

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Date: April 16, 2013 Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

In Attendance

Committee Members: Chair Tom Hjort, Bernadette Le, Mary O'Donnell, John Gruher,

Kevin O'Donnell, Howard Dinatle (Beaverton Bicycle Advisory

Committee Rotating Member)

Ex-Officio Committee Members Present: Margaret Middleton (City of Beaverton)

THPRD Staff: Steve Gulgren

Visitors: Calin Gherghe (North Bethany Resident), Greg Cody (Parks

Advisory Committee)

Absent: Kevin Apperson

I. Welcome

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

II. Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Guests introduced themselves.

III. Approval of February Meeting Minutes and Volunteer Hours for March

MOTION made (Bernadette) and seconded (John) for approval of the March meeting minutes with revisions proposed by Bernadette and Margaret. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

The volunteer hours sheet was passed around and each member recorded their March hours.

IV. Announcements

- A. On May 14, there will be a Westside Trail Master Plan open house at Stoller Middle School.
- B. Roger Tilbury bridge letter of support has been submitted in support of the grant request.
- C. An invitation to attend the April 20th Rock Creek Trail extension ribbon cutting this Saturday is open to the Trails Advisory Committee.

V. Staff Update on Trails Projects

A. Bond Measure Trails Update

- Westside Trail: Estimates returned by 3 of 4 potential replacement contractors. Preliminary decision on contractor has been made. Construction is expected to resume in May or June and to complete by September.
- ii. **Rock Creek Trail:** Completely open to the public. Signals on 185th and Kaiser are now operational.
- iii. North Bethany Trail: Ongoing conversations with Mr. Gherghe to resolve issues.

B. MTIP Funding

- i. **Westside Trail Segment 18:** Staff is continuing to discuss agricultural easements along the trail alignment.
- ii. Fanno Creek Trail/Hall Boulevard At-Grade Crossing: THPRD staff held design kick-off meeting with the City of Beaverton on March 20. City to prepare plans and specifications for this signalized crossing. Project will be funded with THPRD managing the project in cooperation with the City of Beaverton.

iii. **Waterhouse Trail Segments 1, 5, and West Spur** going out for bid in the near future. Segment 4 will be bid as a deductive alternate.

VI. Partner Jurisdiction Updates

A. Washington County – No Report

B. **Beaverton Bicycle Advisory Committee** – Howard/Margaret

- i. The sixth annual Bike Beaverton event is set for September 8. Getting commitments from sponsors and bike repair. Working on police and safety for the event.
- ii. Working on proposal for YouTube channel for Bike Advisory Committee.
- iii. Crescent Connection Trail grant request was not funded. Still under consideration for State funding.
- iv. BAC looking to become more culturally diverse and add more women.

C. **City of Beaverton** – Margaret

i. Next meeting (2nd Thursday of month) will be going over the bike routes in the downtown area in Committee meeting. Feeds into Canyon Road project.

VII. PAC proposal – Smoking Ban

Committee would prefer to see the policy be clear about what areas are included and what are the specific exclusions. Enforcement needs more clarity. Also would like to see public comments – especially from skate park users.

VIII. Other

Challenge Grant Funds:

TAC approved \$4,800 for maps, but Management felt that they would need to be updated in two years as trails are completed. So the money is still available for designation. Total of \$7,500 is available. Possibilities include trail counters (bike only), slasher (for maintenance), motorized wheelbarrow, or a Segway for patrolling. Decision deferred until May meeting.

Annual Calendar 2013:

The annual calendar was distributed and discussed.

Bike into Spring – the Committee decided to combine this again with Sunday Trailways on the Rock Creek Trail September 22.

Annual TAC picnic set for July 16 at Camp Rivendale.

Trails Advisory Committee Report to Board of Directors:

The report was given on March 4 by Tom with Kevin in attendance. The Board liked our inclusion of Exofficio members. They also liked our technical review of projects. Board members felt they should get out to more meetings.

Initiatives to Increase TAC Committee Membership:

Advertisement completed and will scroll across THPRD main web page soon. Working on *Oregonian* and CPO newsletters plus Beaverton newsletter. Discussion about how many members we need and what areas they should represent. We do have one applicant who we would like to invite to attend the next meeting.

IX. Next Meeting will be held on May 21, 2013, 7:00 pm at the Fanno Creek Service Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Gruher, Recording Secretary, Rotating