



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Trails Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: March 17, 2015
Time: 7 pm
Location: Fanno Creek Service Center

In Attendance

Committee Members Present:	Chair, Tom Hjort, Vice Chair, Bernadette Le, Kevin Apperson, Recording Secretary Leda Mareth, Kevin O'Donnell, John Ratliff, Gerri Scheerens, Sam Scheerens, Elaine Woods
Ex-Officio Committee Members Present:	Joy Chang (Washington County)
THPRD Staff:	Steve Gulgren
Absent:	Juan Mercado (BBAC), Metro
Visitors:	Jake Mintz and Stacey Glenewinkel

I. Welcome

Chair Tom Hjort called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

II. Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Self introductions by each person present.

III. Approval of January Meeting Minutes and Volunteer Hours for January

- a) Committee members present have reviewed the February meeting minutes.

MOTION made (John) and seconded (Gerri) for approval of the February meeting minutes with the discussed revision. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

- b) The volunteer hours sheet was passed around for each member to record last month's hours.

IV. Announcements

- a) Steve updated the committee on the status of advisory committees for THPRD. Staff is going to forward a proposal to the board of directors that recommends either the advisory committees stay the same or that board gets more involved with the committees. There is no more super committee proposal.
- b) Sam and Gerri attended the Hillsboro Trails Master Plan open house. It was well done and nicely presented. Hillsboro has grandiose plans. The plans and maps are on their website. Next open house is May 20.
- c) Tom passed around info on the American Trails Conference May 17 - 20. There are events that are free and open to the public on Sunday, May 17. Joy will pass on more info.

V. Update THPRD Trails

There is no trail construction this summer.

Westside/Waterhouse Trail – the section that is on the north side of the Nature Park to Merlo (outside of the Nature Park) has been submitted for land use and moving forward. Construction will begin in spring 2016.

Beaverton Creek Trail (Hocken to Nature Park) – There are funds for design only starting Oct. 1. Staff will be meeting with ODOT soon to start the process.

Westside Trail Segment #18 (Rock Creek Trail to Kaiser) – Is moving forward, but construction will begin in spring 2016. This was pushed back because of issues with right of way acquisition.

Waterhouse Trail Segment #4 – No money to build this segment at this time.

VI. Washington County Update

Joy thanked the committee for support for the bridge for the Nature In Neighbors grant. Decision will be known in April.

Two programs were funded for Safe Routes to Schools. City of Tigard and Beaverton School District will now have coordinators. Kevin suggested the Beaverton safe routes coordinator comes to a TAC meeting. Beaverton School District is eliminating some buses to schools.

Jake shared information about the Active Transportation Plan elements.

VII. Beaverton Bicycle Advisory Committee

BBAC is continuing to work on Vision Zero. It is not adopted yet, but BBAC is discussing adopting it. BBAC is also discussing Save Routes to Schools and outreach. City of Beaverton is going to use some of their resources for Bike Beaverton (usually first Sunday in September after Labor Day).

VIII. Trails Functional Plan

Steve updated TAC on the Trails Functional Plan. THPRD has hired a consultant, Alta Planning + Design. Trails Functional Plan should be done by June. There will be a joint advisory committee meeting on April 21 (regular TAC meeting time). On April 28, there will be the trails open house (HMT Dryland Room). Plan should be approved by the board in June.

Kevin requested a preview of the documents before the open house. Tom requested that the advisory committee reviews final plans before the board reviews it.

There was a discussion on the role of TAC in May and June (after the open house). There may be quite a bit of work leading up to June in regard to getting the Trails Functional Plan finished. There may be a work session to discuss and make changes based on feedback from the open house and combination advisory committee meeting.

IX. Topics for Future Trails Advisory Committee Meetings

April meeting will be the joint advisory committee meeting. May will be about feedback from open house and joint session, July will be picnic, no meeting in August.

Ideas - Lisa Frank, Vision Zero, Safe Routes to Schools, work session for Trails Functional Plan in early May, Robert Spurlock – Metro regional trails and active transportation funding, Challenge Grant money must be approved in May. Someone from Hillsboro to present their trails master plan.

Ideas for remaining Challenge Grant funding - elevation signs for a few high and low points on trails. Bike helmets for Safe Routes to Schools. Benches. A fence for the north side of Hall Boulevard for the Fanno Creek Trail. A way to sweep pea gravel from trails. Botanical signs for plant material.

X. Next Meeting (Joint Advisory Committee Meeting) will be held on April 21, 2015 at 7 pm at the Fanno Creek Service Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leda Mareth
Recording Secretary