

SW Trails PDX  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2018

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

**Attendance:** Doug Rogers, Dave Manville, Sharon Fekety, Virginia Hendrickson, Lee Buhler, Glenn Bridger, Debbie Small, Barbara Stedman, Chris Mays, Hans Steuch, Keturah Pennington, Mark McKenzie, Andrea Wall, Spencer Bushnell, Barbara Bowers, Greg Thiel, Judith McDonald

Doug called to order at 7:05pm

### **Introductions**

**Agenda:** Glenn made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of the budget approval. Keturah seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Debbie made a motion to approve the April 26, 2018 minutes. Barbara Stedman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Upcoming Events:** Doug said there will be a Southwest in Motion meeting on June 7. There will be a Metro Regional Trail Fair on Wednesday, June 20 12-3. We would like to have a table. SWNI's Celebrate Our Success will be Monday, June 4, 6:30-8:00pm.

**Hikes:** Sharon said Rick Kapper will lead the June 9<sup>th</sup> hike. Virginia will lead the July hike and Hans will lead in August.

**Work Parties:** Dave said the June work party will be Raz-Baack Crossing. It will be June 7 at 9:00am.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris said we have \$23,807.54 in the bank. Hans said he and Glenn found that Chris keeps excellent work on the books with their audit. The taxes have been filed.

**Membership:** Barbara Bowers said we have 68 members and added one more sponsor this month for a total of 8 sponsors. Dave said there is another sponsor coming through.

**Social Media:** Barbara Stedman said we have a few new followers. She would like to have someone write a few words about the trail opening.

**25<sup>th</sup> & Bertha Trail Opening:** Debbie said the celebration went very well. There were about 55 people. She thanked everyone who worked on it. The celebration was under-budget. Debbie said she has seen a big increase in the number of people using the trail.

**Safe Routes to School:** Judith McDonald with City of Portland, PBOT talked about Safe Routes to School. They started in 2006 with eight schools and they have been adding schools and now they work with about 100 schools. She displayed a map with the schools they work with. They believe that everyone is responsible for safety around schools. She said Equity is the guiding factor in the program.

She said the 6 E's of the program are: equity, education, enforcement, encouragement, evaluation and engineering. Safe Routes to School will get \$8 million out of Measure 26-173 which passed in May 2016. They have developed a map of walking routes for each school. They are based on the best routes and where students live. There are four to five routes per school. The map will be available in about a month. They will develop a prioritized list of projects. Another project they are working on is "walking school buses" where a group of students walk together. This builds community and brings safety with numbers. They also are working on "bike trains." Barbara said her child uses a bike train. They have "park and walk" where parents drop their kids off a little ways from the school and then they walk to school.

Judith asked how SW Trails can help Safe Routes to School. Glenn suggested she walk on the new trail at 25<sup>th</sup> and Bertha trail. Dave said there are over 200 right-of-way trails. He said there are lots of areas where we would like to improve trails. He asked why right-of-way trails to schools cannot be used as Safe Routes to Schools. Judith said Portland Public Schools is concerned about safety. Sharon said kids are much safer from cars on right-of-way trails. Barbara Stedman pointed out that Robert Gray is very supportive of the trail we built and the principle showed up at the grand opening. Doug suggested it may be a matter of local case-by-case consideration. Glenn said SW Trails has been around for twenty years and safe routes to school and equity have always been important to SW Trails. Judith said the routes that will appear on the map will have nothing to do with PPS. She said they listened to the families and followed their routes. Debbie said she very much appreciated the grant and cooperation that PBOT gave SW Trails on the 25<sup>th</sup> and Bertha trail. Barbara Stedman talked about the area around Hayhurst school and if extended shoulders would work. Judith said that the engineers could look at it. Dave talked about some crossings and walking routes around Smith School. Andrea asked if there is a program where adults stand at corners where kids are walking to school to keep them safe.

**Volunteers:** Doug said Brita Gordon has volunteered to help with the website. She has been talking to Mark Turner about it. People expressed gratitude and Doug will give her the go ahead. Doug said we need someone to be in charge of sponsorships. Dave said we need a policy and form for sponsors. Dave pointed out we need to remove logos on the web for sponsors who have not updated their donations.

**Project Status:** Glenn said he has almost completed the project check list for Andrea's project. He said we need to work out a sponsorship agreement. Andrea had asked if they could use the website for fund raising. She also asked if she could have space on the SW Trails booth at Multnomah Days. She would also like to use the SW Trails website to ask for volunteers. Barbara Bowers said that SW Trails uses all of the table space at Multnomah Days. She suggested that they get their own table next to SW Trails.

**Advocates Corner:** (Don is absent) Doug said they did a tour of a new trail that will be put in by BES adjacent to SW 25<sup>th</sup> & Texas streets near the old Raz Dairy property. He said they are very pleased about it. Dave displayed a map of the area. Doug said BES and PBOT have worked on the SW 19<sup>th</sup> and Taylors Ferry Road connection to improve its safety. Dave displayed a map of it.

--- Dave said there are several trail construction projects on hold due to PBOT delays.

--- Hans said about 10% of SW Trail signs are missing. They were reported to PBOT and most have been replaced. Hans will pick up another eight signs tomorrow to replace the missing ones.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 28. *Tonight's meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm*

Submitted by **Lee Buhler**