



## THPRD Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes December 12, 2023, 6pm, Cedar Hills Recreation Center

### In Attendance

**Committee Members:** Nisha George (Chair), Nanda Siddaiah (Secretary), James Terwilliger, Kate Nelson, Jane Leo, Jacqui Orenda-Weber

**Staff:** Keith Watson (Support Services Manager)

**Board Liaison:** Miles Palacios

**Absent:** Hilary Blum, Carolina Martins, Erica Soto, Cameron Hall (Park Maintenance North Supervisor)

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Keith called meeting to order at 6:08pm
2. **Approval of Minutes from November 2023**  
Jane moved to approve  
James seconded, Team agreed  
Approved as published
3. **Public Comment**
  - a. **None**
4. **Member Check-in**
  - a. James: reported back on tree planting at Greenway Park. Great turnout (25-30 people). Invasive species removal and tree planting. Partnership between THPRD and Greenway NAC
  - b. Kate: attended 3 birthday parties recently at Conestoga. Very well run by staff. Party lead was great. Very reasonable price
  - c. Jacqui: sister visited Tualatin Hills Nature Park and really enjoyed accessible pathways
  - d. Jane: Brought her sweet guide dog to the meeting :-)

- e. Keith: At a basketball tournament in Phoenix - Legacy Sports in Gilbert - 160 acres of lots of different sports fields, very impressive to see

## 5. New Business

- a. La Raiz Park Construction Update
  - i. In central Beaverton off Lombard
  - ii. In August it was just dirt, now they have put in a paved service road, play equipment and walking paths have been installed
  - iii. Large ponderosa pine that THPRD and the city are trying to save, trying to route sewer lines under the roots (Keith thought maybe 3-4' down)
  - iv. There has been progress on the sport court and nature play area. Trees (came from the site originally) have been milled and returned to the park, picnic shelter kits have been delivered
  - v. Goal is to finish park this spring
- b. 2024 Committee Planning
  - i. 6 new potential members are being recommended to the board meeting tomorrow
  - ii. Cameron will re-engage once approved and confirm interest
  - iii. New members will start January 2024
- c. Staff request for committee member at Garden Home Park dog run community meeting
  - i. Request for member of PFAC attend the final public engagement outreach for a proposed new dog run at Garden Home Park
  - ii. Staff anticipate that there will be folks on both side of the plan for installing a dog run
  - iii. Ridgewood Park project was started in 2020, various hurdles and roadblocks with working with the City of Beaverton
  - iv. Staff's idea is to show that members of the PFAC have shown support for installing dog parks in the past
  - v. Jane: would recommend that PFAC show that they are here to listen and take messages back to the committee
    - 1. Keith: agreed that would be a good/smart approach

## 6. Old Business

- a. Challenge Grant Project Update
  - i. Keith: talked to center supervisors at Garden Home and Conestoga about induction - ordered portable induction cooktops and cookware
    - 1. Planned to be used for adult cooking classes and camps
  - ii. Got a great deal on the cooktop for the Cedar Hills Project, not sure if a 2nd cooktop will be discounted the same amount
  - iii. Nisha: Requested staff to ask for a firm price on a 2nd cooktop to see if it would really be out of budget to do again at another center
  - iv. Tour of Cedar Hills kitchen with new cooktop & new cookware

1. The cooktop has been well received
2. Has been used for kids classes and kids have been very quick to learn the induction controls, have been picking up induction faster than gas
3. Will also be used for upcoming adult cooking class
4. No additional venting was needed which also saved costs
5. Wall gas range is occasionally used, mostly for the oven
6. Staff is very excited for preschool cooking camp coming up
7. Unfortunately cooktop had an error when turning on so committee couldn't see it in action, staff was working on getting it fixed

## **7. Wrap Up**

- a. Farewell to Outgoing Members
  - i. Committee Members: Nanda - 9 years! Jacqui, Carolina, Jane, Nisha - Thank you!
  - ii. Committee Liaison: Keith - 5 years of running the committee - Thank you!
  - iii. Cameron will be running the PFAC going forward
- b. Next meeting
  - i. January 17, 2023 (Joint Advisory Committee Meeting)
- c. Jane will keep in touch about Bethany Lake Park (adding shade and benches) and working with PGE

## **8. Adjourn**

- a. Meeting adjourned @ 7:08pm