

SWTrails PDX Minutes, August 17, 2023

In Attendance: Brian Brady, Lee Buhler, Jeanne Tieken, Dave Manville, Don Baack, Laura Campos, Lisa Caballero, Deb Small

Consent Agenda: The Consent agenda (Approval of: 7-27-23 Minutes, Treasurer, Social Media, and Membership Reports) Don moved, and Dave seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously

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Special Thanks: Dr. Jeanne Budig Tieken: Thank you for your donation and support.

Board Member Nominee Lisa Caballero: Don moved to approve Lisa's appointment for an interim term until March, when a full term can be granted, Lee seconded. Passed unanimously.

Committee/Community Reports

- Monthly walks/hikes Update – Suzie/Dave/Deb
 - 2nd Saturday Hike – 10 people hiked 5.8 mi in the heat. September's hike to be arranged.
 - 3rd Saturday Walk – August hike; Lee will lead hike along Terwilliger with Doug Rogers talking about trains. September – Lee to lead beginning at Ross Island Grocery, cross pedestrian bridge to Willamette Park
 - 3rd Saturday Walk - New collaboration with PBOT. PBOT to join us on our 3rd Saturday Walk to continue their monthly hikes. The starting point of our hikes will be at the same starting location for one quarter to help PBOT's promotion/publicity for the event.
- Trails/Work Parties – Dave/Don
 - Portland Parks - Dave: 2023-24 Portland Parks schedule being developed. Stephens Creek project scheduled for October
 - Ida B. Wells Semi-Annual Clean-up: August clean-up had 5 workers. Cleared Trial 3 on the north side of the campus.
 - Future plans: Dave asked for suggestions for future projects. He'd like to work in A Park to clear up mud. Gabriel Park on Canyon Trail to clear up muddy spots. Will review the list for other projects. Still brushing to do. Brian asked for prior notice so that he can post on the website.
- Signs – Berri/Brian: nothing to report. Funding has been set aside by PBOT.
- Maps/Website – Brian: Building a gallery for our maps. Working on the H to LO Trail mapping. City is interested in using our map and signing strategies
 - GIS User Conference 2024 Esri User Conference: July 15-19, 2024 Don moved to approve \$400 for expenses to attend, and then decide which fund is most appropriate, either SWTrails of the Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail. Lisa seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - Proposed Route Changes (Brian, Don) 17 route recommendations on PBOT's walking map. Don is working with Commissioner Mapps to get approval for the changes.
- Projects Update
 - Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail – Don reports that SWTrails' part is about 95% done. Needs spots of gravel, blackberry removal, etc. Signage is still moving forward. City of Lake Oswego and PBOT approval to use our standard street signs with additions of stickers. Interpretive sign locations are still under discussion with different entities (PBOT, Parks, etc.). Oregon State Parks permits have been approved and should be moving forward.
 - PBOT to install asphalt in lieu of concrete on Taylors Ferry due to a water line underneath.
 - Discussion continues re. the sidewalk installation on Capital Hill Rd. Recommending lighting the Stephens Creek Crossing for safety at night.
 - Red Electric Trail: PBOT doing a predesign in preparation to going out to bids. Working to include the Red Electric Trail funding in plans for the upcoming transformation of I-5 into a toll road and its impact on Barbur traffic.
 - Seymour Dr. and SW 25th Trail: Close to getting a permit. SWTrails to get a permit to clear the brush from the trail.
 - Ashcreek: Project Complete!
 - Tunnelwood Trail: In abeyance. A tree fell, knocking down some fencing. A work in progress.
- Fiscal Sponsorships
 - Beaver Festival, 2024 – Laura, Dave: Laura has found an alternate sponsor for 2024.
 - Tool Library – Jason not present.
- Advocate's Corner – Don Nothing to report
- Upcoming Community Events
 - PBOT/SWTrails First Saturday Stroll September 2
 - PBOT Sunday Parkways September 10: PBOT will put some of our brochures on their table

Suggestions for Guest Speakers: Manager for the Red Electric Trail. Dave suggested Nick Falbo on SWIM or the project manager(s) for SWIM. Don suggests sharing our speakers with other groups. Red Electric Trail for the west. For the east is Brett Horner. Project Mgr for Capital Hill Rd and 17th – Lopez. Crosswalks – Nick Falbo's right-hand person, and other SWIM issues.

Discussion Issues: Idea of an "Adopt-a-Trail" program. Dave suggested going to other neighborhood groups. Brian concerned about the administration of a program.

Thanksgiving Walk: This is a Hillsdale issue. Don will talk to them.

Next Meeting: Sept. 28

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:25pm