

Attendees (primarily based on zoom display names):

Notetaker: Duyen Frederiksen (CELS)

- Ryan Stee
- Ping Khaw
- Axcelle Campana
- Marcus Ford
- Kevin Hughes
- Tina Le
- Calin G
- Nezar Al-amili
- Krishna Kumar
- (Alma) Gabby Valdes
- Elizaveta Kurilova
- Yasameen and Zeyad Al-Windawi
- Shan Yang
- Andrew
- Diane Smith
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- Marco (joined at 5:49 pm)
- Trang Nguyen (Joined at 6:30 pm)

Agenda:

- 1.) Introductions and agreements (5:30-6:00)
- 2.) Community Survey updates and discussion (6:00-6:30)
- 3.) BREAK (6:30-6:35)
- 4.) Knot Studios equity research presentation and discussion (6:35-7:15)
- 5.) Next steps and scheduling future meetings (7:15-7:30)

Intro:

Yasameen mentioned that her boys (teenagers) really enjoyed the new park (53rd Ave). The whole family has something to enjoy from it, for adults, the lounge chairs, and for the children, the slides. Tina agreed that the new park was worth bragging over to other cities (Beaverton and Portland).

Land Acknowledgement:

- Diane Smith is of Molalla, Bands of Chinook, Wasco, Kathlamet, Klickitat, and of Métis descent. She mentioned that she is thankful that Hillsboro PP&R is acknowledging that the Native Tribes still exist and that this land was not always known as “The United States of America”. She is honored to be a part of this committee and happy that Native voices are being acknowledged.

Community Survey Update:

- 7 Languages
- 286 responses as of 9/13
 - 142 (White Alone)
 - 3 (Recent Immigrant or Refugee)
 - 26 (LBTQIA+)
 - 13 (Prefer Not to Answer)
 - 5 (Other identity)
 - 5 (Native American or Alaska Native)
 - 6 (Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander)
 - 2 (Black or African American)

- 47 (Hispanic, Latino/a/e, or Spanish Origin)
- 36 (Asian)
- 1 (Middle Eastern or North African)
- 6 (Slavic)
- Waiting for an update on survey responses from Jamie
- Top 8 parks/facilities choices results
 - Ranged from Trails for walking/biking/rolling, to community food gardens, to water/splash parks, or art in parks
- Top future 10 classes/programs/events were quite varied
 - Ranging from music events, to kids classes and camps, to free meals for residents in, or classes about safety and emergency preparedness
- A few more weeks to promote through 18 CELs but may extend one more week

Spreading the word about the survey:

- We need CAC members to spread these surveys to people within their own communities
- Krishna would like the link to the survey & Marco requested to be sent the link to the survey at 503-608-9239.
- Ping mentioned that we should send the survey links to everyone's emails.

Private messages with Marco (a CAC member):

- He would like a Fred Meyer gift card for the first CAC meeting
- Any date for the next meeting works as long as it is at 5:30 pm again.

System Equity Assessment:

- **City of Hillsboro Equity Statement**
 - Priority that we tie in our efforts with Hillsboro's prior efforts to prioritize equity.
 - Equity will be the center of the City's efforts in the decision-making process.
 - It is broken into 3 pieces (Carried Forth, Adapting, Expanding):
 - **Carried Forth:** Equity is the pursuit of equal outcomes & Leading with Race.
 - The city is trying to limit barriers to accessing PP&R system
 - While the city is looking at socioeconomic barriers, race is the number one focus, as existing issues are always worse when race is also a factor.
 - **Adapting:** Acknowledging past harms & acknowledging exclusion
 - Much of the report will give attention to this history
 - "Recognition justice"
 - "Procedural Justice"
 - Understanding that certain groups have been marginalized from decision-making processes.
 - **Expanding:** Speaking in the language of justice, understanding how parks are provisioned, & commitment to equity action

- Much of the report will focus on where parks are and who the parks serve
- Seeks to focus on the role of the parks on social/economic injustices and how the parks can help improve this
- **Park system equity Framework** (used to make sure that Hillsboro is putting their funds/efforts towards communities that need it, not those who are already thriving):
 - Distributive Justice
 - Identifying priority communities
 - Understanding resource distribution
 - Recognition Justice
 - Representation in public space
 - Acknowledgment of past harms
 - Procedural Justice
 - Community engagement
 - Transparency in process
 - Representation in decision making
- What/Who/Where/How/So what?
- These frameworks show how the parks are being developed to be equitable.

Park System Elements:

What + Where

- Park System
 - Parks
 - Nature Parks, Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Dog Parks, Gardens, Historic Cemeteries, Sports Complexes, Urban Plazas, Future Parks
 - Green Connections
 - Greenways, Trails, Open Spaces
 - Centers
 - Gathering locations or sports areas (Community Centers, Cultural Arts Centers, Recreation Centers, Aquatic Centers, Sports Facilities)

Looking at the Green Connections/Centers Maps:

As a note: Some of the green parts are not owned by the Park System yet, but could be potentially used to create more greenways. There is a plan to increase the size of the Hidden Creek center.

- **Is the system summary presented helpful in understanding all that City of Hillsboro Parks and Recreation has to offer?**
 - **Diane Smith:** I was pretty impressed. This is my first time that I have experienced going beyond a land acknowledgement. Sometimes it is hard enough for people to hear a land acknowledgment. "That was a hundred years ago, let it go. Your ancestors aren't important. But we can't let it go, we need to heal from it." You (Hillsboro Parks and

Recs) have a vision and a way to let the healing happen. This is providing an action and a space to acknowledge the past, and this is my first time experiencing something like this. Having a 50 year vision is great because it is much closer than the 7 generations.

- **Gabby (Alma) Valdes (in the chat):** I think that was a bit long but it is very interesting and helpful information.
- **Krishna (in the chat):** Would like to see the map more times to figure it out better. Lots of info! Yes, please simplify.

Race + Ethnicity

Demographic Analysis

- Race + Ethnicity
 - What we are showing today?
 - Total Population
 - POC (2)
 - What is in your packet
 - White Alone
 - African American/Black
 - Native American
 - Asian
 - Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander
 - Hispanic and Latine
 - What we are considering
 - Disability community
 - Supplemental maps of:
 - Middle Eastern/North African Population
 - Slavic Communities
 - Disaggregated Asian Populations
- There is a need to be careful with this information so that we (Hillsboro Parks & Rec) are not being more harmful, because this information has been used to further oppress people.

Why are the maps of POC-identifying within Hillsboro necessary? In order to be an equity-based park, they need to lead with race.

If these maps were used, would you prefer to see the hexes or dots?

- Dots: 1
- Hexes: 5
- In general, the hex maps were preferred due to the easier readability.

Socio-economic characteristics

Demographic Analysis

- The maps show where people may be more socioeconomically vulnerable

- PP&R may be the only place where people can access amenities
 - May not have the means to access privately (large backyard for example)
- Communities looked at:
 - Living at or below the federal poverty level
 - Individuals living in rental housing
 - Individuals born abroad
 - Linguistic Isolation
 - Individuals with no healthcare insurance
 - People over 25 without no higher education attainment (highest education is high school)
 - Youth under 18

Community Vulnerability Index

- May include environmental impacts (pollutions, heat, flooding)
- Important questions: where do vulnerable people live and where are there a low amount of parks?

Do these results match up with your experience? Are the maps and the information they are trying to convey self-explanatory or unclear? Is there anything that you see is missing from these maps?

- **Calin:** Physical Handicap. There are special needs and other amenities that are necessary that should be accounted for. Same with seniors.
- **Krishna:** Seniors.
- **Gabby (Alma) Valdes:** I love meals on wheels, great program.

Question:

- **Calin:** In this combined vulnerability map, I'm just curious why non-white or POC being included? I understand poverty or lack of healthcare are vulnerabilities, and just race is a vulnerability as well. Is it combined in all of these maps here? And for what reason?
- **Calin's question rephrased:** Are people who are purely white excluded? Why are certain races excluded in terms of vulnerability (considering that they also face vulnerabilities)? Because people who are white can also experience poverty and socioeconomic vulnerability, it shouldn't be based on race then.

Park Service Areas

Demographic Analysis + Level of Service

- **Neighborhood Park Service Areas**
 - Specific to neighborhood parks & shows a 10 min walk or 0.5 mile area surrounding the park
 - Considers how a person would move to get to and from the park
 - There are gaps that show neighborhoods that aren't served by parks

- Intersections and gaps will be another place of analysis for the future
- **Areas of Park Per Person**
 - Shows how many acres each person has access to
 - One note: South Hillsboro area data is from 2020—may not be as accurate today
- **Community Vulnerability Per Neighborhood Park Service Area**
 - Shows locations where communities are most vulnerable in terms of the location of the parks
- **Socio-Economics**
 - Walnut Street Park- highest scorer of the parks in terms of community vulnerability
 - The order of the parks corresponds with the service areas overlap with high scorers on the community vulnerability index
 - Top 3 scoring parks on the vulnerability index
 - Have more people renting, more people born abroad, and more 25+ with no higher education degree

What story is this telling you about the parks system today?

- **Yasameen:** A lot of progress. It will be different from the past. Some of the newer parks feel like something famous in Hillsboro. A lot of residents are talking about the parks and saying that those living close to the parks are lucky. As an engineer, there is a lot of improvement in the quality of the materials. Hillsboro is thinking with everyone in mind (inclusive).

Next steps:

- Next meeting late October - 1st Week of November
 - Still waiting for some participants to respond so that we can schedule it
- Review findings and FG
 - Provide findings of the survey summary
 - CELs will be setting this up
- Community open house - Date to come!
 - November
 - Location TBA: Possibly Hidden Creek Community Center

Comments from the participants:

- **Marco:** I will check my emails regularly so I can be at the next available meeting. Thanks for all the hard work you're doing for the community!

Questions from Ping:

- **If the city wants to present the maps, will it make sense to community members to see what the City is trying to do?**
 - 6 yes (unanimous yes from all participants that responded)
- **Is the content from this presentation easy to digest? Should it be simplified?**
 - **Krishna:** Simplify more
 - **Yasameen:** Good
 - **Calin:** Current format might be a bit too complex for some
 - **Marco:** It's a lot of information but it makes sense
 - **Diane:** I think it was good with commentary
 - **Trang:** visual is key so if you can make the map a little bit more simple and then adding legends will also help
- **Was this information useful?**
 - Unanimous yes from all participants that responded