tomorrow Actions: 4.5 and 14.4

Ms. Singer provided background information on the partner recruitment process and the lack of a lead partner for these actions. She said the need still exists, and there are guests here today to discuss how we might work together on these actions.

Committee Member Moholt shared background information on the Food Bank. Mr. Darby asked about the City's homeless data. Ms. Singer said she did not have the data this evening, but could ask the City what data is available.

Pastor Began said the Rolling Hills shelter is open 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., and people can receive a meal, get showers, do laundry, get breakfast, etc. He said there were typically one to two vans of people who arrive plus those who arrive and live out of their cars.

Committee Member McClure mentioned there are many other things for which low income people need services other than just people being homeless.

Mr. Darby said at his church he is aware of a number of issues that people face, and he asked if Tualatin has considered a council of faith leaders to share resources on services.

Committee Member Wurtz mentioned the schools having data on poverty in Tualatin and providing food services to students in need.

Chair Kelly mentioned that many of the social services are located way out in Hillsboro which is difficult for people in need to access.

Pastor Began said his church is interested in engaging with the community and does some of that through his involvement with Tualatin Together, the pantry, shelter and Hopes Table on Monday nights, and ESL training.

Dr. Rev. Ken Evershood said their church is connected with Alberta Rider for the backpack food program.

Committee Member Wurtz said there are a lot of county services that some churches may not be aware of. Mr. Darby said in his experience working with the churches on community garden space, some churches had a waiting list, others had vacancies, but none of them knew what the others were doing. There is a lack of basic communication.

Ms. Singer shared that Tualatin Tomorrow can coordinate and convene an initial meeting of faith leaders if there is interest in moving this forward.

Committee Member McClure said what could be helpful is sharing some data including the number of homeless people, crime rates, medical data from the hospital, employment data, meals on wheels, school counselors, backpack buddies, etc.

Committee Member Moholt mentioned the need for healthcare and that it is not affordable for all; however new Virginia Garcia Clinic at the high school is a great resource for youth. It would be great to be able to expand these services to adults.

Pastor Began mentioned that Rolling Hills just established a 501c3 and will be offering the Borland Clinic to provide health services to the community.

Committee Member Moholt suggested offering a survey first to understand some of the needs of the churches.

Committee Member Emami mentioned another issue are the families who are unable to renew their leases in Tualatin, and the lack of low income housing. She said there is at least a 6 month wait for affordable housing in Tualatin.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

Ms. Singer shared information on the Tualatin River Greenway Trail ribbon cutting event.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/TTAC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Sara Singer, Recording Secretary