



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Trails Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: May 15, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Sequoia Room, Fanno Creek Service Center, Beaverton, Oregon

In Attendance

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| Committee Members: | Chair Tom Hjort, Recording Secretary; Bernadette Le; Mary O'Donnell; Barbara Sonniksen; Jim Parsons |
| Ex-Officio Committee Members Present: | Joy Chang (Washington County); Margaret Middleton (City of Beaverton and the Beaverton Bicycle Committee); Barbara Chapnick (Beaverton Bicycle Advisory) |
| Staff: | Steve Gulgren |
| Visitors: | Shelley Oylear (Washington County Bike Pedestrian Coordinator); Robert Lyman (THPRD resident); Calin Gherghe (North Bethany Resident); Kevin O'Donnell (CPO7) |
| Absent: | Kevin Apperson, Vice Chair; John Gruher; Joe Barcott |

I. Call to Order

Chair Tom Hjort called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Everyone present introduced themselves.

III. Approval of April Meeting Minutes and Volunteer Hours for April

The TAC reviewed the April meeting minutes and discussed some minor edits. MOTION made (Mary) and seconded (Barbara) for approval of April meeting minutes with the edits proposed by Tom and Mary. Unanimous vote to approve. Jim Parsons abstained from voting as he was not present at the April meeting. Steve passed the volunteer hours sheet around and each member recorded their April hours.

IV. Announcements

Steve provided a card from the Maintenance Department thanking the TAC for the Challenge Grant funds they used to purchase the Tasmanian Slasher (mower attachment).

The community has expressed some concerns regarding the proposed trail and connectivity for the Bluffs Park project. A public meeting will be held Thursday, May 17th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Cedar Mills Library to discuss the concerns.

THPRD is working on an update to the District Comprehensive Plan. Steve distributed a timeline for this update. In the past THPRD used the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards. Since THPRD's last update, NRPA has moved away from national standards to a more GIS based analysis. The District is considering hiring a consultant to do the GIS analysis which would push the timeline back six months but will be more in depth than applying the previous national standards.

Stakeholder and public meetings will be held regarding the Fanno Creek Trail Hall Boulevard Crossing on Tuesday, June 22nd. The stakeholder meeting will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and the public meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Elsie Stuhr Center. The group is now looking at a mid-block crossing.

The TAC was notified that although THPRD applied for the BTA Alice Award, we did not receive the award.

Jim also announced that he will be moving to Sherwood next month. He will submit a letter of resignation from the TAC to Tom.

V. Update Bicycle Tool Kit & Other Washington County Projects

Shelley brought copies of the Draft Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit for the Committee members. They are still discussing when this document will be finalized and what project it may be rolled into for approval. Shelley will continue to work on signage standards, such as type of destinations that should be on the signs, size, etc. They will be looking at ways to combine their standards with the Intertwine signage in locations where they will both be present. Comments regarding the toolkit can be submitted at WashingtonCountyBikeandPed.com. All of the Washington County bicycle and pedestrian information will be housed on this webpage.

Shelley also distributed information regarding existing and planned mid-block crossings, the design for the intersection of the Rock Creek Trail and Evergreen Boulevard, and a case study in Bend, Oregon, that showed increased yield rate at Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons. The design for the intersection of the Rock Creek Trail and Evergreen Boulevard includes installing ramps from bike lanes to trails. The goal for this design is to encourage bikers to use the trails as a transportation facility more than just a recreational facility.

The county is also working on a Health Impact Assessment, an access way mapping project, and is using the MSTIP 3d Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements discussion to develop a short list of bike/ped projects to potentially move forward with at some point in the future. They are mailing out 50,000 postcards to county residents asking people to take a survey online for the Health Impact Assessment. The information collected may affect policy or project design. The goal for the access way mapping project is to gain a more complete image of the network. The County will be using GIS, looking at plats, and conducting field work. The Committee provided some recommendations for how this information could be collected more efficiently. Within Beaverton, the access ways have been mapped (Beaverton Comp Plan Chapter 6). The Bike Beaverton Map also has all of the access ways within Beaverton and in the surrounding areas. CPO1 has mapped the access ways using Google Maps. Kevin Sutherland (Beaverton School District) has identified some and Shelley said she has talked to him. Shelley said that although some of this information could be gathered from other sources, they will have to do some of the document research as the access ways are not visible on the ground.

ODOT Transportation Enhancement (federal funding) and Bike/Ped Grants application Notice of Intent is due in June 6. County employees met yesterday to discuss a list of projects to send to the State. They are looking at shovel ready projects or existing federally funded projects to enhance beyond standards.

VI. Open House, Rock Creek Trail Crossing @ Evergreen Parkway

Kevin O'Donnell attended this meeting. Although it was well publicized, there was poor attendance. He felt that the lack of public interest indicates lack of concern regarding the project. He also stated that he uses the trail and is really looking forward to this crossing but that he is concerned about the trail flooding at the northern portion. He had heard that it could not be corrected because of environmental issues. Shelley stated that she has spoken to Hillsboro Parks recently and they are discussing ways to minimize flooding so that it is usable year-round.

VII. Metro Trails Fair, Report

Tom and Steve attended the Metro Trails Fair. Approximately 12-18 agencies or specific trail groups were represented at the fair. Tom found the fair very valuable as he was able to talk to many people about the trails they were representing and the connections between those trails and THPRD trails.

VIII. Upper Fanno Creek Trail Improvements Update

The Board of Directors reviewed the Upper Fanno Creek trail improvements at the May 7th meeting. The working group submitted their vision statement to the Board. Staff agreed to the vision statement with two exceptions. They did not agree with the desire for vegetated shoulders and no utility easements. Board accepted staff's report. This means that the vision statement was approved but gravel shoulders will be phased in with time and the utility easements will be dealt with as issues arise. The working group included a statement about money needed for projects along this portion of the trail. Steve stated that he was unsure about how the working group wanted to move forward and Tom stated that they probably need additional counseling by staff about how to move forward. They are aware that they need to return to the TAC to propose any redirection of BES funding, as stated in the March meeting.

IX. Westside Regional Trail Master Plan Committee Report

The committee met on April 26th. At the meeting they discussed the existing conditions report and took time to discuss maps regarding each segment of the trail.

The committee is continuing to discuss methods to outreach to the diverse community along the proposed trail. The next committee meeting will be on September 13th.

Two public meetings will be held at the end of May to discuss the future trail with the public. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, May 30 at Stoller Middle School cafeteria (14141 NW Laidlaw Road, Portland) and the second will be held on Thursday, May 31 at Deer Creek Elementary School cafeteria (16155 SW 131st Ave, Tigard). Both meetings will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a presentation at 6:30 p.m. They are asking people to attend that live in homes that back up onto a trail and support trails.

More information on the project can be found at oregonmetro.gov/westsidetrail.

X. Update: 2012 Committee Calendar

A speaker has been lined up for the June meeting. Steve has also arranged for a THPRD staff member to come talk about the Westside/Waterhouse Trail connection.

Mary has volunteered to coordinate the picnic. It will be held at Camp Rivendale in July.

Steve proposed conducting a field trip for the August meeting.

We have two tentative speakers for the September - October meetings: Allen Schmidt (Red Electric) and a representative for the Tonquin Trail.

XI. Staff Update on Trails Projects

A. Bond Measure Trails Update

- i. **Westside Trail** – Bids are due May 16th. 8-10 contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Staff will bring the project to the Board at the June 4th meeting for construction bid approval. The goal is to begin construction late June/early July.
- ii. **Waterhouse Trail** – Some issues have arisen with this project. Staff hopes to get this project out to bid this fall but it is looking like it will slip to spring 2013.
- iii. **Rock Creek** – Segment 2 & 5 bids are due May 22nd. The goal is to get Board approval at the June 18th meeting.

B. MTIP Funding

- i. **Fanno Creek Trail/Hall Boulevard Feasibility Study** – See Announcements section above.
- ii. **Westside Trail Segment #18** – The consultants are still gathering background information for this project. The planning phase will take 2-3 years.

XII. Partner Jurisdiction Updates

A. Washington County –

- i. **Transportation Systems Plan** – Interagency Coordination Committee will meet on May 31st and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet on June 4th. The CAC will meet at the Beaverton Resource Center.
- ii. **Bike/ped prioritization project** – The survey for this project is still open and online until the end of the month.
- iii. **North Bethany** – There were two hearings for the project on May 15th. Another hearing is scheduled June 5th. The goal is to have the new ordinances adopted on June 26th and effective on July 26th.

B. Beaverton Bicycle Advisory Committee – The BBAC has been working this year to become more connected with similar committees in neighboring jurisdictions. The committee discussed a new bicycle advisory committee (City of Hillsboro Bicycle Advisory Committee) and bicycle events (an event in Tigard on May 19th and the Wilsonville trailways day). They also reminded the TAC about the Bike Beaverton Day (Sunday, September 9th).

C. City of Beaverton – The Beaverton Community Vision Action Plan (adopted February 2012) is now available on their website.

D. Beaverton School District – No report because no representative present.

E. Metro – No report because no representative present.

XIII. Open Discussion

Barbara Chapnick works at a building that abuts the new segment of the Fanno Creek Trail. She has observed many people walking around the area without not knowing about the trail. She asked if THPRD has an intention to advertise the new Fanno Creek Trail to businesses along the trail and have they considered new entrances for the businesses. Steve asked Barbara to send him information about what she has seen and he will forward it onto the communications department.

VII. Next Meeting will be held on June 19, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Fanno Creek Service Center.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Le
Recording Secretary