

SW Trails PDX  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017

The Watershed Building in Hillsdale  
6388 SW Capitol Hwy  
Portland OR 97239

**Attendance:** Doug Rogers, Don Baack, Sharon Fekety, Virginia Hendrickson, Lee Buhler, Hans Steuch, Andrea Wall, Glenn Bridger, Debbie Small, Arnie Panitch, Chris Mays, Barbara Bowers, Barbara Stedman, Nick Falbo, Mark Turner, Mary Ann Santana

Doug called to order at 7:00.

We had introductions. Doug is president on an interim basis.

**Agenda:** Don made a motion to approve the agenda with a discussion of the waiver of liability and a discussion of the Coronado trail. Glenn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Barbara B. made a motion to approve the October minutes as amended. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Hikes:** Mark will lead the November 11<sup>th</sup> It will go through the Bridlemile neighborhood. Glenn invited people to the Hillsdale Thanksgiving Day hike. The hike will be about 2 ½ miles with a break for refreshments.

**Work Parties:** Dave said the November work party will be in April Hill Park There is a section of trail that gets muddy. We will chop out the grass and put gravel on that section. It is Thursday, November 2 from 9:00 to Noon. Don said there will be work parties on Saturday October 28 and Sunday October 29. Andrea said there is also a native planting in the morning on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**SW in Motion:** Nick Falbo who is a senior planner for the Portland Bureau of Transportation talked about SW in Motion. He had a PowerPoint presentation. He is new to PBOT but has lived in southwest. He is in charge of the Southwest in Motion. There are similar projects in other parts of town. It is a: "short term refinement, prioritization and implementation strategy for planned active transportation investments in Southwest Portland". He talked about each aspect of the above statement. He said SW in Motion will have to compete with other projects for funding. They will try to partner with other bureaus for funding and implementation. The process will be: existing conditions, refined list evaluation criteria, final list and final strategy. They hope to complete the process by June 2018. Most of the projects have been identified in prior planning processes. Nick went over other planning projects that may have SW in Motion projects. They have a list of smaller projects. They hope to have an interactive map in January where people will be able to leave comments. The next meeting will be on November 2 at the Multnomah Arts Center at 4:00pm. The meeting is open to the public. Dave and Don are on the working group. Don said the plan should include unbuilt right-of-ways as it originally did. Dave said SW Trails went to each neighborhood and asked for suggestions on trails. Many neighborhoods sent back suggestions. Most of the proposed trails are on unbuilt right-of-way. Dave displayed a map from the Ashcreek Neighborhood as an example. Don said it would be good to get all

the proposed trails documented in SW in Motion as it would make the process to build a trail much simpler. Nick said the neighborhood greenway system works better in SE Portland than SW Portland as there is a street grid. Glenn asked if the problem is more expense and Nick said yes. Nick said that equity is an important criteria. Barbara S. pointed out that the percentage of non-white in SW is concentrated along major streets.

**Project Status on in-process or underway projects:**

**Don said the SW 25<sup>th</sup> and Bertha Safe Routes to School should be funded soon. He is hoping to see funding within a few weeks.**

**Don made the following motion: SW PDX Trails Board authorize, effective immediately Don Baack to spend and be reimbursed by the Treasurer as appropriate up to \$21,307 on budgeted materials, Insurance, supplies for the construction of the Safe Routes to School connection on SW 25<sup>th</sup> between SW Bertha and SW BH Hwy, the amount of the pending City Grant. Glenn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Debbie made the following motion: SW Trails PDX approves the SW 25<sup>th</sup> and Bertha to BH Hwy project as a SW Trails project. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**SW Corridor:** Arnie talked about the SW Corridor Plan. He is on the committee for accessible transportation and the SW Corridor Plan citizen advisory committee. There will be an advisory committee meeting on November 6 at 6:15 at Multnomah Arts Center. They are working on the route but Arnie said it is important to make sure everyone can ride. Arnie described the proposed routes. Arnie said they are planning 24 hour bus service on some routes next year. They may extend Max farther west to the Hillsboro airport.

**Waiver of Liability:** Dave displayed a draft Waiver of Liability. It was modified from a similar waiver from SWNI and our insurance agent. **Glenn made a motion to approve the Waiver of Liability. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Coronado Trail:** Don said we received a letter from two neighbors near the Coronado trail. They were under the impression that this trail was a SW Trails project. Don moved that we respond that we have not authorized this project and we will notify them if we do. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PBOT Grant:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris said we have \$19,747.19 in the bank. So far this year we have had revenue of \$2,374.55 and expenses of \$2,405.85. Don had an additional donation for \$100.

**Memberships:** Barbara Bowers said we had 4 people join this month for a total of 50.

**Guidelines & Procedures:** Doug, Dave, Don, Glenn and Debbie have been working on a set of Guidelines and Procedures and its documentation. Dave displayed it on overhead. Debbie said they are moving to another phase and will work with other groups. The document is 28 pages long. Dave said it is five documents per project. Doug said there are groups that want to come to SW Trails for help on trails so this is very important and it makes it businesslike. He said it is a hassle but it is very necessary. Dave will send the document out to the board. Hopefully, can approve it next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Buhler