Tualatin Hills Nature Park Advisory Committee Meeting  
Date: November 8, 2007  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center

In Attendance  
Committee Members: Jim Olson, Al Mowbray, Rod Coles, Karl Quade and Vern Williams  
Staff: Bruce Barbarasch and Elisa Joy Payne

I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

II. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes from October 11, 2007 were approved.

III. Financial Report  
Not available.

IV. Old Business  
A. Old Wagon Trail Update  
   a. Brad Hauschild’s (THPRD Planning Department) presentation at the last meeting was appreciated. The next step for the project is to ground-truth the design once winter rains begin.

B. Garden Committee Update (Jerome, Al, Kelly, Joan and Margaret)  
   a. Committee met once and visited Clean Water Services’ (CWS) garden on Merlo Road.
   b. Brad Hauschild will be meeting with sub-committee.
   c. Committee is creating a list of components that are desired. The list includes:
      i. Using rain water
      ii. Variety of habitats
      iii. Children’s area
      iv. Edibles
      v. Butterflies
      vi. Nurse logs
      vii. Snags

C. Kiosk update  
   a. Joan has submitted a scope of work proposal to the Planning Department.

V. New Business  
A. Nature Park Update  
   a. This week’s medical emergency.
i. Staff did an excellent job responding to an incident where a patron collapsed while on a hike in the Park.

b. Oak Restoration in multiple sites in the Nature Park
   i. Removing Ash and Douglas fir trees to protect oaks.

c. Newt Day
   i. On November 3, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., the Nature Park Interpretive Center (NPIC) hosted the fifth annual Newt Day. Attendance totaled 455 participants. Participants especially enjoyed the live animals (newts, garter snakes, snails, and slugs) and the scavenger hunt that took them out into park to enjoy the lovely weather.

d. School Programs
   i. Elisa presented the details of the School Programs that are currently being offered through the NPIC as well as possibilities for expanding the programs to other sites.

B. Projects for Challenge Grants Committee
   a. The Committee (Kevin, Joan and Jim) met on Monday.
   b. Brainstormed what to use Challenge Grant for in the upcoming years.
   c. Committee will send ideas out to get feedback from other Advisory Committee members.
   d. Idea is to have a list of projects to be voted on by Advisory Committee.
   e. Committee will meet again after feedback from Advisory Committee members.

C. Beaverton Creek Trail Feasibility
   a. Bruce discussed the current study.
   b. Planning Department will attend December Advisory Committee meeting to discuss this in more detail.
   c. Previously discussed concerns: dogs; open between dusk and dawn – lighting?; Park rules vs. regional trail rules

D. Term Expirations
   a. Rod and Karl already submitted current applications. The Committee recommends that Rod and Karl are reappointed by the Board to their positions.

VI. Other
   A. Open Discussion
      a. Vern Williams spoke with a Beaverton Councilman about the City requiring THPRD to pay for permits. Vern feels that the City should be waving permit fees for THPRD. Bruce will investigate.

VII. Next Meeting will be held on December 13, 2007, 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa Joy Payne
Recording Secretary