



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR JUNE 22, 2020

Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Nancy Grimes, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Robert Kellogg, Councilor Paul Morrison, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Valerie Pratt

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Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

### **1. Parks Condition Assessments**

Parks and Recreation Director Ross Hoover presented the parks condition assessment. He stated the purpose of the assessment is to proactively manage parks assets by utilizing data collection and tracking, and to plan for future investments. Director Hoover stated this is a proactive strategic planning approach for asset decision making. He shared a scale that scores assets on a scale from 1-5, a one being brand new in perfect condition and a five being fully deteriorated. Director Hoover stated this work is directly in line with the Council's 2030 Vision by providing high quality gathering spaces that are accessible and equitable. He stated 739 assets were assessed in the city's system with 31% of the assets scoring a three, 19% scoring a five, and 12% scoring a one. Director Hoover stated in addition to this assessment the city completed a full ADA transition plan with a section dedicated to parks. He stated it's important to understand the ADA assessment because it is relevant to funding parks. Director Hoover stated the ADA plan looked at 26 parks, natural areas, and greenways totaling 1,068 projects, at a total estimated cost of \$2,543,925. He shared the condition assessments and ADA projects for Atfalati Park, Brown's Ferry Park, the Tualatin Commons, Tualatin Community Park, Jurgen's Park, and Ibach Park. Director Hoover stated asset scores will continue to be updated moving forward. He stated next steps will be for staff to bring back cost estimates for projects to Council for discussion on prioritization and funding. Director Hoover shared census data that will help to create equitable spaces throughout the city.

Councilor Pratt asked given a limited budget which projects do you take care of first based on the assessment scores. Director Hoover stated some assets with higher scores can have their life extended and some projects that have lower scores will require capital to replace them. He stated staff will come back with those costs.

Councilor Brooks thanked staff for their work on this assessment. She looks forward to being proactive in this management approach of assets.

Councilor Morrison stated he would like to begin focusing on repair concerns at Atfalati Park as this area appears to be being left behind. He asked if the court surfaces there are included in the ADA project costs. Director Hoover stated there is about \$336,000 in ADA projects at Atfalati Park and the court surfaces are in that plan. He stated he is unsure if the cost are included in that number or not but would follow-up.

Councilor Brooks asked if prioritization would be location specific or if projects would be system wide to offset costs. Director Hoover stated operational sustainability is the goal.

Councilor Grimes asked if the ADA projects have a mandatory completion date. She requested the city's also look at aging population when evaluating these projects. Director Hoover stated the City has to show progress towards work on the plan. He stated that is why it is important to have a funding source so meaningful gains can be made.

Mayor Bubenik asked when staff would be back with cost and prioritization numbers. Director Hoover stated staff is looking at having all the data by late July or early August.

Councilor Reyes asked if ADA projects are being funded by another source. Director Hoover stated funding sources for ADA in the parks system does not have a dedicated source.

## **2. *Veteran's Memorial Concept Planning and Site Selection Report***

Parks and Recreation Director Ross Hoover, Parks Planning and Development Manager Rich Mueller, and Consultant Jessel Champoux presented the Veteran's Memorial concept planning and site selection report. Consultant Champoux stated this project was a planning level effort that focused on community outreach. She stated the objectives were to develop themes, concepts, objectives, and conduct a site assessment. Consultant Champoux stated the overall process included focus groups, stakeholder meetings, public meetings, and surveys that ended in the draft report being presented tonight. She stated many methods for public information and notification were used including a bilingual website, social media blasts, and print media. Consultant Champoux stated community outreach and engagement included focus groups, outreach at public events, a stakeholder advisory committee, and community engagement meetings. She stated three surveys were conducted to gather community sentiment, design themes and objectives, and preferred sites. Consultant Champoux stated one of the main objectives was to determine who and what the memorial should honor. She stated the survey showed all military service members and branches, military family members, freedom and peace, and hidden heroes should be honored with the memorial. Consultant Champoux stated five core themes emerged and included connection, engagements, shared values, timeless, and experience. She stated eight sites were assessed by the consulting team using a design program that include items such as gathering spaces, space for solitude, recreation space, dedicated area, interpretive elements, signage, parking, and public transportation. Consultant Champoux stated the committee considered three preferred site locations: the Tualatin Commons, Browns Ferry Park, and Sweek Pond Natural Area. The final preferred site was narrowed to the Tualatin Commons. She stated next steps include design development at the Tualatin Commons, public engagement, cost identification, and funding opportunities.

Councilor Pratt asked what was meant by a recreation space in the report. Consultant Champoux stated the committee wanted a space where people can recreate such as walking or exercising, a non-programmed recreation activity.

Councilor Kellogg stated he finds value in solitude at memorial's like these and is concerned that there is too much activity at the Commons for this. He stated he feels the Sweek Pond Natural Area offers a great area for solitude and reflection. He asked why the decision for the Commons was made. Director Hoover stated the committee felt the Sweek Pond area was too linear of an experience and lacked a gathering place. Committee Member Joe Lipscomb stated the group felt the Commons can be made into a place maker memorial site.

Councilor Reyes expressed concerns with potential vandalism at the site.

Council President Grimes asked about size and placement of the memorial. Committee Member Lipscomb stated there is 1.3 acres which is plenty of space to accommodate a memorial and gathering space at the Commons.

Councilor Brooks asked how this would affect current programming at the Commons. Director Hoover stated the memorial would be on the east side of the Commons and wouldn't impact any current events.

Councilor Morrison stated his preference would be to see this at Brown's Ferry Park as this will be a destination location. He expressed concerns with how the memorial would be affected if there is redevelopment at the Commons.

Mayor Bubenik thanked everyone who served on the steering committee. He stated he served on the committee and there was lots of discussion on site selection as the pros and cons of each were weighed.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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