



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

**Nature & Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC) meeting**

**Date: 7/18/2017**

**Time: 7:55 p.m.**

**Location: Fanno Creek Service Center**

### **In Attendance**

Committee Members: John Ratliff (Chair), Bernadette Le, Laura Porter, Cory Samia, Gerri Scheerens, Jack Shorr, Matthew Shepherd, Mitch Cruzan, Sam Scheerens

Absent: None

Board liaison: None

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch (Superintendent of Natural Resources)

Guests: None

### **Ia. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m.

### **Ib. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the June 2017 meeting were presented to the committee.

Move to accept was proposed by Jack and seconded by Laura.

Sam pointed out a typographical error. Under View from Bruce's desk, 158<sup>th</sup> St should read 158<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The minutes (with the above correction) were **accepted by unanimous vote**.

### **II. Guest Comments**

None

### **III. Old Business**

#### Trail Chicanes

Bruce reintroduced the issue regarding trail chicanes in general, and the particular chicane at issue on the Rock Creek Trail near NW Kyle Place. (see the minutes of the June 2017 NTAC meeting for a summary).

There was a discussion covering several points:

- The existing chicane is challenging for long bikes, bikes with trailers. Some trail users find it off-putting.
- John spent some time observing usage patterns. A significant percentage of cyclists are going around the chicane on the gravel shoulder of the trail. Moreover, it doesn't seem to encourage cyclists to stop for the stop sign at Kyle Place.
- There are no known national standards for when to use chicanes or for their design. They are generally not preferred if some other option is available.
- John observed some design problems with the chicane under discussion. The distance between gates and the overlap require cyclists to negotiate the gates using excessively sharp turns.

Two categories of committee recommendation were discussed.

- Remediation of the design of the particular chicane under discussion, to include possibly moving the chicane further from the stop sign, eliminating the overlap of the gates, placing the gates farther apart, and extending them onto the shoulder to discourage circumventing the chicane.

- Changes to THPRD process and policy regarding introduction of chicanes on trails, including increased opportunity for public involvement and comments, possibly consulting other entities such as Tri-Met about their policies regarding chicane placement and design, adding a section on chicane placement and design to the Trails Functional Plan, and performing more fulsome traffic studies before placing chicanes.

No formal motion was acted upon. The consensus of the committee was to ask staff to consider possible alterations to the chicane near Kyle Place, and to consider changes to the decision process for introduction and design of chicanes in the future. No further data gathering of usage and traffic at the chicane near Kyle Place will be undertaken by THPRD. Committee members may make observations on a volunteer basis if desired.

### **III. New Business**

#### View from Bruce's Desk

- This agenda item was waived, due to a lack of time.

#### Toolkit Development

- Sam passed out copies of his draft of the toolkit, and asked for comments and help filling in missing data before the next meeting.

#### Announcements

- None.

### **IV. Next Meeting will be held on**

Next Meeting: August 22nd at 6:30 p.m.; Fanno Creek Service Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sam Scheerens