

SW Trails Zoom Board Meeting
November 17, 2022

Attendance:

Board Members: Don Baack, Glenn Bridger, Dave Manville, Debbie Small, Barbara Stedman, Lee Buhler, Brian Brady, Christa Britton

Guests: Erin Buckley, Jason Bergstrom, Virginia Hendrickson, Christa Britton

Debbie called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

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

October 27, 2022 minutes: Don made a motion to approve the October 27, minutes. Dave seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

Debbie said we have been looking into hybrid Zoom-in-person meetings. Several people did a practice session. Dave described the practice setups. He displayed a document describing the different setups and the results for each. He said a camera with a wider view angle would be better. They are looking at different venues. Debbie said it was good to have people who join by Zoom use a headset. It is a work in progress.

Treasurer's Report: Lee said the SWTrails balance as of 10/31/2022 was \$153,581. Of that \$39,751 was unrestricted. There is a balance of \$317 in the Beaver Festival Restricted which will be used for native plantings as per the grant.

Membership:

Members October 2022

--New Members this month: 2

--Renewing Members this month: 1

--Total Members from fourth quarter 2021 through current month: 136

Sponsors October 2022

--New Sponsors this month: 0

--Renewing Sponsors this month: 0

--Total new or renewing Sponsors this month: 0

--Total Sponsors from fourth quarter 2021 through current month: 42

Social Media: Barbara said SWTrails has 130 followers on Twitter, 850 followers on Instagram and 1170 followers on Facebook. Barbara asked for more hike and work party pictures.

Walks: Dave said Susie and a friend will do the December hike starting at Ida B. Wells and go to Council Crest. Dave said the November second Saturday hike went well. Debbie said that Emily led the October walk in Washington Park and the Hoyt Arboretum, and it was a great hike. The November walk will start at Wells High School and go to a viewpoint on the way to Council Crest. In December Emily will lead the December walk. Dave said we are working on streamlining the hike sign-in process. There are a lot of other organizations that do online waivers. Don has contacted the insurance company to see their ideas. We will have this as an agenda item next month. Brian suggested adding changes to the web page as part of the discussion.

Work Parties: Dave said the next work party will probably be in Marshall Park and will involve leaf sweeping. Don said he got an inquiry from someone in the Bridlemile neighborhood to cut back vegetation on Hamilton. Dave said a high wheel lawn mower could take care of it fairly quickly. Dave will contact them and tell them their neighborhood needs to organize any work party to address the problem.

Sign Inventory Project: Brian said we are about 60% done. He said someone wants to work on the project in the next few weeks and is willing to take some routes.

Maps: Brian displayed the website. The theme was updated. He asked people to report any problems to him. Don said he talked to someone who said people really like the SWTrails website and use it as a model. Brian asked people to send him pictures.

Projects:

Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail: Don said he is working on the insurance issues. He said the City will issue the permit in the near future. He said we are close to an agreement on the perpetual insurance issue. He has been working with the sign contractor. Reports to the state have been filed. Don said Civic Life has agreed to pay for construction insurance.

Red Electric: Dave displayed a section of the trail that has been brushed out. He said he hopes we can get permission to put in a temporary gravel trail.

Ashcreek Grant Request: Dave displayed a Project Checklist from the Ashcreek Neighborhood Association for a proposed trail from 51st to Taylors Ferry Road. It is about 100 feet and a Safe Route to School route. It needs steps and they want to install box steps. **Dave moved that SWTrails accepts part A of the project. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Dave went over the details of the project. The total cost will be \$700. SWTrails will provide half and the neighborhood association will provide half. The total cost for SWTrails will be \$350. **Don moved and Lee seconded that SWTrails approves Part B of the project. The motion passed unanimously.**

Fiscal Sponsorships:

Beaver Festival: Glenn said Laura and he are working on finalizing the 2022 festival and starting to work on the 2023 festival

Tool Library: Debbie said Jason has applied for insurance.

Advocates Corner:

Don said he is hopeful to get a budget item from the City for some of the Red Electric and a park in Hillsdale.

Thanksgiving Day Walk: Glenn invited everyone to the Thanksgiving Day walk. He said they will have a booth to talk to people about trail and Hillsdale issues.

Don said he met with people from Parks, BES and OHSU to talk about Trail #1 from Barbur to Terwilliger. The BES right-of-way vs Parks property must be determined. He said 40-50 people use that trail to commute every day.

Don said they have blocked off the very steep steps off Hamilton and have been removing the steps which are old road bollards.

Don said hopefully funding will be in place for the Natio crossing soon.

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15. It will be a Zoom meeting. However some people may want to get together to test the hybrid meeting methods.

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:24pm

Submitted by
Lee Buhler