

SW Trails PDX  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2018

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

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**Attendance:** Don Baack, Doug Rogers, Sharon Fekety, Dave Manville, Chris Mays Virginia Hendrickson, Lee Buhler, Debbie Small, Barbara Stedman, Hans Steuch, Keturah Pennington, Andrea Wall, Barbara Bowers, Glenn Bridger, Brita Gordon

Doug called to order at 7:04pm

**Introductions**

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

**Minutes:** Glenn made a motion to approve the June 28, 2018 minutes with corrections. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Upcoming community events:** Don said there will be a work party at Wilson High next Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> from nine to noon. Andrea said they will be working on the new stairs from 10 to noon on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Don asked if we wanted to do the Hillsdale Farmer's Market booth.

**Next month's SW Trails Hike announcement:** Sharon said she will lead the September hike that will go along Corbett street. It is Saturday, September 8 at 9am. She asked people to lead hikes after that.

**Next month's Work Party:** Dave said the work party will be on the 4T trail near Greenway St.. People can park at Council Crest. It will be on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

**Treasury report:** Chris said there is a total of \$25,100.51 in the SW Trails. Year-to-date revenue is \$4,8711.00 and expenses of \$8,619.86. Debbie handed out a spreadsheet on the grand opening at the 25<sup>th</sup> and Berta trail opening. Total expenditures was \$253.63 and there were donations of \$100. Therefore, the cost to SW Trails was \$133.20 which is under the \$200.00 budgeting

**Membership:** Barbara B said we had ten new members last month and there are a total of 76 members and 11 sponsors.

**Social Media:** Barbara S. said we are getting more Facebook friends. She added people as administrators.

**Web site:** Britta said visitors to the web page are down a little from last year. This may be due to more people using Facebook. Hans said we have had several meetings on the web site. There will be another one in September. Dave asked that people send pictures.

**Multnomah Days:** Don said the Multnomah Days booth went well. There were a lot of volunteers and the booth was popular. We asked for trail improvement ideas and we got about six. Glenn said there were a number of people that were new to southwest Portland. Debbie said many people were interested in helping with trail maintenance but that weekdays are hard for them to participate; she suggested weekend work parties could include them. Dave said there will be a great deal of trail work if the log jam at PBOT breaks through. Dave suggested having people “adopt” a section of trail to maintain. Andrea said they had the bug hotel in the Multnomah Days parade.

**SW 25th fiscal sponsorship:** Glenn passed around the progress checklist and Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement. Glenn said Andrea is the project manager. The first fourteen items have been approved. Glenn went over the other items and the agreement. **Don made a motion to approve the SW 25th Fiscal Sponsorship agreement subject to our insurance underwriter’s concurrence. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** Debbie said checklist items 26 through 28 should happen after the insurance agent looks at it.

Doug will appoint a committee to review all new project requests (as well as Fiscal Sponsorship projects when needed) before bringing them to the Board for consideration.

**SW Trail’s request made to PBOT / Permitting Process:** Doug said he sent a letter formally asking for a review of the trail permitting process. It has been several years and only one project has been approved. A staff member responded and said they understood our frustration and are trying to make the process more efficient. Glenn has volunteered to lead this review process and handed out the information requested. They did not answer the questions we submitted and said we must apply for program information through the Freedom of Information process. However, they say they will meet with us in September or October to go over the program. Dave said PBOT has not responded about the Seymour Court project in several months; he said he has sent email and they have not replied. Don said he will meet with PBOT next week on the Trombly Trail project. Don pointed out that PBOT does not have a director now as Leah Treat has resigned. He said Commissioner Eudaly will assume oversight of PBOT and things might improve.

Dave suggested we write PBOT and accept the meeting invitation. Glenn and Doug will make these arrangements.

Doug said PBOT did a traffic study on SW Bertha between SW 30<sup>th</sup> and east to B-H Hwy. The study said 620 cars use that section per day. Two thirds of the cars are exceeding the speed limit. Debbie pointed out there about the same numbers of walkers on the road. Barbara Stedman pointed out that there are no sidewalks on that section of Berta. As a result of the study, PBOT said they plan to put speed bumps on the street.

Doug authorized Debbie to write letters to her neighbors about the study and be reimbursed by SW Trails for any distribution costs.

**Project status on planned & underway projects:** Dave said the Bridlemile project will start in the middle of November. There will be several structures to be built. He asked for volunteers to help out. He said we will also need help with the Seymour and Trombly projects. Dave said a bad step on Trail 7 was replaced.

**BES plans for new Tryon Creek bridge on Boones Ferry:** Don said the plans have been completed

and include new trails. He said there should be some interpretative signs at the bridge.

Don said he met with Nick Falbo about crosswalks with the SWIM process. They looked at several locations for new crosswalks.

Don said PBOT's "PedPDX" project is working on trails. PedPDX is the city-wide pedestrian plan. He displayed a map they have developed. He asked people to make suggestions.

Andrea said she is selling raffle tickets for a bug hotel.

The next meeting Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm

Submitted by  
Lee Buhler