

SW Trails PDX  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2019

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

**Attendance:** Doug Rogers, Don Baack, Dave Manville, Lee Buhler, Barbara Bowers, Keturah Pennington, Brain Brady, Brita Gordon, Barbara Stedman, Andrea Wall, Hans Steuch, RichardKappler Jason Bergstrom, Lisa Caballere, Glenn Bridger, Chris Mays, Dennis Brown, Debbie Small, Sharon Fekety, Matt Bowman,

Doug called to order at 7:03pm

**Agenda:** After introductions Lee made a motion to approve the agenda with discussion of the budget and and update on the TIS and a Scholls Ferry bus. Barbara B. seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Don made a motion to approve the December 20, 2018 minutes with minor changes. Barbara B. seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Scholls Ferry Bus/Sidewalk:** Rick said next month Washington County will review its capital improvements plan. Rick said there is a section of Scholls Ferry that really needs a sidewalk. It would also fit well with TriMet's plan for bus line 56. Rick said he would like support from SW Trails. Lisa from SWHRL displayed a map of the bus service in the area. She said the buses do not run often enough. She pointed out there is a large area that does not have reasonable bus service. She said in general SWHRL supports the sidewalk. **Don moved that SWTrails support the sidewalk from SW Raleighwood Wood Lane to SW Humprey Blvd and a bus line in the area and SW Trails write a letter of support. Andrea seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Upcoming community events:** Doug said the next SWIM meeting would be on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00. He said 133 people came to the last SWIM event. **Don made a motion to write a letter to Nick Falbo with a copy to the commissioners asking that the sidewalk segment at the east end of Bertha be added as a project to the SWIM project. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Rick said next month's Multnomah County Road's Capital Improvement plan will be at the Sauvie Island Grange. Don suggested we appoint someone to be in charge of scheduling the coming summer events. He volunteered to do Multnomah Days. Debbie suggested a steering committee for events.

**Next month's SW Trails Hike announcement:** Sharon said Dave will lead the February walk going through Woods Park, April Hill Park and Dickinson Parks. Sharon said she needs leaders. Debbie said the next month stroll and coffee hike will be on February 16. They will start at Hillsdale and go to Barbur and back.

**Next month's Work Party:** Dave said the next work party will be February 9 at Maracara Park and it will be mostly tread work.

**Treasury report:** Chris said there is **\$25,069.61** in the SW Trails bank account. It is spread over six funds. Don gave \$530 in additional donations he received to Chris. Dave said the letters for donations that went out last month were productive. Don said the new tax law makes it hard to claim charitable donations. However, donations can be directed from IRAs and it achieves the same effect as a deduction. Don suggested adding a projector, Microsoft Office and QuickBooks to the budget.

**Membership:** Barbara B. handed out the new membership form and discussed it. Dennis said the donate button should be more obvious on the web site. Dave suggested adding the IRS letter of determination to the web site. Barbara said we have about 89 members

**Social Media:** Barbara Stedman said SW Trails has over 500 Facebook followers.

**Website:** Hans said we have been working on the web site for about year and we are making good progress. Britta said that Jim Pollard has made a duplicate site which enables us to work on a newer version of the web site without making changes

to the current site.

**Annual Meeting Planning:** Doug read from the SW Trails bylaws. It said meeting shall be held in the first quarter of the year. Doug suggested the fourth Thursday in February. He said we need to publicize the meeting and make board member and officer nominations at the meeting. **Debbie moved that we do the annual meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Barbara Bowers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Doug appointed Debbie to be chair of the nominating committee. Barbara Bowers suggested sending out a notice to the membership asking for board member volunteer.

Doug appointed Don, Glenn and Chris as the budget committee. They will also make a suggestion on the annual membership fee.

**Project Status:** Dave said he put a folder for completed projects on the SW Trail Drive. He went over the pending projects.

Don said that he and Brian talked to Commissioner Fish's chief of staff about the signage at the zoo and crosswalks. Don, Brian and Hans will walk around with Parks staff to discuss signage around the zoo.

Brian talked about the GIS mapping progress. He and Don have been working on mapping additional trails. He displayed a progress map and table. He has mapped about 66% of the trails in southwest. He has mapped extensions to trails 6 and 7. Brian has been working on putting the mapping on an app; Explorer for ArcGIS. He would like people to double check his work. Britta said this would be worth publicizing this when it is done.

**Advocates Corner:** Don said a letter was sent to Commissioner Fish requesting support for trail work. They will take the letter to the legislature. Don said he has been appointed to the committee looking into a connection from Barbur to OHSU at Gibbs. They had their first meeting and Don talked about the criteria for the connection. They have been asked to present several alternatives. They are not addressing the crossing on Natio at Whitaker.

Tool Library: Jason will put together a Fiscal Sponsorship for a tool library project. Jason explained how tool libraries work.

Glenn said he appreciates all the new energy and projects for SW trails.

The next meeting Thursday, February 28th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm

Submitted by

Lee Buhler