



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Trails Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: September 18, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fanno Creek Service Center
6220 SW 112th Avenue; Beaverton, Oregon

In Attendance

Committee Members:

Chair Tom Hjort, Vice Chair John Gruher, Acting Recording Secretary Joe Barcott, Kevin O'Donnell, Jim Parsons, Richard Walker (City of Beaverton BAC)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Joy Chang

THPRD Staff Present:

Steve Gulgren, Bruce Barbarasch, Dave Walters

Committee Members Absent:

Bernadette Le, Kevin Apperson, Mary O'Donnell, Margaret Middleton, Robert Spurlock, Mel Huie

Guests:

Nathalie Darcy, Calin Gherghe, Carolyn McCormick

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Everyone present introduced themselves.

III. Approval of July Meeting Minutes (there was no meeting in August):

John moved for approval of the July minutes, Tom seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

IV. Announcements

Steve announced that Kevin O'Donnell has been approved as a new member; and that the Committee's annual presentation to the Board is scheduled for the March 4, 2013 Board meeting.

V. Program - Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway presented by Washington County Visitors Association President Carolyn McCormick

Carolyn distributed a packet of materials including maps and brochures which describe the currently planned and officially recommended Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway connecting Rood Bridge Park, and the Banks-to-Vernonia trailhead in the town of Banks. Public meetings on the proposed route are scheduled for October 24 (Forest Grove Town Hall) and October 25 (Hillsboro Library). Carolyn hopes for completion of the bikeway before the end of 2013.

VI. Roger Tilbury Memorial Park Master Plan

Because of their connectivity to other District trails, Dave Walters presented the park's master plan with various proposed trail route options. Issues are wetlands, a Christmas tree farm, and steep slopes. The goal is to provide some "nature play" environments along with some traditional play equipment.

VII. Upper Fanno Creek Trail Signage & SW 90th Crossing

Bruce reported the County is requiring that for the crosswalk painting we must obtain stamped engineer drawings and that the cost is approximately \$5,000, which amount would be in addition to the \$2,000 cost to complete the crosswalk. Nathalie said she would attempt to find an engineer who would do the drawings pro bono. The Committee agreed to discuss the matter further, at the October meeting, after Nathalie

reports on her attempt to get them prepared free of cost. Nathalie also discussed content, shape, and cost of additional trail signage for that portion of the trail between SW 90th and the Garden Home Center.

VIII. Ellen Makowski Application for Committee Membership

John expressed his desire to meet Ellen before recommending her for Committee membership and made a **MOTION** that she be invited to attend the October meeting. Kevin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Steve agreed to extend the invitation to Ellen.

IX. Topics for Winter/Spring Activities Guide

John is preparing a submission on behalf of the Committee and sought suggestions for inclusion. Numerous suggestions were given.

X. Westside Regional Trail Master Plan Committee Report

Joe reported on the September 13, 2012 committee meeting noting that the meeting's focus was to examine those sections of the trail's proposed future alignments that have inherent issues and/or problems. He also noted there will be open house outreach events October 29 and 30.

XI. Update Trail Projects

Steve provided an update of status of the Bond Measure projects (Westside Trail, Waterhouse Trail, and Rock Creek Trail) and MTIP funding projects (Fanno Creek Trail/Hall Boulevard crossing feasibility study, and Westside Trail Segment #18).

XII. Next Meeting will be held on October 16 and will probably be at a trail construction site.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Barcott
Acting Recording Secretary