



## **Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Nature & Trails Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Date: October 16, 2024**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams) and Fanno Creek Service Center**

### **In Attendance**

Committee Members: Carl Nelson (chair), Tina Ricks (secretary), Marty Hite, Tom Erwin, Erich Pacheco, Matthew Shepherd, Erik Lehr

Absent: Sharon Keiser, Vidy Kulkarni

Board Liaison: Barbie Minor

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails Manager

Guests: Alison Davis

Note: there was a joint meeting with other committees from 6 to 7 p.m., this meeting is not included in these minutes.

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 pm.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed. Erich made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The September 2024 minutes were approved as written.

### **III. New Business**

#### **How does land acquisition work?**

We are redoing the Natural Resources functional plan. Land acquisition is generally private in nature, and legal, and sometimes disclosure can ruin a sale deal. However, there are rules for how these land deals take place.

Bruce showed a watershed map to show where the boundaries are between the various watersheds in the district. The biology tends to travel along watersheds. This helps us manage wildlife, water, and property. The Tualatin Hills Nature Park is where three watersheds converge in the middle of the district.

Acquisition criteria table (3D in Bruce's plan) looks at the criteria for property acquisition. They then use these criteria to look at tax lots—what is available, what is the strategy, guided by the

natural resource functional plan. All kinds of factors play into land acquisition decisions like connectivity, amount of natural vegetation, steepness, etc.  
Where are the current priorities?

Bruce noted THPRD only buys from willing landowners and that THPRD has never used eminent domain for natural areas. Only rarely does THPRD use eminent or “friendly condemnation.”

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **Trails and Resources Functional Plan**

Need a subcommittee to work on the plan update. Bruce needs people from our committee to give input and feedback on his work. How will it connect to the climate plan. Subcommittee will meet once or twice a month until March.

First meeting is Oct. 30 for the functional plans subcommittee. Will start with the Nature and Trails plan.

##### **Recruitment for the Committee**

We have about a dozen applicants for positions. There are 5 positions open. Marty, Sharon, and Vidy are not renewing. Carl and Tina are resubmitting. November meeting is just interviews. November meeting is Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Plan on 2 hours for this meeting. Bruce will update the group. All interviews will be remote.

Volunteers for interviews:

Matthew  
Marty  
Erich  
Carl

##### **Barbie Minor**

Barbie noted she would like to be present at more meetings, has been absent from a few for various personal reasons.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. PST.

**Next meeting is November 20, which is our interviews for next term. The functional plan subcommittee is October 30.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Ricks

Recording Secretary