

SW TRAILS BOARD MEETING
Sept. 28, 2023
VIA ZOOM

Attendance

Board members: Debbie Small, Don Baack, Barbara Stedman, Jason Bergstrom, Lee Buhler, Bonnie Birch, Dave Manville, Bryan Brady.

Other attendees: Barbara Linssen, Dennis Brown, Seth Healy (Westside Watershed Mgmt), Bryan Graveline, Oliver Kuhn-Wilken, Ashley Lopez, Leigh Armstrong, Barbara Bowers, Bill Gallagher, Jean Tiek.

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

Agenda, minutes, reports: Don Baack moved to approve all reports, the previous month's meeting minutes, and the agenda. Lee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Guest Ashley Lopez, Capital Project Manager, PBOT reported:

1. The planned crosswalk at Taylors Ferry and 17th, Budget \$789,000, will install two speed bumps (construction Fall, 2023) on Taylors Ferry to slow traffic. SW 17th will need to be widened to put path down the east side to Taylors Ferry. Four options for placing the crosswalk. Most people seem to cross on the east side of 17th. Need a wide sidewalk for groups of people as there will be an interpretive sign at the trailhead into Marshall Park. There will be vegetation removal on Taylor's Ferry to improve visibility. Funds from a grant from SW Trails.
2. Planned improvements at SW Troy/Capitol Hill Rd. Has good connectivity between schools and parks. The plan is to complete sidewalks. There are still decisions to make on where to place the sidewalks (north or south side). Looking at ways to slow speeds on Troy, possibly more speed humps, separate walking plants. Don suggested that Troy between 28th and 30th be prioritized for sidewalks. Discussion as to whether north or south side would be better. Ashley will send slides and contact info.

Special Guest Leigh Armstrong, Habitat for Humanity spoke about new housing units on Raz Pasture/Portland Bible Church property (2374 SW Vermont St) and pedestrian improvements. Proposing to put in 52 housing units. They plan to build a 12ft wide elevated lighted path in the adjacent environmental conservation zone. Discussion. Leigh will keep us posted.

Committee/Community Report

- **Monthly walks/hikes:** Watch for emails
- **Trails and work parties:**
 - Portland Parks-watch for emails
- **Signs:** no report
- **Maps/Website:** no reports

- **Projects Update-** no reports due to meeting time constraints

Red Electric Trail - Don reported on the Sept. 27 informational meeting. Portland Parks has plans to build the trail, but that will take several years. **Don moved that SW trails request a permit from Portland Parks to construct a temporary trail from Shattuck to Cameron. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Seymour Dr and SW 25th Trail -

- Oliver Kuhn-Wilkin presented an issue with safe connectivity on Seymore and 25th. He requested that a path be constructed on a short portion to improve walking access to schools. Money is available, already donated by neighbors in the area. SW Trails has an existing request for a permit in with the city to do that work, but it hasn't been approved. Oliver agreed to circulate a petition in his neighborhood to approve the permit request. Don suggested that he and his neighbors attend a city council in support of the permit approval.

Tunnelwood Trail: no report

Naito Crossing at Whitaker no report

- **Insurance Update** - Due to changes in insurance carriers at the city, we need to be prepared to address our insurance needs for next year, possibly with little notice. **Don moved to appoint Lee Buhler, Jason Bergstrom and himself (Don Baack) as a committee with authority to investigate and contract with an insurance carrier for our insurance for the coming year. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

- All other agenda items were deferred due to time constraints.

- **Suggestions/Invitation for Guest Speakers**

October: Corrine Montana McQueen, Transportation Planner, Area and Project Planning, PBOT

November: Project manager for west end Red Electric effort to give update

The next meeting will be held on October 26 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Bonnie Birch