



SWTrails PDX Board Meeting Minutes (*DRAFT 1*)

May 26, 2022 (via Zoom conference call)

Board Attendance: Don Baack, Brian Brady, Lee Buhler, Laura Campos, Glenn Bridger, Dave Manville, Doug Rogers, Barbara Stedman,

Guest Attendance: Doug Kinnaird, Daniel Reimer, Judy H., Jenna Barnett, Virginia Hendrickson, Lisa Caballero, Judy Henderson, Corinne McQueen, Steve Corbato

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Doug Rogers and introductions of those present were made.

Approval of Agenda: Upon motion made by Lee and seconded by Glenn the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.

Don requested that a letter be written to Sam Adams thanking him for the funding that resulted in the construction of the Red Electric Bridge.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion made by Dave and seconded by Lee, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 28, 2022 meeting.

Upcoming Community Events that we should be attending: Doug said the new *Red Electric Bridge* should be opening soon because the construction appears to be almost done. He'll contact the project manager at PBOT to see what they're planning for an "open house".

Treasurer's Report: Lee Buhler displayed the SWTrails balance sheet, monthly income statement and fund balances. The total asset balance is **\$39,370.66** as of the end of April.

Membership Update: Dave said Christa could not make the meeting and read her report as follows:

--New Members Month Ending April 2022:

New Members this month: **3** / Renewing Members this month: **1** / Total Members from fourth quarter 2021 through current month: **94**

--New Sponsors Month Ending March 2022:

New Sponsors this month: **1** / Renewing Sponsors this month: **10** / Total new or renewing Sponsors: **1** / Total Sponsors from fourth quarter 2021 through current month: **34**

--Donations through March 2022:

Memberships: **\$415** / Sponsorships: **\$1710** / Total donations YTD: **\$2125.**

--All "thank you" emails have been sent to our donors.

Social Media: Barbara Stedman reported SWTrails has the this number of followers: Facebook 1027, Instagram 768, Twitter 124.

Monthly walks/hikes update for June:

2nd Saturday walk: Dave will be the leader. Start on SW 37th at Gabriel Park. It will be a six-mile hike. They will check out the new play structure at the park.

3rd Saturday walk: Start at the old Smith School on SW 52nd. We will walk through Woods Park at a leisurely pace and explore this local area.

Review of PBOT's *Southwest in Motion* (SWIM) community planning effort:

Guest speaker -- **Corrine McQueen**, *SWIM* Planner at PBOT

Corrine introduced herself. She has been with PBOT since 2018 and worked on Safe Routes to School projects. She recently was assigned to work with Nick Falbo for the implementation of the *Southwest in Motion* plan. Due to all the COVID-19 complications and other limitations over the past 2 years, she said PBOT is behind in the full implementation of the SWIM plan. But now they're able to do more, and can begin to share more with the community about the SWIM projects, and the overall plan. She displayed a presentation about the how SWIM came about and its history.

In the meantime, a number of planned projects have been done, and others are underway. There are a total of 89 projects in the plan that include Bicycle/Pedestrian construction, Restriping of streets, and Safer Shoulder pilot projects. These are all listed and displayed on area maps in the plan itself. She then displayed a map and a list of the 55 planned pedestrian Crossing projects. There have been 20 completed crossings and 5 now being worked on. They currently have only \$500,000 allocated for the projects, far less than is needed.

Corrine was then interested in our questions and comments. Several people then shared their concerns. Doug wanted to highlight that the Neighborhood Greenway project on SW Bertha where it joins the north west end of the new Red Electric Bridge really needs to be completed with the expected completion of the bridge itself. Don shared how we have gathered information from neighborhoods on potential crosswalks that are needed. Jenna shared her concern that the almost complete lack of any shoulders, combined with no sidewalks at all, makes SW Shattuck very dangerous for anyone to walk along. Laura said the promised crossing at SW Naito and Whitaker is long overdue and prevents neighbors from being able to walk down to the nearby Willamette River; Don said he was told it would go to bid in September and would finally be built. Glenn said there are several pedestrian connections to the Hillsdale town center that are overdue; he said there needs to be more funding to bring southwest up to safe conditions. Everyone agreed that the lack of funding was what prevented all these problems from being taken care of.

Corrine recognized that SW has many unmet needs for our walkers and bikers. She thanked everyone for sharing their personal experiences and said she looked forward to working with us in the months to come.

Projects, Trail Maintenance and Work Parties: Dave said there was a good work party last month in Marshall Park. It will be at the same place this month.

Approval of Fiscal Sponsorship of Eena (Beaver) Festival: Glenn went over the SWTrails project checklist for the festival; Dave displayed the checklist for all to see. We have already approved section A; Glenn went over the items for section B.

Glenn made a motion to approve section B of the project. Don seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura displayed her Portland Parks Foundation award. She said she hopes to use the \$1,500 award stipend to work with under-served kids. She hopes to work with SWTrails on some of the projects.

Advocates Corner: Don said they testified at City Council asking that the Hillsdale Rose Lane Bus project be delayed. Don described some of the problems with the project.

Doug appointed Don and Glenn to a committee to follow the Rose Lane Project.

Oregon Parks asked to be removed from the Hillsdale to LO trail funding package. This will leave more money for Portland Parks and PBOT.

Don has been working with people on building the SW Twombly trail steps. He said it is about 85% done. The trail is open while they are working on it.

We will get a group together to handle the Multnomah Days Celebration in August.

Don said the survey for the renaming of the Wilson Pool had 365 participants and about 2/3 chose the Hillsdale Pool (SWTrails shared our website for this community project).

Trail Sign Inventory: Brian displayed the progress of the official SWTrails trail marker sign inventory project. It is about 22% done.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at, 8:40 pm.

*Minutes submitted by **Lee Buhler** (for our absent Secretary, Robin Wendlandt)*