



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

**Date: December 20, 2023**  
**Time: 6:30 pm**  
**Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)**

## **In Attendance**

Committee Members: Margaret Hite, Shirley Hoffmann (secretary), , Erik Lehr (chair), Tina Ricks

Absent: Carla Fennell, Heather AbuSneineh, Carl Nelson, Brittany Leffel, Vidyanand Kulkarni

Board Liaison: Barbie Minor

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails Manager  
Tim Bonnin, Development Supervisor

Guests: None

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed. Marty moved to approve the minutes, Tina seconded. The November 2023 minutes were approved as written.

## **III. New Business**

Thanks and kudos to outgoing NTAC Committee members Shirley Hoffmann, Brittany Leffel and Carla Fennell. Erik will continue two more years on the NTAC with Carl taking the chair position for 2024 with Tina as secretary for 2024.

Tim Bonnin, THPRD's development supervisor presented two alternatives for a new Greenway Park trail project (the north loop trail from the main Fanno Creek Trail, near the Fanno Farmhouse). The existing trail floods regularly in this area with heavy rain and beaver activity. The loop trail would provide a dry alternative route under normal rainy conditions. After an engineering study and survey, two alignments are proposed. Alignment A, (cost \$995,000) would include a 50 foot bridge and boardwalk on higher ground along the existing trail alignment. Alignment B (cost \$1,645,000) would be longer and include a bridge and boardwalk. It would run further north towards Koll Wetlands where there is significant bird activity. This lake currently does not have public access. Key NTAC questions related to flooding, wildlife disturbance and maintenance costs. The NTAC supported Alignment B despite the greater cost as it provides unobtrusive public access to lake wildlife. The current direct route on the Fanno Creek Trail will be maintained.

## **IV. Old Business**

The NTAC continued discussion on trail gap selection for a grant proposal and selected the top five gaps based on their importance and feasibility.

1. Ridgewood Park gap at Hwy 26 and Sunset Transit Center
2. Rock Creek Trail at Rock Creek Pkwy and Hillsboro Parks and Rec Trail
3. Westside Trail at Scholls Ferry gap
4. Westside Trail at TV Hwy and Millikan
5. Waterhouse Trail at Hwy 26 and Bronson

A grant proposal application with estimated costs is the next step of the grant process. It may be possible to fund signage for more than one trail gap. In addition, THPRD can use the NTAC prioritization of trail gap signage issues as they maintain and improve the trails outside of the grant application process.

Tina agreed to draft a proposal for the grant and in early January the subcommittee of the NTAC (Carl, Tina, Marty, Erik and Shirley) will review and finalize it for presentation to the combined THPRD Advisory Committees at the January 17 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**V. Next Meeting will be held on**

January 17, 2024 with the joint Advisory Committees meeting at 6:00 pm and the NTAC meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Hoffmann

Recording Secretary