

SW Trails PDX
Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2018

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

Attendance: Don Baack, Sharon Fekety, Virginia Hendrickson Dave Manville, Lee Buhler, Debbie Small, Glenn Bridger, Hans Steuch, Barbara Bowers, Andrea Wall, Brita Gordon, Jason Bergstrom, Greg Thiel, Don McCoy, Keturah Pennington, Chris Mays

Debbie, our Vice President, called our meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Agenda: Lee made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of discussion of a motion on the Twombly permit in the advocates corner and a discussion of the Keller Woods trail. Barbara seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Don Baack. made a motion to approve the September 27, 2018 minutes. Don McCoy seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming community events: Don B. said the Weston Awards will be tomorrow night. Glenn said the Thanksgiving day walk starts at 9:00 on Thanksgiving Day. Dave said there will be an open house on the SWIM project on Thursday November 29 at Jackson Middle School.

Next month's SW Trails Hike announcement: Lee will lead the November walk and it will be in the Hoyt Arboretum. We are working on a senior walk on November 17th.

Next month's Work Party: Dave said there will be a work party on November 1st on the Trolley Trail near Council Crest. He will send out the announcement.

Treasury report: Chris said the SW Trails bank balance is \$25,214.63. Revenue for the year has been \$5,074.96 with expenses of \$,8735. **Glenn moved and Don M. seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and the motion passed unanimously**

Membership: Barbara said we have 83 members and several donors.

Social Media: Brita had previously sent out an email memo on her suggestions for additions to the website and handed out printed copies. We will discuss them and the website next month. Hans complimented Brita on the fine job she was doing with the web page. Hans will set up a committee meeting on the web page in the next month.

Fiscal Sponsorship arrangements with the SW 25th project: Glenn discussed the project. The project application was displayed on overhead. **Don B. made a motion to approve the project. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Lee made a motion to approve section B. Don B. seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Andrea gave Chris a check for \$1,372 for the project.

Don B. said we should have our project management procedure on the web. Andrea said they had 20 5th graders working on the project and some Eagle Scouts will be working on it soon.

SW Trail Signs: Hans said Lewis and Clark College have approved installing SW Trails signs on routes through the college. He said he walked through all parks except Gabriel with a representative from the Parks Department and reviewed the sign proposals made by SW Trails last year. He generally approved of the locations. SW Trails will provide the signs and Parks will install them and new posts, where necessary. Hans said the signs needed would cost around \$500. We will apply for a grant from PBOT and put it in the SW Trails budget for next year. Don B. will check if we can use the left-over Stephen's creek funds. Dave said it is important to get quality signs since they will be out in the weather. Hans said the sign maker he is looking at is approved by the Parks Department. **Don B. moved that SW Trails continue the signage suggested by Hans. Dave seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Should SW Trails offer shorter hike options: Debbie said she and Don B. worked on some shorter hike routes. **Don B. moved that the board authorize Debbie and Don B. to lead a "Stroll and Coffee" hike on November 17 and subsequent similar events. Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** The hike will end at the Food Front store in Hillsdale.

Project status: Dave said the Bridlemile Project is completed. He said there is left-over money that we might be able to use for other projects. He said permits have been issued for the Twombly and Seymour trails. He said he will start working on the Seymour Court trail on Saturday. He said they approved the plans as is. Debbie said that may help our reputation on future projects. Don went over the history of the trail on SW 19th. Don B. said it is too steep to meet specifications. However, it does have a handrail. He said there is nothing about hand rails in the specifications and this has to be worked out.

Dave said the UTP program will change its name to Portland Pathways. Dave said he is working on some trails in the Ashcreek Neighborhood. Hans said the Boones Ferry Culvert replacement project has been postponed for a year due to high steel prices.

Advocates Corner:

Don B. made the following motion: SW Trails declines to sign the Twombly Permit and Stewardship Agreement and requests a meeting with Commissioner Eudaly and PBOT staff to discuss Trails as basic Pedestrian infrastructure. Lee seconded the motion.

Discussion: Don explained the reasoning for his motion. He also suggested a walk-around with Commissioner Eudaly to show her the trails in SW Portland. Dave said that permits for the Bridlemile and Seymour projects had the same issues as the Twombly permit. They were signed by the project leaders.

The motion passed unanimously.

Don B. displayed a map of SW Trails suggested trail projects. He is proposing to submit the map to City Council and hopefully it will make the permitting process easier.

Don B. said there are some areas on the 4T trail that he is concerned with. He has been talking to ODOT and they propose a loop trail that takes it off the on-ramp. He said this trail is part of the 40-mile Loop

Trail and ODOT should take responsibility for it.

Don M. talked about a trail at Keller Woodlands on Northwood Ave. It is part of trail 6. There is an easement on Northwoods. They are looking for people to help with planting native plants along the trail. Don B. said the trail needs some reverse grades. Don suggested putting this on our future projects.

Jason said they are looking for a location for the tool library. There are several other ones around town. They do not loan out gas power tools.

Andrea suggested a whistle as a SW Trails fund raiser.

The next meeting Thursday, November 15th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm

Submitted by

Lee Buhler