



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Trails Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: January 18, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Elsie Stuhr Center

5550 SW Hall Boulevard, Beaverton, Oregon

In Attendance

Committee Members:

Chair Wendy Kroger, Vice Chair Tom Hjort, Susan Hanson, Jim Parsons, Barb Sonniksen, Mary O'Donnell, John Gruher, Richard Walker (City of Beaverton)

Members Absent:

Kevin Apperson, Joe Barcott, Robert Spurlock (Metro)

Ex-Officio Members:

Don Gustafson (City of Beaverton), Joy Chang (Washington County)

Staff:

Steve Gulgren, Hal Bergsma

Guests:

Blair Crumpaker (Washington County Senior Planner), Priscilla Christenson (Friends of Johnson Creek)

I. Call to Order

Chair Wendy Kroger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Everyone present introduced themselves.

III. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Tom moved for approval and John seconded.

IV. Announcements

Steve suggested that the TAC's Challenge Grant Fund be placed on next month's agenda. He also asked for confirmation that the TAC had no additional comments received on the District's Naming Policy.

V. Washington County Long Range Transportation Plan Update

- Senior Transportation Planner Blair Crumpaker explained that no work plan has been developed yet for 2035, but he reviewed the typical planning process from the past. It always involves citizen input with at least 15-16 Open Houses.
- Wendy asked if other forms of transportation besides automotive were considered in the plan. Blair responded that several different models are created that include transit, bike and pedestrian usage. He also expressed a concern about the project's cost and with more transportation needs; the planners also focus on system management such, as the yellow blinking lights for left turns.
- Wendy also asked about Washington County's willingness to answer questions and concerns from citizens. Jim also asked for more publicity about upcoming meetings. Blair answered that they use websites and were also starting to use Facebook and Twitter to increase public awareness. Blair also described incorporating city planners, THPRD, and Metro in the planning process. Wendy also asked about unfinished projects from the last plan and Blair said they were reviewed to see if they would work or needed to be included necessary in the new plan.
- Blair also stated that the work scope is dependent on the project funding.

VI. 2011 Plan of Action and Calendar Approval

Tom moved for approval and John seconded. Passed unanimously.

VII. Benchmarks

With Kevin's absence the discussion will be postponed until later.

VIII. Westside Regional Trail Master Plan (Metro)

Steve said comments were sent by THPRD and Joy said Washington County comments were sent January 13. Hal added that ODOT also sent comments.

IX. Beaverton Civic Plan Open House (January 31 and February 1)

Wendy encouraged attendance by members of the Trails Advisory Committee.

X. Updates

- Metro: No representative present
- Washington County: Joy reported that the mid block crossing policy is in place and was approved by 4 of the 5 Commissioners. The policy applies to all of Washington County,
- BSD: Wendy reported THPRD and the schools are working together to support grants for Safe Routes to School.
- COB: Richard said the finishing touches are being put on the Beaverton Bike Map and should be available in March. They are also developing a Plan of Action for their organization. They also plan to join Beaverton in the City's parade in early September.

XII. Staff Update on Trail Projects

- Acquisition is almost complete for the last piece of property for the Fanno Creek Trail and construction should start this summer.
- Westside Trail continues to progress with Land Use and staff continues to work with Clean Water Services.
- ODOT rail is complicating the mid block crossing for the Waterhouse Trail near Merlo Station and the Nature Park.
- Consultant has been selected for the Fanno Creek Trail/ Hall Boulevard using MTIP funds. IGA approval should be completed in April.
- RTP Grant Application has been submitted again for Cedar Mill Park/Brady/107th with letters of support from neighbors and the school.
- Kaiser Woods Road to Kaiser Ridge Park has a \$2.4 million grant and is waiting to move ahead.
- Bruce is using the Regional Travel Options Grant (\$60,000) for Trail Signage and will be incorporating it with the Signage Implementation Plan.

XIII. Other

- Wendy asked about the map holders for the kiosks and if any were in place. Steve said he'd check with Maintenance.
- Priscilla reminded THPRD that Beaverton had already approved funding for a better crossing on the Westside Trail at 160th and Hart Road. She also stated that reviewing the Lowami Hart Woods Master Plan was important. Some concerns have arisen that the trail should be located further away from the stream.

XIV. Next Meeting will be held on February 15, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Sonniksen
Recording Secretary