

SW TRAILS BOARD MEETING APRIL 27, 2023 VIA ZOOM

Attendance Board members: Debbie Small, Dave Manville, Lee Buhler, Bonnie Birch, Barbara Stedman, Don Baack, Craig (SWRL), Brian Brady **Also present:** Rob Melton, Ben Donora, Don McCoy, Jason Bergstrom, Craig (SWRL), Lisa Caballero (Bike Portland)

Debbie called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Don Baack made a motion to nominate Bonnie Birch to serve on the board. Dave Manville seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Don Baack moved, Lee Buhler seconded a motion to have Bonnie Birch serve as secretary of the board. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda/Board reports Debbie Small asked for any objections to approving the agenda, previous meeting minutes and board reports as submitted. Hearing none, the agenda, minutes and reports were accepted by consensus.

Guest Speaker: Lisa Caballero, Bike Portland spoke about giving community input on potential development projects. She described the Portland system as being very dependent on neighborhood associations for input on development. She spoke specifically about the Gibbs Street project near the OHSU campus. Don Baack urged SW Trails members to attend the city council meeting in regards to this development and others.

Action item: Don will send email out to the membership with the information about the City Council meeting.

Committee/Community Reports

- Monthly walks/hikes: Discussion of First, Second, and Third Saturday hikes.
- Trails and work parties: Don will lead work parties on Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail. 15 Bollards have been in installed on 19th. Dave has two work parties, one in Marshall Park, expecting to finish the new trail on May 4, also the Nike Work Party on Trail 3 will improve drainage on Monday, May 1.
- Signs: Brian reported that he has completed a survey of SW Trails signs. We have a tacit agreement with PBOT to replace 29 missing signs.
- Maps/Website: Brian has analyzed our website data and talked about what might be bringing people to our website. Our signage may be inspiring people to google “SW Trails”. He meets with Debbie and Dave monthly to update the website.
- Projects Update Hillsdale to LO - Don said the city is moving ahead on getting the Taylor’s Ferry sidewalk and crosswalk proposal prepared. Permitting is in process. Red Electric Trail - Don did a walk around with a city worker to explain. Seymour Dr and SW 25th Trail - nothing new Ash Creek Grant - Dave says grant is finished and will soon submit application. Tunnelwood Trail - Downed tree may present a gate opportunity. Tool library Jason Bergstrom PBOT
- Fiscal Sponsorships Beaver Festival, 2023 - Tool Library –
- Advocate’s Corner: Don Ida B Wells walk around great meeting with representative of Portland Public Schools. Looking for the three potential funding sources.
- Upcoming community events • Dave Manville talked about the Capacity Building Team, in regards to community engagement and growing the organization. The team’s initial brainstorming session is attached in reports. Action Item: Debbie will order business cards for any board member who asks. Please get your requests in to her as this is a great way to get the word out about SW Trails.

Discussion/Information items/De-brief

- **Donations** - Action Item: Barbara will add SW Trails to the Willamette Week list of non-profits to support.
- **Impact of the Rose Line on Traffic - no report**
- **2023 Multnomah Days - August 19th** Don moved that SW Trails participate in Multnomah Days event, Dave seconded, passed unanimously.
- **SW Stroll (PBOT)** - Dave agreed to plan walks for June/July/August for PBOT’s 1st Saturday Strolls • **SW Trails Community Party** –
- **T-shirts Jennifer Goldsmith - Administrative functions**

- **Policies and procedures** - no discussion

The next meeting will be held on May 25 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Submitted by Bonnie Birch