



# Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Trails Advisory Committee Meeting  
Date: February 17, 2015  
Time: 7 pm  
Location: Fanno Creek Service Center

### In Attendance

Committee Members Present: Chair, Tom Hjort, Vice Chair, Bernadette Le, Kevin Apperson, Leda Mareth, Kevin O'Donnell, Gerri Scheerens, Sam Scheerens, and Juan Mercado (BBAC)

Ex-Officio Committee Members Present: None

THPRD Staff: Steve Gulgren and Aisha Willits

Absent: John Ratlif and Elaine Woods

Visitors: Chris Goodman and Jake Mintz

Guests: Brian Walker (BBAC)

### I. Welcome

Chair Tom Hjort called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

### II. Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Self introductions by each person present.

### III. Approval of January Meeting Minutes and Volunteer Hours for January

- a) Committee members present have reviewed the January meeting minutes.

**MOTION** made (Leda) and seconded (Kevin A.) for approval of the January meeting minutes with the discussed revision. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

- b) The volunteer hour's sheet was passed around for each member to record last month's hours.

### IV. Announcements

- a) Steve passed around pictures from the trails crew of the new rotary broom which was purchased with Challenge Grant funding. The crew appreciates the purchase.
- b) Steve proposed to use \$960 of the Challenge Grant funds for tools for trails maintenance. If funded, we would be down to \$1,400 for rest of fiscal year (ends June 30).

**MOTION** made (Bernadette) and seconded (Kevin A) to use challenge grant funds to fund the tools requested by trails crew. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion

- c) Leda reported that the Rock Creek Community Association is trying to extend the sidewalk in front of the Rock Creek Trail head on Rock Creek Drive.
- d) Bernadette reported that Hall Street crossing took a long time. Juan will look into it.
- e) A card was passed around to thank John Gruher for his service to TAC.
- f) Tom went to the Metro quarterly meeting. Part of the meeting was about the 2015 International Trails Symposium to be held in Portland, May 17-20 by American Trails. The Hillsboro Trails Plan was also reported on.
- g) Kevin O. walked on the new Westside Trail segment north of Saltzman.
- h) Bernadette asked about the Fanno Creek Trail segment that is closed due to flooding. Plans were unknown.

i) Wednesday, February 25, from 6 to 8pm is the Hillsboro Trails Master Plan open house.

**V. Election of Recording Secretary**

**MOTION** made (Bernadette) and seconded (Gerri) that Leda serve as Recording Secretary for one year. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

**VI. Beaverton Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Brian and Juan reported on the BBAC and vision zero. This could be a potential topic for another night or an ongoing conversation.

**VII. South Cooper Mountain Plans**

Aisha reported on South Cooper Mountain. A plan has been adopted by city of Beaverton. THPRD provided some feedback on trails. The Trails Functional Plan should have clear information about trail guidelines so that it can be used in implementation of trail development in this area. The plan incorporated some of our recommendations and delayed some decisions until later. Aisha has not been able to view the final plan. TAC would also like to see the final plan.

**VIII. Trails Functional Plan**

There was a discussion about the Waterhouse Trail being changed from a Community to a Regional trail, and the Beaverton Creek being changed from a Regional trail to a Community trail. Hal believed that Waterhouse was a more viable regional trail from the 26 crossing north and wanted to have one north/south spine. This decision wasn't vetted with TAC. Metro will defer to us in terms of trail designations. How these trails should be classified as we move forward was discussed. The functional plan should clarify these designations.

Steve met with Mary Ordal from Hillsboro. Hillsboro is working on a master trails plan. Hillsboro trails that will connect with THPRD, especially at Rock Creek, Beaverton Creek, Tualatin Valley Highway, and South Cooper Mountain, were discussed. The Hillsboro trails classifications were shared.

The Trails Functional Plan should be finished by the end of the fiscal year. THPRD is hiring Alta to help finish the plan. There will be an open house for Parks and Programs on March 3. An open house for Trails will be in April (maybe April 8). A combination advisory committee meeting will be held on April 21.

Steve summarized the individual top five points that TAC members felt were most important topics to discuss at the open house. (No order)

- a. New trails/gaps in trails
- b. Substandard trails
- c. Trail widths (updating trail standards)
- d. Safety
- e. Amenities

**VII. Next Meeting will be held on March 17, 2015 at 7 pm at the Fanno Creek Service Center.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leda Mareth  
Recording Secretary