



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

### **Trails Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date: September 20, 2011**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Elsie Stuhr Center**

**5550 SW Hall Boulevard, Beaverton, Oregon**

### **In Attendance**

Committee Members:

Chair Wendy Kroger, Recording Secretary Joe Barcott, Barb Sonniksen, Susan Hanson, John Gruher, Jim Parsons

Ex-Officio Members:

Margaret Middleton (City of Beaverton), Joy Chang (Washington County), Robert Spurlock (Metro)

Staff:

Gery Keck

Absent:

Vice Chair Tom Hjort, Mary O'Donnell, Kevin Apperson

Guests:

Robert "Bob" Vanderbeck (applicant for committee membership), Don Nearhood (community member), Tom Waldron (community member)

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Wendy Kroger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcoming all present.

### **II. Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Everyone present introduced themselves.

### **III. Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

There was no Committee meeting in July or August. John moved for approval of the June minutes; Barb seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

### **IV. Announcements**

Wendy summarized the status of the Fanno Creek Trail Hall Boulevard crossing study. A Stakeholders Advisory Committee is currently meeting and conducting public open houses, and making presentations to local organizations and committees; to obtain feedback and comment. The options being considered for crossing Hall Boulevard are (1) a midblock surface crossing with a pedestrian activated Hawk signal light, (2) an underpass, (3) an overpass (two different designs are under consideration), (4) directing users to Creekside to cross, and (5) directing users to Greenway. Upon conclusion of the public open houses the committee will make a recommendation of its preferred option, and an alternate.

Robert noted that Metro's next Quarterly Trails Forum will be October 26 at Metro.

Joe announced that this coming Saturday (September 24) there will be a grand opening ceremony of the re-built Eichler Park bicycle skills course, developed by THPRD and Northwest Trail Alliance.

Joe also announced that he would no longer serve as Recording Secretary upon expiration of his current term in February 2012, and asked other Committee members to consider volunteering for the position.

John reported on data obtained from the September trail counts. When it's all formally compiled it will be on the website.

Jim announced the Beaverton bike and ride events that will take place September 27.

**V. Candidate for Committee Membership – Robert Vanderbeck**

Robert summarized his background and reasons for applying for membership. John asked about how many vacancies there are on the Committee. Wendy explained that the bylaws provide for several more members. MOTION: Joe moved that the Committee recommend to the Board that Bob be appointed to the Committee. Jim seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion. The Board might not consider the recommendation until its November meeting, but Wendy encouraged Bob to attend all Committee meetings pending formal Board action.

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

Joe reported that the committee has had no formal meetings, but that Metro has retained Parametrix as the project consultant; and that the Multnomah County Bike/Pedestrian Committee has appointed Andrew Holtz as its representative to the committee. Robert summarized and reviewed the purpose of the Master Plan Committee (to recommend alignments for all sections not currently built) noting that it would probably be meeting and making presentations to the public and other organizations through summer 2013.

**VII. Partner Jurisdiction Updates**

Metro. Robert explains the Intertwine, discusses its Trail Signage Plan, and circulates the Intertwine Signage Manual and Signage Plan. A stakeholder committee has been formed to develop signage. Bruce Barbarasch is the THPRD representative on the committee. Branding is the current focus of the Intertwine: to develop common trail signs throughout the metro area. Landscape architecture firm Mayer/Reed has been retained as a consultant to develop standardized wayfinding signs. Metro plans to have a demonstration project on a trail somewhere in the system, but hasn't yet selected a trail.

Washington County. The North Bethany project is Joy's primary focus. She distributes a map showing proposed trail alignments. The Committee expresses concern about the proposed trail/buffer plan on the east side of the project. Wendy proposes writing a letter to the Washington County Commissioners, on behalf of the Committee, expressing the concerns. The Committee discusses the issue and agrees that Wendy should write a letter.

City of Beaverton. Margaret reports that the Crescent project (now called the "Beaverton Crescent Connection") was not selected to compete for federal funds.

The Civic Plan is on the city's website. An "urban renewal plan," determining the role trails will have in the urban renewal process, is being developed.

**VIII. Staff Update on Trail Projects**

Gery distributed (1) copies of a current District Ethics Update, and (2) photographs of signs. He noted that the new section of the Fanno Creek Trail will be ready for the Committee to examine in October, commented on the Hall Boulevard crossing, and reported that DEA has been retained as a consultant for Segment 18 of the Westside Regional Trail.

Five kiosks will be placed around the District in the near future. Two are ready to be placed now, and another three will be ready soon. The Committee agreed it would be premature to place kiosks at Lowami Hart Woods before that project is complete; and that one placed to assist users negotiate the new section of the Fanno Creek Trail is immediately appropriate. Gery reported that construction on Rock Creek/North Bethany should begin next summer (2012); the Westside Regional Trail project is moving forward; the Walker Road crossing of the WRT is being worked on; and the Board discussed Lowami Hart Woods at its September meeting and decided the main trail should be six feet wide rather than eight, and approved option A for the parking lot.

**IX. Next Meeting will be held on October 18.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Barcott  
Recording Secretary