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CITY OF BEAVERTON ANNOUNCES VISIONING PARTNERS OF THE YEAR

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton’s Visioning Advisory Committee (VAC) announced last week the winners of the 2016 Visioning Partner of the Year award. For the first time, two winners were chosen: the Beaverton Downtown Association (BDA) and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD). The winners were announced at a meeting of all Beaverton Community Vision partners on April 14.

“The VAC had a tough time deciding on any one partner to recognize this year,” said Jaann Hoisington, VAC chair. “We appreciate all of the contributions our partners make, so having two great partners stand out and champion the community’s vision was a good problem to have.”

The BDA was chosen because of its efforts to revitalize Beaverton’s downtown, including pedestrian-friendly street improvements and updated signs. The BDA was recently recognized with a “Transforming Downtown” designation by the Oregon Main Street Program. The group has future plans including street festivals and a host of other activities to highlight the art, food, and ethnic cultural offerings in downtown Beaverton.

THPRD received the award because of its outreach work with diverse populations, as well as providing social support through use of its facilities as cooling shelters during last summer’s heat wave and delivering meals to disadvantaged youth in the THPRD Rec Mobile. THPRD has also worked extensively to extend Beaverton’s local trail network, including new connections on the westside trail. They work hard to make sure everyone has the chance to stay fit, including an adaptive recreation program, inclusive plan projects, and a new fit station at Elsie Stuhr Center.

For more information, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Visioning or contact Jahmai Cherry at 503-526-2432 or jcherry@BeavertonOregon.gov.

ABOUT BEAVERTON COMMUNITY VISION

The Beaverton Community Vision is an award-winning citywide project to determine what kind of community Beaverton residents want in the future. Thousands of citizens shared their ideas for Beaverton. From those ideas, the city developed an action plan to guide the community’s future decisions for decades to come. An updated Beaverton Community Vision action plan was adopted by the Beaverton City Council in February 2016.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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Caption 1: THPRD was one of two recipients for the City of Beaverton's 2016 Visioning Partner of the Year award, announced at a recent Beaverton Community Vision partner meeting. Pictured: (left to right) Jerry Jones, THPRD board secretary; Jaann Hoisington, Visioning Advisory Committee chair; and Doug Menke, THPRD general manager. *(Photo/City of Beaverton)*

Caption 2: The Beaverton Downtown Association was one of two recipients for the City of Beaverton's 2016 Visioning Partner of the Year award. The BDA was honored for its efforts to revitalize downtown, including pedestrian-friendly improvements on SW Broadway Street. Pictured: City staff and BDA representatives gather with community members to celebrate new signs installed on the Rossi Building on Broadway in June 2015. *(Photo/City of Beaverton)*