



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at the Tualatin Valley Water District Headquarters, 1850 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, Oregon. Executive Session 5:30 pm; Regular Meeting 6:30 pm.

Present:

Barbie Minor	President/Director
Alfredo Moreno	Secretary/Director
Miles Palacios	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
Felicita Monteblanco	Director
Tya Ping	Director
Doug Menke	General Manager

Agenda Item #1 – Executive Session (A) Legal (B) Land

President Barbie Minor called executive session to order for the following purposes:

- To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions; and
- To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Executive Session is held under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(e) and (h).

President Minor noted that the news media and designated staff may attend executive session. Representatives of the news media were directed not to disclose information discussed during executive session. No final action or final decision may be made in executive session.

Agenda Item #2 – Call Regular Meeting to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Barbie Minor on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 6:35 pm.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

There was no action resulting from Executive Session.

Agenda Item #4 – Audience Time

There was no public testimony during Audience Time.

Agenda Item #5 – Board Time

A. Committee Liaisons Updates

Miles Palacios provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Attended recent Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee meetings that have been occurring over the summer months.
- ✓ Attended the grand opening event for La Raíz Park and enjoyed seeing his fellow board members, district staff, local partners and the community coming together to celebrate this beautiful new space.
- ✓ Has begun attending the Metro Policy Advisory Committee meetings and is learning more about the hopes of our Washington County partners and how THPRD can be a good partner with the work Metro is doing.

Felicita Montebalanco provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Congratulated district staff on their work in putting together so many great events over the summer, including highlighting the Jenkins Estate at the recent Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce Coffee Connection.
- ✓ Will provide her fellow board members a written update regarding the activities of the Metro Executive Advisory Committee for the Expo Future.
- ✓ Attended a conference called Local Progress, a national convening of local elected officials who share progressive values, where they discussed how to be more effective and encourage that work. She will share additional information and her high-level notes.

Tya Ping provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Also attended the grand opening celebration of La Raíz Park and agrees that it was a wonderful event.
- ✓ The most recent Programs & Events Advisory Committee meeting included discussion around the proposed transition to a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion focus, which was well-received by the committee members.
- ✓ Expressed gratitude for the district's support of the summer free lunch program at Cedar Hills Recreation Center and the longer hours of operation that are offered at that location.

Alfredo Moreno provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Also attended the grand opening celebration of La Raíz Park and was impressed with the community's level of engagement and cultural representation.
- ✓ Over the next year, he'll be participating in the American Leadership Forum of Oregon which is a great opportunity that the district is supporting, and he's excited to continue his leadership journey and connect with other leaders about THPRD's work and values.

President Minor provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Expressed appreciation to board member Alfredo Moreno for his leadership as the FY23/24 board president and leading the district through the accomplishments of that year, including a successful operating levy.
- ✓ Expressed gratitude to district staff for their hard work in providing so many great summer events for the enjoyment of our community, like Big Truck Day and our summer concerts.

Agenda Item #6 – Consent Agenda

Alfredo Moreno moved that the board of directors approve consent agenda items (A) Minutes of June 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, (B) Amendments to System Development Charges Administrative Procedures Guide, (C) Amendments to Audit Committee Charter, (D) Resolution Acknowledging Real Property Transactions for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and Describing Funding Sources and Purpose, (E) Resolution Appointing Audit Committee Members, (F) Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for Community Choice Grant Project at Tualatin Hills Nature Park, (G) Arborist Contracts, and (H) Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex Pickleball Facility Consultant Contract. Miles Palacios seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Felicita Montebalanco	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #7 – Unfinished Business

A. General Manager's Report

The following presentations were provided as listed within the General Manager's Report included in the board of directors' information packet:

- Pickleball Programming Update
 - Emily Kent, Sports & Inclusion manager, and Tim Bonnin, Development supervisor, provided a detailed update on the community engagement efforts taking place regarding the proposed pickleball facility at the Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex, as well as the current cost estimates and timeline, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.
- Black & Green Fellowship Program
 - Hanna Döernhofer, community engagement park ranger, Karen Munday, Tualatin Hills Nature Center supervisor, and Durelle Singleton, Beaverton Black Parent Union member, provided an overview of the Tualatin Hills Nature Center's Black & Green Fellowship program offered in partnership with Beaverton Black Parent Union, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.

Doug and the presenters offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Pickleball Programming Update

Alfredo Moreno asked for additional information around potential sponsorships for this new facility and what that process may look like.

- ✓ General Manager Doug Menke noted that district staff is currently exploring sponsorship strategies, as well as a sizeable grant opportunity from Explore Tualatin Valley in the \$2 million range in recognition of the increased tourism that this facility would encourage. The statistics around usage then enable pursuit of sponsorship opportunities.

Black & Green Fellowship Program

Miles Palacios expressed gratitude to everyone involved in offering this program and described how he wished that a program like this had been available for his family where he grew up, adding that he can clearly see how incredibly impactful this program is in action.

Tya Ping expressed gratitude to those involved in offering this program, and described how when people feel safe, they are able to open themselves up more and grow, and how that can positively influence others in their lives, as well. She fully supports this amazing program and hopes that it prompts development of similar programs.

Felicita Monteblanco commented that this program represents amazing, thoughtful, and intentional work, adding that her favorite place is the Tualatin Hills Nature Park and described how she loves hearing about others enjoying it as well and feeling welcomed there. She inquired about the popularity of the program and whether there are any opportunities to leverage funding.

- ✓ Durelle described how the popularity of the program has increased as more students participate and the word spreads amongst their classmates. Once the program begins and word starts spreading about the welcoming and safe environment, other students begin reaching out to see how they can sign up, too. He noted that there have been repeat participants every year, as well. The program started with around 8-9 participants the first year and is now up to 15 this year.

Alfredo Moreno described how he loves hearing about belonging work and the ripple effects that are created when the students participating go home and share what they've learned with their families, which in turn continues to expand who feels comfortable at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park. He commented that this is beautiful work and that he would love to see something similar offered for other affinity groups, as well.

President Minor shared her firsthand experience in having a child go through this program and wondered what the experience might be if the program could be expanded to other times of the year and the different seasons. She thanked everyone involved in this program and shared the board's emphatic support.

Agenda Item #8 – New Business

A. Equity and Engagement Advisory Committee

Lulú Ballesteros, Equity & Engagement manager, and Emily Kent, Sports & Inclusion manager, provided a detailed overview of a proposal under consideration to transition the existing Programs & Events Advisory Committee to an Equity & Engagement Advisory Committee effective January 2025, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record. Staff met with members of the Programs & Events Advisory Committee recently to begin a discussion about transitioning this committee to focus on giving the district advice and guidance in the areas of community engagement and equity. This would broaden the discussion area for committee members, as the committee would be able to offer advice on all dimensions of equity and engagement and not be limited to focusing exclusively on programs and events. Staff received unanimous feedback from the group that this would be a positive change for both the district and the volunteers serving on the committee. This evening, staff is seeking general direction from the board that they approve of this new approach.

Miles Palacios commented that he is happy to see that the committee members are excited about this transition and loves that there is so much intentionality around expanding the type of feedback we're receiving from the community. He inquired whether this might be a good opportunity for the consideration of having youth committee members.

- ✓ Emily replied that there are currently two high school students already serving on the committee and that they will continue to pursue youth representation.
- ✓ Tya Ping added that the committee members are excited and engaged in this new direction and are already a diverse group in terms of demographics, so this committee was the perfect group for this focus. She hopes that those already serving on the committee are able to stay on as it would be helpful to have some continuity during the transition.

Felicita Monteblanco expressed support for the proposal and asked for additional information regarding the training and educational component for this committee in order to bring out their best selves and challenge them in the best ways.

- ✓ Lulú agreed that consideration needs to be given to how to best prepare the space for this committee with training, committee agreements, goals, and defining terminology.

Alfredo Moreno noted that he is glad to hear that the current committee members are so supportive of the change and asked, from a functionality standpoint, what are the things around events and programs that the committee would no longer be handling.

- ✓ Emily replied that nothing is being eliminated, rather the scope is being expanded.

President Minor commented on the great work already being done by the district in the areas of community engagement, noting that she is looking forward to seeing the ideas that will come up through this group in reflection of the board's values and the expanded effort in ensuring that we're hearing directly from the community, as well as continuing to foster outside partnerships and intentional recruitment efforts. The fact that the proposal came from and was voiced by the committee members as a grassroots effort is a great sign and she is excited to see how it comes to fruition.

Agenda Item #1 – Executive Session (B) Land

President Barbie Minor reconvened executive session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. Executive Session is held under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(e).

Agenda Item #9 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Barbie Minor, President

Alfredo Moreno, Secretary

Recording Secretary,
Jessica Collins