

SW Trails PDX
Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2018

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

Attendance: Doug Rogers, Don Baack, Dave Manville, Sharon Fekety, Virginia Hendrickson, Lee Buhler, Glenn Bridger, Debbie Small, Chris Mays, Barbara Bowers, Barbara Stedman, Nick Falbo, Greg Theil, Andy Jannsky

Doug called to order at 7:03pm

Introductions

Agenda: Lee made a motion to approve the agenda. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Don made a motion to approve the January 25, 2018 minutes as amended. Barbara Bowers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events: There will be a SWIM working Group meeting on March 1, 4:30-6:30 at Stephens Crossing. There will be Ivy pull on Sunday March 25th on SW 25th just North of Capital Hwy. from 10am-1pm. There will be a NET Team workshop on March 4th from 1-4pm at the Multnomah Arts Center.

Hikes: On March 10 Rick will lead the hike. Lee will lead in April and Don will lead the May hike.

Work Parties: Dave said last month the work party was in Dickinson Park. The location for the March work party has not been set yet. Dave asked people to send pictures of work parties and other SW Trail events for the website.

Treasurer's Report: Chris said we have \$26,171.22 in the bank over five funds.

Memberships: Barbara said we have 57 members and seven sponsors.

Social Media: Barbara said we have 417 followers on Facebook. We have just started a Twitter feed. Barbara said she posted a video of the new trail at 25th on Facebook. Debbie said kids have been using the trail a lot and having fun in the snow. Don said the handrail should be installed in the next week or two.

Southwest in Motion: Nick Falbo from PBOT talked about the Southwest in Motion project. He handed out a card about the project. He displayed a poster on project priority factors. The factors are: Support Connected Networks, Fill Gaps, Safety, Usage Levels, Under-served and Vulnerable Communities, Funding Opportunities, Construction Feasibility, Community Support. Nick described each priority.

Glenn pointed out that trails are very cost effective and that should be considered. Barbara Stedman pointed out that extended shoulders are also very cost effective. Don pointed out that volunteer labor should be included with funding opportunities. Dave said that equity between neighborhoods is important. Don said many people feel that PBOT is Portland center focused and it is important to look at external networks. Dave suggested adding how quiet the street is as a factor as most people prefer to walk on quiet streets. Don said the Safe Routes to School map and process needs a lot of improvement. Debbie asked if traffic calming on Bertha would be considered in the SWIM process. Don said we need an opportunity to add projects and update other plans. Doug said people will be sharing the road on Bertha for years to come as there is no sidewalk. He said we need traffic calming on Bertha. Nick asked people to vote for three priorities: The votes were as follows:

Support Connected Networks: 10

Fill Gaps: 7

Safety: 10

Usage Levels: 1

Under-served and Vulnerable Communities: 3

Funding Opportunities: 0

Construction Feasibility: 3

Community Support: 6

Don said he contacted City Council to ask them to delay approval of the project until some SW Trails suggestions be considered and there was a commitment to do that. He said commitments to that should be honored.

SW Trails PDX Annual Membership Meeting:

Debbie made a motion to open the SW Trails PDX annual meeting. Barbara Stedman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: Doug said the following board members are up for election: Don, Sharon, Dave Barbara Bowers, Doug.

Don moved the members up for election be elected by acclamation. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Glenn made a motion to to keep the yearly dues at \$10.00. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Don passed out a draft budget for SW Trails and explained each line item. He said he wanted to give people time to consider it.

Don made a motion to table the budget approval to next months meeting. Glenn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Doug said the following board officer's had agreed to the following positions:

President: Doug Rogers

Vice President: Debbie Small

Treasurer: Chris Mays

Secretary: Lee Buhler

There were no other nominations from the floor despite repeated trying.

Glenn moved the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Barbara Bowers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

SW Trails Strategic Plan: Glenn handed out a draft strategic plan and went over it. (See Below.)

Lee made a motion to adopt the strategic plan. Barbara Stedman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Don moved that we adjourn the annual meeting. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Project Status on in-process or underway projects:

- **Three state right-of-ways:** Don said he has been talking to ODOT and they are considering allowing trails on three ODOT property. They are: the area on the 4T near the zoo, Slavin to Barbur and a Slavin portion on the Red Electric trail.
- **Bridlemile Trail:** Dave there is a BDS problem as it crossed two streams that are wider than 30". This may require special permits.
- **SW Seymour Court:** Dave said they got \$1800 from the PBOT grant. However, PBOT has since added more requirements to the project which will add costs.
- **Naito Crossing:** Don said they found money for the crossing and hope to have it done by next fall or winter. It has been promised for a long time. OHSU said they are willing to put in stairs and lighting on Whitaker.

The next meeting will be March 22nd

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm

SW Trails Strategic Plan

Adopted February 22, 2018

Vision

Portland is to be served by a network of safe places for residents and visitors to walk, bike and use mobility devices

Mission

Bringing community together to plan, facilitate improvement, use, and maintain a system of trails,

sidewalks, and safe streets

Values

Walker safety promoted

Environment protected

Community needs and property rights are respected

Exercise is healthy

Community involvement produces a better city

Goals

Provide safe places for residents and visitors to walk for recreation, school, interaction, and work

Organize opportunities for hikes

Manage community involvement in constructing and maintaining trails using evidence-tested practices

Promote a healthy respect for public trails throughout the Portland Metro area

SW Trails in five easy words: Connectivity, safety, enjoyment, health, environment