



## Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Trails Advisory Committee Meeting  
Date: February 15, 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, Recording Secretary Joe Barcott, Susan Hanson, Mary O'Donnell, Jim Parsons, Brian Walker (Beaverton Bicycle Advisory Council)

Members Absent: Kevin Apperson, Barb Sonniksen, John Gruher

Ex-Officio Members: Margaret Middleton (City of Beaverton), Joy Chang (Washington County), Robert Spurlock (Metro)

Staff: Steve Gulgren

Guests: Rocky Houston (State Trails Coordinator), 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

Mary moved for approval of the January minutes; Susan seconded. After all expressed appreciation to Barb for having prepared the minutes in Joe's absence - unanimous vote to approve.

### IV. Announcements

Steve announced (1) the preparation and installation of way-finding signs for the Westside Regional Trail at two locations: Blanton Street and Millikan/TV Highway intersection; and (2) the Committee is scheduled to make its annual presentation to the Board on April 4, 2011. Presentation should take about five minutes and will probably be done by Wendy.

Jim announced (1) the death of Michael Brett Lewis on February 12 as he was riding a bicycle on TV Highway, and that there will be a vigil at the crash site on February 18; and (2) he has nominated the Committee for an Alice B. Toeclips Award (BTA Alice Awards & Auction April 23, 2011).

Wendy announced that the annual spring bicycle ride---Ride Into Spring---will be Saturday, May 14, and will probably be on the Fanno Creek Trail.

Priscilla (1) asked if we could publish our agenda online prior to meetings, and (2) noted that her group supports re-categorizing Lowami Hart Woods Park as a natural area and hopes the trail in the park can be re-classified from a community trail to a neighborhood trail.

### V. Rocky Houston (State Trails Coordinator)

Rocky circulated the state Trail Action Plan 2005-2014, and gave an overview of the state's Designated Trail Program, which resulted from the 1971 Trails Act (ORS 390.950-900). There are currently only about 6 or 7 designated trails, but the state hopes to double that number within the next few years. There are Scenic Trails (e.g., Oregon Coast Trail) and Regional Trails (e.g., 40 Mile Loop). The program is primarily a promotional program that affords the following benefits:

1. Signage on the trail
2. Marketing of the trail (state's web site)
3. A certain amount of trail protection ("Goal 5" protection) such as from property development
4. A preference (points) on funding applications.

There is a 2-page application form necessary to apply for state trail designation. The application period is October 1-November 30 of each year.

**VI. Election of Officers**

By unanimous vote the current officers were re-elected to another one year term (Wendy-Chair, Tom-Vice Chair, Joe-Recording Secretary). Steve reviewed the terms of all Committee members, noting that some members' terms expire in February 2012, and some in February 2013.

**VII. Benchmarks for trails.** Kevin is absent so no report.

**VIII. Westside Regional Trail Master Plan Committee Report**

Joe reported that there has been no recent committee activity. Robert noted that an RFP for consultants will be issued soon, and that the scope of the project is being finalized with ODOT.

**IX. Beaverton Civic Plan Report** (meeting was either January 31 or February 1)

Brian attended this meeting and reported that livability is a major theme of the plan; as is developing an active transportation plan. The plan will be presented to the City Council on March 1. Margaret encouraged everyone to examine the City's web site for detail on the plan and especially to view the new video posted there which emphasizes "where we are going as a city."

**X. Partner Jurisdiction Updates**

1. Metro (Robert). Phase 1 of The Intertwine signage project is ready. Robert circulated two different signs for examination. These are not directional, way-finding signs, but are for branding purposes only. Susan inquired about the objective of The Intertwine in general, and why the Committee should care about this branding. Robert explained that in addition to branding for an entire system of trails and parks, being part of The Intertwine network will condense a substantial amount of information about our trails in one place – on The Intertwine web site – and will provide information on how our trails mesh with parks and trails of other jurisdictions. He also mentioned that such branding should create intrigue in the public's imagination, which is a positive element for funding requests.

Robert announced that Phase 2 of the signage project, which is just getting underway, will focus on way-finding/directional signs.

2. Washington County (Joy). Update on the North Bethany project. There will be a presentation to the County Board on March 1. The final key element of the site being considered an "urban designation" should then be in place, and developers can begin developing.
3. City of Beaverton (Margaret). The Civic Plan is currently the City's primary focus.
4. Beaverton School District. No representative present.
5. Beaverton Bicycle Advisory Committee (Brian). The Committee now has an Action Plan which emphasizes trail facilities, and will be presented to the City Council on March 1. Brian notes that the City's bike map is complete and will be adopted by the Bicycle Committee. The Bike Beaverton festival will be Saturday, August 27 and will be in conjunction with the Beaverton Festival.

**XI. Committee Challenge Grant Fund**

As every year, our \$5,000 Challenge Grant funds must be spent by June 30, and Steve asked how we want to spend it this year. As in previous years the Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of kiosks, maps, and benches. Toilets, trail counters, and drinking fountains were also mentioned and discussed. Jim noted that a section of the Fanno Creek Trail floods whenever there is a lot of rain and asked about fixing that problem (build drains, or raise the trail). It was agreed that this is a maintenance issue and that we should not have to spend Challenge Grant funds for a maintenance problem. Susan expressed hope that in the long run, when the need for kiosks and maps is satisfied, we might be able to get some artwork and sculptures placed along trails. The Committee will consider how to spend the \$5,000 over the next couple of meetings in order to meet the June 30 deadline.

**XII. Staff Project Update**

1. Fanno Creek Trail. At the Board's March meeting staff will be asking for authorization to solicit construction bids for the project; and that more funding will be requested for the project through the fiscal year 2011/12 budget process.
2. Bond Measure Trails. Nothing to report.
3. OBP Grant-Waterhouse Trail/Walker Road Midblock Crossing Grant. Project should be started by this summer.
4. MTIP Grant: Fanno Creek Trail/Hall Boulevard Crossing Feasibility Study. Staff met with ODOT a week or so ago. IGA approval (THPRD, ODOT, and City of Beaverton) expected in April for Board approval.
5. MTIP Grant: Westside Trail Segment 18. At the recent meeting, ODOT knew very little about this project which could delay the projects start up.
6. TE Grant: Westside Trail Segment 14. No progress on this project.
7. RTP Grant Application: Cedar Mill Park Trail. Presentation will be given March 8-10.

**XIV. Next Meeting will be held on March 15, 2011.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Barcott  
Recording Secretary