

SW Trails PDX
Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2017

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, Andrea Wall, Glenn Bridger, Debbie Small, Chris Mays, Barbara Bowers, Barbara Stedman, Keturah Pennington, Ben Donora, Sue Donora

Doug called to order at 7:03pm

Introductions

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

Minutes: Dave made a motion to approve the October minutes as amended. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events: There will be a SWIM meeting on January 4 from 4:30 to 6:00pm at the Multnomah Arts Center. Don said they did not have all the information on important trail segments and he sent them and said they seemed to understand.

There will be an open house for "Sidewalks Comming to SW Vermont" It will be on January 10, 5:30 to 7:30 at the SW Community Center.

Don said there will be a SW Corridor meeting as well.

Hikes: Sharon said the next hike will be on Saturday, January 13. Pete will lead it. It will go on the Marquam Trail and then to the waterfront.

Work Parties: Dave said the January work party has been canceled as it is hard to work in winter weather.

Treasurer's Report: Chris said we have \$29,990.19 in the bank. So far this year we have had revenue of \$24,731.26 and expenses of \$14,549.85. Chris \$21,307 of the revenue was the PBOT grant for the 25th and Bertha project.

Don said we could use a portion of the grant money for this year's insurance. He said there may be a small surplus but it will be close. Doug and Barbara commented on what an improvement this route is. Don said there were about 300 hours of volunteer time on the project. There were 14 volunteers. Don said he limited the number of volunteers as building steps is hard with large groups. Glenn pointed out that there was a great deal of time spent on getting the project approved. Barbara Stedman suggested better signage for the route. Don said signage was excluded from the grant but we should talk about it.

Memberships: Barbara Bowers said we had 9 new members for a total of 68.

Social Media: Barbara said she has been posted to Facebook and we have almost 400 followers.

Project Progress Checklist and Guidelines:

Doug said we have developed a Project Progress Checklist. Dave displayed the form on overhead. People can use this to suggest a project. This will also help us keep track of projects. Doug asked if people felt it was OK to put on the web and people agreed.

Don moved that the checklist be put on the website. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Project Status on in-process or underway projects:

- **Maintenance & Development of SW Urban Trail Signage:** Dave displayed the signage project progress checklist that Hans created. We will revisit this next month and vote on it when people have had a chance to review it.
- **St. John Fisher trail:** Glenn said several SW Trails people have looked at the trail. He said St. John Fisher wants SW Trails to do the survey, donation and deed process. Glenn told them we have never done these kinds of things and we are not qualified to do them. He told them that SW Trails is very willing build the project. Doug said the project checklist would have helped in this process.
- **Bridlemile trail:** Dave said the PBOT grant for the trail. There will be meeting with PBOT in January on it. Dave went through the Project Checklist for the project and displayed it on overhead. **Debbie moved that the SW Trails board approves the application for the project. Glenn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Debbie moved that SW Trails approves the project. Glenn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**
- **West Portland Park & school grounds trail:** Dave displayed the Project Progress Checklist and described the trail. **Glenn moved approval of the application. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Lee made a motion to approve the project. Debbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**
- **Portland Parks stewardship:** Dave said he is satisfied how this is working. We will review the checklist next month.
- **SW Seymour Court:** Dave said this is a work in progress. Sharon said she will contact the people interested to ask them to fill out the checklist.
- **Red Electric Bridge & Trail:** Doug said the project seems to be coming together finally. They have put up survey stakes and they estimate they are 60% done on the design.
- **Naito Crossing / Don** said this project is again on the unfunded list.

Advocates Corner: Don suggested a work task force to go to City Council on the Trails Policy. He said there has not been one project approved. He suggested going to City Council to say the program is not working. He suggested that He, Glenn, Debbie and Dave work on the issue. Doug approved the committee.

PBOT Grant: Don said the PBOT grant for trail maintenance was approved but the funding was lowered from \$13,000 to \$5,000.

Glenn said that on Wednesday January 17th the SW Corridor working group will meet at the Multnomah Arts Center and he suggested interested people attend.

The next meeting will be January 25th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38