



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Nature & Trails Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: September 18, 2024

Time: 6:38-8:30pm

Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

In Attendance

Committee Members: Carl Nelson (chair), Tina Ricks (secretary), Marty Hite, Erik Lehr, Tom Erwin, Erich Pacheco Vidy Kulkarni, Matthew Shepherd

Absent: Sharon Keiser

Board Liaison: (not present)

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch, Nature & Trails Manager

Guests: Katsu Handa and Kazuki Handa (scout leader and scout) from Troop 419 in Beaverton/Tigard.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed. June 2024 minutes were approved as written.

III. New Business

None

IV. Old Business

Documents to review on the Trail Gaps project

We went through a whole lot of detail on all the trail gaps. Made recommendations to Bruce to pass on to Washington County. THPRD will need to provide funding to pay for the signage and lane markings, but Washington County will install and maintain. Carl will work on THPRD Grant Request modifications to help fund the costs.

Trails and Resources Functional Plan

Functional plans support the THPRD comprehensive plan. There are five plans being updated at once. Bruce B. is the coordinator of all five plans. The plans inform the public, decision makers, and staff about how decisions get made and what the process is. The public needs to learn how to use them too. These are the values we're following. This is how we made the decisions. Plan

contents need to be more “evergreen” and don’t wear out after a few years. We need to show progress on the plans so we know how to measure their effectiveness for the future.

Each plan has four sections

- Where we are
- Where we want to be
- How we get there
- How we are doing

Keep broad statements, avoid detail. Get rid of “check the box” items because it makes the plan stale faster.

Remove specific details about how to operate to staff work plans. Those belong elsewhere, not in this plan.

Might have a NTAC subcommittee to review this.

Regional Trail Signage

We have a Metro grant to replace the regional trail signage for our three regional trails. The Intertwine is an organization that provide sign coordination and templates for regional trails.

Rock Creek Trail, Fanno Creek Trail, Westside Trail (Waterhouse is not a regional trail). We \ looked at sample signs and provided feedback.

Do we want north facing maps or “heads up” maps? Heads up is more intuitive. Navigation systems in the car are all heads up.

Project will be finished by June 30, 2025. Finish design soon, fabricate over the winter, install in the spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. PST.

Next meeting is October 16, is a joint meeting with other committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Ricks

Recording Secretary