

SW Trails PDX Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2018

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

Attendance: Doug Rogers, Don Baack, Dave Manville, Sharon Fekety, Lee Buhler, Glenn Bridger, Debbie Small, Barbara Stedman, Hans Steuch, Keturah Pennington, Mark McKenzie, Michael Kisor, Andrea Wall, Scott Wyse

Doug called to order at 7:02pm

Introductions

Agenda: Dave made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of the budget approval. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Don made a motion to approve the March 22, 2018 minutes as amended. Sharon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events: Don said there will be a SWIM meeting on June 7th, at 4:30 pm, Stephens Creek Conference room. Don said there will be a Wilson Cleanup from 9:00 to noon on this Saturday. Glenn said Laura Foster will give a presentation this Saturday at the Multnomah Arts Center. Don said that Laura will also be a speaker at the Trail Grand opening on the 12th.

Hikes: Sharon said Don will lead the May hike. It will be a history stroll through Hillsdale and ending up at the celebration for the 25th. Hans will do August. July is available.

Work Parties: Dave said the May work party will be in Albert Kelly Park. It will be May 3rd at 9:00 am. They would like to extend a trail. Dave said Parks is pleased with our trail construction. There will be a work party Sunday, May 6th, to get ready for our May 12th celebration.

Social Media: Barbara said we have a growing number of people following us on Facebook and Twitter

Trail Grand Opening at SW 25th & Bertha: Debbie said that there have been several meetings on the celebration and it is going well. Andrea described a bug hotel. The press releases have been sent. They are working on the cost of food. **Motion Debbie: SW Trails Board approve an additional \$100 for the celebration if needed. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Andrea will make some buttons. Don suggested making 200 buttons so we have some for future uses. **Motion Don: The board approves and additional \$25.00 for more buttons. Hans seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Subaru Sponsorship: Dave said he got a \$1,000 sponsorship for SW Trails from Subaru. Dave showed about 18 people from Subaru some of the work we have been doing. He also got a family of

five who live near Dickenson Park to work on a trail. Don said we should have a person in charge of sponsorships.

SW Trails Grant Program: Don had sent out a suggestion for having a grant process. Don handed out the proposal and described the program. Grants will be handed out to neighborhoods and must have neighborhood association approval. We will review the final wording of the program next month. **Debbie moved to approve the proposal presented (but removing item 8). Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Don suggested we document each project and post them in the news.

Ash Creek Neighborhood Association: Dave talked about a grant application from the Ash Creek N.A. for a trail. He displayed the project on overhead and described it. **Debbie moved approval of the project. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Motion Debbie: We accept the statement from the Ashcreek Neighborhood Association as proof of expenses for the project. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Dave went over the details for the project. **Motion Debbie: SW Trails approves the details of the project to make it an official project for financial support only. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Don suggested having a board member responsible for approving expenses on project. He volunteered to do it for the rest of the year.

SW Corridor Plan: Michael said the DEIS has been delayed a month and will come out in the first part of June. They have been given more information on the route proposal on Taylor's Ferry. The station will be in the center of Barbur Blvd. It would then go down the north side of Taylor's Ferry. There would be an elevated structure over the dip in Taylor's Ferry. It would then turn on go over I-5. It would then follow the freeway. At present, they do not have plans to include pedestrian and bicycle facilities on the bridge over I-5. Don pointed out there are many at-grade crossings that will back up traffic in the neighborhoods.

Red Electric Bridge concerns: Doug has sent our concerns raised at the previous meeting to Leah Treat and Commissioner Saltzman. He also sent a copy to the SW Trails Board.

SW Trails Webmaster: Doug said Mark is moving and we need to get a new webmaster. We will publicize our need for a webmaster. We hope to find a person with the needed skills who likes trails!

Seymour Court: Dave described the project in South Portland. They have received a grant for the project. Dave displayed the map of the trail and area. Dave went over the details of the project. They will meet again with PBOT on the project. **Debbie moved to approve the application. Glenn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Don said he is not comfortable with approving the project without a permit. **Motion Debbie: SW Trails approves the project details pending the UTP permit issuance. Glenn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Dave displayed the memo of understanding for the project. **Debbie moved approval of the memorandum of understanding. Glenn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Trail Maintenance: Scott talked about two project possibilities for SW Trails. One is SW Chesapeake up to Fairmount. Scott said it is like walking up a creek bed. Don said it is part of trail one. Scott said the other trail idea is at SW 25th and Seymour. Don described the history of that trail segment. **Motion**

Dave: SW Trails takes on these two segments as maintenance projects. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

SW 25th right-of-way Restoration Project: Glenn described the project. This is Andrea's project and she has applied for grants for her expenses. Don said the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association should be the sponsor of the project. Dave suggested an urban trail permit. Andrea said all that was needed was a tree removal permit. **Motion Don: SW Trails approves the project application. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Glenn went over the details of the project. **Don made a motion to approve the details of the project. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** **Motion Lee: SW Trails tentatively a Fiscal Sponsor so funds can be collected at the May 12th Trail Opening Celebration. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Don said BES announced they will build a trail just SE of Stephens Creek Crossing (at the east end of SW Texas) that we have long advocated for. They also may raise the Raz-Baack trail crossing. Dave said he is canceling the trail project at Jackson Middle School as they decided to put in wood chips (against our advice) that are already decomposing.

Hans is working hard on SW Trail signage for our urban trails and will give his lengthy report later due to the late time.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 24th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26am

Submitted by
Lee Buhler