

SW Trails PDX  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2018

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

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**Attendance:** Doug Rogers, Don Baack, Virginia Hendrickson, Dave Manville, Lee Buhler, Barbara Bowers, Barbara Stedman, Brita Gordon, Dennis Brown, Don McCoy Brian Brady, Keith Wymer, Dave Knofler, Chris Mays, Dianne Mays

Doug called to order at 7:01pm

**Agenda:** After introductions Dave made a motion to approve the agenda with discussions on an gift to SW Trails and accounting. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Don B. made a motion to approve the November 15, 2018 minutes with changes. Don M. seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Upcoming community events:** There are no up-coming events in the following month. The SW Trails annual meeting will be at the February or March meeting.

**Next month's SW Trails Hike announcement:** Virginia said that Sharon will lead the January hike. Don said the Stroll and Coffee hike will be on January 19<sup>th</sup>. He said there were about 10 people at the last one and it went well.

**Next month's Work Party:** Dave said there will not be a January work party.

**Treasury report:** Doug said there is \$23,087 in the SW Trails bank account. The funds project funds are as follows: 4T - \$ 1,147.74, Stephens Creek \$ 1,010.21, AARP Bench \$ 1,000.00, Grant Program \$ 209.87

**Membership:** Doug read and displayed an announcement from Barbara for SW Trails donations. We discussed options for distributing it and other appeals. Barbara Bowers said we have 91 members this year, ten donors at \$100, one donor at \$150, one at \$500 and two at \$1000. Barbara said the membership form has been updated in accordance with discussions at previous meetings. She passed around one of the forms. We will discuss the changes and vote on it next month.

**Social Media:** Barbara Stedman said SW Trails has 597 followers. She said we had 18 likes on the Seymour stair construction.

**SW Trails Gift from Keith:** Keith said he came across an original Pulaski tool from obscure second hand store. It was made around 1922. He gave it to Dave for SW Trails.

**GPS:** Don introduced his neighbor, Brian, who knows all about GPS digital mapping. Brian said he

has mapping experience from jobs with the Bonneville Power Administration and Forrest Service. He has access to the equipment to accurately map trails. He displayed a map of Himes Park where the actual trail was different than the City maps. He has been walking trails with the mapping equipment and help from his daughter. He has mapped about 57% of SW Trails and wants to do all of them. He will have attributes of the trail such as walking surface. He discussed each of the attributes and displayed examples on the screen. He displayed an example of the mapping for the Campfire fire in California. He displayed a map of SW Trails projects. He displayed a map of needed signs. Don said this would help for the annual audit on trails in southwest. Dave and Keith said it is important to have someone else in SW Trails trained on the system.

**Review of Website updates:** Britta said the website committee met in November and discussed changes needed. Britta fixed all links and removed very old sponsors. Hans and Britta will work on other changes. Don said we should assign one person approve sponsors put on the web. Don said we should assign one person to keep track of our web hosting and domain name accounts. (Lee is willing to do that.)

Britta said there should be a place on the web page that shows SW Trails accomplishments. A list of accomplishments that Britta created was displayed. Britta went over items to be discussed at the next web committee meeting.

**SWIM Open House:** Southwest in Motion had an open house and several SWTrails members were there. Dave said there is an online survey and suggested people give input.

**Project status:** Dave displayed pictures of the completed Bridlemile and Seymour projects and discussed them.

**Advocates Corner:** Don said Marshall who is the chief of staff for Commissioner Eudaly went on a walk around to discuss trails in southwest. Glenn and Don followed up with a list of important items to be done. Don suggested asking first for a small section of sidewalk on the worst spot on Bertha as it was more likely to be approved.. Don said Marshall is trying to find someone at PBOT to be liaison to SW trails. Don said he also met with Commissioner Fish on 4T signage. Commissioner Fish has been a strong supported of the 4T trail. There will be a meeting to focus on signage. Don said it was important to have uniform signage. They also talked about the Red Electric trail in the Slavin Road area and the 4T trail connection near the zoo.

Doug said it has been hard to get information from PBOT on the Red Electric bridge by Bertha. A request for information was submitted to the PBOT director last spring and we have not heard. It turns out that the project has already put out to bid and they are reviewing the bids. The route at the west end is not what SWTrails suggested. Doug said this creates a problem as there is not a good sight line for pedestrians. He said it is important to press for a sidewalk or extended shoulder so walkers will be out of the street. Don suggested writing a proposal asking for money to build something at that section. He said we need to push on them to make sure it is done when the bridge is built.

The next meeting Thursday, January 24th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm

Submitted by

Lee Buhler