



SWTrails PDX Board Meeting Minutes (*DRAFT 1*)

June 23, 2022 (via Zoom conference call)

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

Guest Attendance: Jenna Barnett, Jason Bergstrom, Carolyn Jenkins, Patricia Jewett, Virginia Hendrickson

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Doug Rogers and introductions of those present were made.

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

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion made by Don and seconded by Deb, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 25 meeting.

Upcoming Community Events that we should be attending: Doug encourages us to attend the July 13 Metro quarterly trails forum. Don and Lee will try to attend via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Buhler displayed the SWTrails balance sheet, monthly income statement and fund balances. The total asset balance is \$39,796.85 as of the end of May. The breakdown of the fund balances is as follows:

AARP Bench	\$ 1,000.00
Seymour & 25 th Stairs	\$ 1,515.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$37,281.85
Total	\$39,796.85

Membership Update: Deb reported the following for Christa Britton who was absent:

New Members Month Ending May 2022

- New Members this month: 3
- Renewing Members this month: 0
- Total Members from fourth quarter 2021 through current month: 101

New Sponsors Month Ending May 2022

- New Sponsors this month: 2
- Renewing Sponsors this month: 0
- Total new or renewing Sponsors: 2
- Total Sponsors from fourth quarter 2021 through current month: 36

Donations through May 2022:

- Memberships: \$565
- Sponsorships: \$2560
- Includes \$385 to be collected February through December
- Total donations YTD: \$3125

All thank you emails have been sent.

Social Media: Barbara Stedman reported SWTrails has the following number of followers: Facebook 1030, Instagram 788, Twitter 125.

Monthly walks/hikes update: Third Saturday Hike: Deb does not have a report on the June 3rd Saturday hike as she was out of the country. She also needs a volunteer to lead the July hike. For the month of August, she will move the third Saturday hike to August 6 so it doesn't conflict with Multnomah Days. Don will lead the August hike and will plan the hike to go up the new stairs on Twombly.

Second Saturday Hike: Dave will plan and lead the August hike which will include the new Red Electric Trail bridge.

SWTrails trail marker sign inventory update: Brian indicated we are about 27% through collecting our data and would like us to finish this project before winter. He asked if anyone needs help doing their assigned route to contact him.

Multnomah Days, Saturday, August 20: Once again, SWTrails will have a booth at Multnomah Days. Deb has volunteered to coordinate our involvement but she cannot attend on August 20. We need someone to be the lead to set up and staff the booth on this day. Doug will be sending an email to solicit volunteers. Robin will create a poster for the new Red Electric Bridge to be displayed in the booth.

Red Electric Bridge “official” opening: Parks and PBOT will host a joint official opening of the Red Electric trail sometime in July. There will be speakers (SWTrails included) and media at the event.

Lora Lillard was hired by Portland Parks to be their new Capital Project Manager for the Red Electric Trail planning and development grant. Don and Doug will invite Senator Burdick and Lora Lillard for a walking tour and to share our vision of the Red Electric Trail.

PBOT’s Southwest in Motion community planning effort: Lisa Caballero wrote a great summary of last month’s meeting with Corrine McQueen from PBOT. Don suggested we invite Nick Falbo to our September meeting. In the meantime, we need to prioritize which projects SWTrails thinks are the most important so we can help move those projects forward. Jenna stated that the Bridlemile Neighborhood Association would like to work with SWTrails to push for the crosswalks that are mentioned in the SWIM plan.

Projects, Trail Maintenance and Work Parties: Dave reported that the June work party on Trail 6 in Marshall Park near SW 11th accomplished a lot, but there is still work to be done in that area. Typically, we don’t have work parties with Parks during July and August because they are working with other groups. We need to make a work plan for 2023 soon to submit to Parks – please let Dave know if you have any new ideas to consider. Doug mentioned we should carry clippers on our personal hikes through SWTrails to snip away any overgrowth we encounter.

Advocates Corner:

-- Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail project update: Oregon State Parks pulled out of accepting any grant money so we will have an additional \$250k to allocate towards this trail.

-- SW Twombly Avenue trail steps update on Trail 1, Twombly to Melville: 47 steps have been installed by 13 volunteers with 139 work hours. Getting close to being done!

--Wilson Pool renaming: The results of the survey Brian built and posted on our website showed that 67% of respondents voted to rename the pool “Hillsdale Pool.” It will be interesting to see if the committee which oversees the renaming will accept the results of our survey or conduct their own research.

-- Insurance coverage by City for SW community service organizations may or may not be paid for by the City next year.

-- PBOT’s plan to spend funds on SW Nevada Court (Trail #3): Again, we believe that improvements on SW 25th are a higher priority than on Nevada Court. Don has invited the Multnomah and Hillsdale neighborhoods to write a letter in support of moving the funds to SW 25th.

July Picnic in the Park: Traditionally we have a social gathering in lieu of a regular meeting in July. The location was set for Pendleton Park from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Doug will send an email with a few dates to choose from so we can have the maximum number of people attend.

Last Minute Announcements: There were no last minute announcements.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

*--Respectfully submitted by **Robin Wendlandt, SWTrails Secretary***