

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: July 20, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Elsie Stuhr Center
5550 SW Hall Blvd.; Beaverton, Oregon

Committee Members Present: Chair Wendy Kroger, Joe Barcott, Mary O'Donnell, Susan Hanson, Richard Walker (BAC),

Ex-Officio Members Present: Joy Chang (Washington County), Robert Spurlock (Metro)

THPRD Staff Present: Steve Gulgren

Absent: Kevin Apperson, Tom Hjort, Barb Sonniksen, Kris Schamp

Guests: Patty Freeman (THPRD); Jim Parsons

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 June Meeting Minutes

Susan moved for approval of the June meeting minutes; Mary seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

IV. Announcements

1. On August 16, 2010, the Beaverton City Council will conduct a public discussion (no public testimony taken) on the issue of Lombard Street bike lanes, and will probably vote on the issue.

2. Kris Schamp has indicated he will probably be submitting his resignation from the committee, Wendy will contact him to confirm his intentions.

3. Jim Parsons has obtained an application for a position on the committee.

4. THPRD's requests for various grants – including the Connect Oregon III Grant for Segment 4 of the Waterhouse Trail - has been denied. The Connect Oregon III Grant is designed more for freight and air projects than trail projects. Steve noted that THPRD has not received a significant grant since the bond measure passed.

5. Richard Walker reminded the committee of the Third Annual Bike Beaverton Festival being held August 1, and circulated a festival flyer.

6. Wendy announced that Susan and Mary have agreed to serve as co-chairs for coordination of the September Regional Trail counts (September 14-19).

7. Robert Spurlock has substituted for Mel Huie as Project Manager of the Westside Trail Master Plan Committee. He noted that a draft scope of work has been completed and he would provide that to Steve. There was a discussion of the status of the project and an acknowledgment that it was behind

the originally anticipated schedule.

V. Program

A. Patty Freeman gave a presentation on the status and prospects for three trail segments: (1) Rock Creek Trail in the vicinity of West Union and 185th, (2) Rock Creek Trail in the vicinity of Kaiser Woods Park, and (3) North Bethany Trail south of the PCC Rock Creek Campus, across Springville Road. She shared with the committee maps and diagrams of all three trail sections.

1. Where the Rock Creek Trail meets 185th, the plan is to route the trail directly across 185th from Bethany Lake Park. This section of trail is less than half a mile. The crossing of 185th will ultimately be a fully signalized mid-block crossing; the crossing of West Union will be simpler because traffic volume is less. This section of trail will traverse Allenbach Acres Park and the intent is to route the trail on the edges of the park so as to preserve as much of the park for other future uses as possible. The trail will be 25-30 feet away from residential property boundaries. West of 185th, the existing trail will be re-routed farther south of the lake than it currently is.

2. Rock Creek Trail near Kaiser Woods Park. Paving a gap (with a 10' paved trail) in the Rock Creek Regional Trail where there is currently a soft surface section. The alignment will follow the current soft surface trail.

3. North Bethany Trail. This is a segment of trail extending south of Springville Road intended to connect the PCC Rock Creek Campus with the Rock Creek Trail. Currently there is a spur off the Rock Creek Trail that ends at Reindeer Road. It will be eight feet wide and paved. No trail crossing of Springville Road is currently planned because Springville Road is expected to be undergoing a major revision in the near future (Washington County project). Everything possible will be done to emphasize to Washington County our need for finishing trail connections.

These trail segments will be presented to the THPRD board for Master Plan Approval on September 13, 2010.

B. At 8:00 p.m. the committee traveled by THPRD van to examine two locations of the Westside Regional Trail: (1) the very southern end of the district's portion of the trail at Barrows Road near Barrows Park Trail, and (2) a potential mid-block crossing of Scholls Ferry Road at the south end of Murrayhill Powerline Park. Maps of the two areas, prepared by David Evans & Associates, were distributed to the committee.

At the Barrows Road location, the committee examined, considered, and discussed possible trail alignments, grades, terrain; and the need for a bridge over the wetland area north of Barrows Road, analyzing how the powerlines will hinder bridge construction.

At the Scholls Ferry location, the committee examined and discussed the possibility of a Scholls Ferry mid-block crossing between Murray Blvd. and Teal Blvd. Different alignments were analyzed and the fact that the wetlands south of Scholls Ferry will require mitigation and permits. Also, traffic lights at the intersections of Scholls Ferry and both Murray and Teal, approximately 150 yards east (Murray) and 150 yards west (Teal) from where the mid-block crossing would be, where trail users could cross Scholls Ferry, will be an important consideration for the design and construction of a mid-block crossing.

The committee returned to the Elsie Stuhr Center at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 17, 2010 at Fanno Farm House from which, after a short business meeting, the committee will walk to examine (1) Lee's newly installed memorial bench, and (2) other locations along the Fanno Creek Trail.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Barcott
Recording Secretary