

SW Trails PDX  
Monthly Meeting MINUTES

**June 28, 2018**

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

**Attendance:** Don Baack, Doug Rogers, Sharon Fekety, Virginia Hendrickson, Lee Buhler, Debbie Small, Barbara Stedman, Hans Steuch, Keturah Pennington, Andrea Wall, Barbara Bowers, Michael Kisor, Justin Hall, Brita Gordon, Rick Kappler

Doug called to order at 7:03pm

**Introductions**

**Agenda:** Lee made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of discussion of SWIM and PedPDX. Hans seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Debbie said PBOT has put car counting equipment on Bertha Blvd. between SW 30<sup>th</sup> & B-H Hwy.

**Minutes:** Debbie made a motion to approve the May 26, 2018 minutes. Keturah seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Upcoming Community Events:** Don said this room will be used for the book sale in July so we cannot meet here. He said July would be good to have the picnic. Don said Multnomah Days is on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Don said he has invited JoAnn Hardesty for a walk-around on July 6. We will have another day for the other candidate for the office.

**Hikes:** Sharon said Rick was suppose to lead the hike in June but he couldn't due to a death in his family and Mark took over. The hike went very well. Virginia will lead in July and Hans will lead in August.

**Treasurer's Report:** Andrea said she has a check for the grant. We also had a \$1,000 check from Bonnie Brod via the Oregon Community Foundation

**Membership:** Barbara Bowers said one person join last month for a total of 68 people and 7 sponsorships.

**Social Media:** Barbara Stedman said we have 460 followers on Facebook.

**Web Page:** Hans said Brita and Jim Pollard generously agreed to help. Brita said they had one training session with Mark. She said they have done some posting. Jim started a new way to administer the account with individual user names and passwords. Brita invited others to get involved. Michael suggested backing up the website. Don said Phil Pennington started the website in 1996. Don said we should post that the tram is down on the 4T web site. He said OHSU will put some funding into the trail at Whitaker between Barbur Blvd. and Terwilliger.

**Fiscal Sponsorship for SW 25th:** Doug and Andrea talked about the native plant restoration work on 25<sup>th</sup>. Andrea is looking for more grant money; she would like to solicit donations and volunteers. Doug talked about the Fiscal Sponsorship agreement. **Don moved that SW Trails form a committee of Doug, Glenn, and himself to delegate the agreement to. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**SW Corridor Light Rail Resolution:** Michael Kisor read the following motion:

“SW Trails is concerned about two route modifications in the IRP (Initial Route Proposal) for SW Corridor Light Rail: Barbur Blvd. viaduct bypass, and the Taylors Ferry modification. We note that original options studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement would have brought about much needed improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the gaps on Barbur Blvd., near George Himes Park in the Hillsdale area, and at the intersection of Barbur Blvd. & Capital Highway at the crossroads area. However the aforementioned route modifications, as currently proposed, fail to improve pedestrian and/or bicycle access in either of these areas.

While SW Trails can understand the need to cut project costs in order to obtain matching federal funding, we view improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities as essential elements in these two dangerous chokepoints areas. The safe movement of pedestrians and bicyclists must be an essential design feature of any route modification in either of these areas.

Specifically, we strongly recommend that a multi-modal pedestrian and bicycle path be incorporated as features of the bypass structures of both of these modifications. We believe that this can be added at minimal incremental cost, if the engineers do their job properly, and consider innovative designs. For example, if widening the structure to accommodate a multi-modal path adds too much to the cost, then consider making a double deck structure, with the multi-modal path either above or below the light rail. We’re sure the clever minds which came up with these modifications can find ways to add pedestrian and bicycle access without increasing project costs substantially.”

Don said we should include the Red Electric Trail to the motion. He said there will be a lot of opposition to the plan from Hillsdale due to traffic impacts in neighborhoods.

**Debbie made a motion to form a committee to incorporate the ideas discussed in the motion. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** The motion will be approved by the board via email.

Michael said there will be the following open houses on the SW Corridor Plan:

July 2, 4:30 Tualatin Public Library  
July 10, 6:30, St Anthony’s Church  
July 12, 6:00 Tigard Public Library  
July 16, 4:30 Capitol Hill Library

**Volunteers:** Don said we need a person to work on sponsorships. Rick said he could work on it. Don said we need volunteers for Multnomah Days. Don said we can also be at the Hillsdale Farmers Market if we get people to volunteer. Don said we need to find storage space for SW Tools. Rick said he may know a place to store stuff. Barbara Bowers suggested a list of SW Trails possessions.

**Projects Status:** Don said the SWNI Board has supported both SW Slavin Road connections for the Red Electric Trail. He said there will be a meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> with ODOT at the zoo to look at relocating the trail off of the ramp and up the hill a bit.

**Advocates Corner:** Don said he and Doug met with the trail planner with Oregon State Parks to talk about building the trail from Marshall park to Tryon Creek Natural Area. It will go under the new bridge on Boones Ferry Road. Don suggested an announcement on our grants program. Doug said he could work on it. Don said we should make formal requests from Amanda Fritz's office and Dan Saltzman's office for reports on progress on the Red Electric Trail.

There will not be a July SW Trails meeting. After discussion it was decided we would instead we have a picnic on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Pendleton Park next to Hayhurst School at 6:00 pm.

Don said it was important that we have a meeting on the plan for PedPDX and SWIM.

Andrea talked about the graffiti on the new 25<sup>th</sup> steps. Debbie said the graffiti has faded a lot. The school contacted mother of the person they suspected of doing it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm

Submitted by  
Lee Buhler