

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was held at the HMT Recreation Complex, Peg Ogilbee Dryland Training Center, 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton, on Monday, May 10, 2010. Executive Session 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

President/Director
Secretary/Director
Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
Director
Director
General Manager

Agenda Item #1 - Executive Session (A) Legal (B) Land

Secretary, Bob Scott, called Executive Session to order for the following purposes:

- To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, and
- To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2), which allows the Board to meet in Executive Session to discuss the aforementioned issues.

Secretary, Bob Scott, noted that representatives of the news media and designated staff may attend the Executive Session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to disclose information discussed during the Executive Session. No final action or final decision may be made in Executive Session. At the end of the Executive Session, the Board will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.

Agenda Item #2 - Call Regular Meeting to Order

President, Larry Pelatt, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

Bill Kanable moved the Board of Directors approve the response to the counteroffer for the purchase of the property identified for the relocation of the Maintenance Facilities and for recreational uses, and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement for this same property, within the terms specified by the Board of Directors. Joe Blowers seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

John GriffithsYesBob ScottYesJoe BlowersYesBill KanableYesLarry PelattYesThe motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #4 – Department of Environmental Quality Eco-logical Business Certification

Keith Hobson, Director of Business & Facilities, introduced Marney Jett, with Clean Water Services, and Dawn Hottenroth, with City of Portland Environmental Services, to acknowledge the Park District's successful certification in the nationally recognized Eco-Logical Business (EcoBiz) Program. The EcoBiz certification acknowledges the Park District's Fleet and Parks Operations as using pollution prevention techniques that meet or exceed compliance with industry standards. Also in attendance are Dick Meinz, Fleet Maintenance Coordinator, and Allan Wells, Parks Maintenance Coordinator.

Marney and Dawn provided a detailed overview of the EcoBiz Program, noting that THPRD is only the second park district in the state to receive EcoBiz certification for a landscape program and that it is also one of the first governmental fleets certified for the automotive program.

✓ President, Larry Pelatt, thanked Dick Meinz and Allan Wells for their efforts in this area.

Joe Blowers asked whether the EcoBiz Program is related to Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community (PSWCC).

✓ Doug Menke, General Manager, replied that the two programs are not connected; however, the Park District could encourage other parties within the PSWCC to become more involved in the EcoBiz Program.

Doug commented that Dick Meinz is retiring this July after 36 years with the Park District. He stated that Dick has done a phenomenal job for the Park District and has overseen an extensive amount of growth for fleet operations.

✓ Dick thanked Doug for the comments, noting that he feels fortunate to have worked for the Park District for 36 years.

Agenda Item #5 – Audience Time

Greg Cody, 13955 SW Barlow Place, Beaverton, is before the Board of Directors this evening regarding Consent Agenda Item 7E, Resolution Approving Trails Plan Map and Text Amendment. Greg asked the Board to carefully consider what they are being asked to approve this evening, which is to redefine the trails between Beaverton Transit Center and Denney Road. This new definition would define streets as part of the trail system. He stated that streets are streets and not trails. He believes what should be done this evening is to abandon the existing plan, which is unbuildable, and to leave the segment open. He believes the only reason the Park District would define streets as part of the trail system is to designate the trail as completed. While he understands the Trails Advisory Committee's desire to have a completed trail, he feels the Park District can do better than what is being proposed this evening. The streets will always be there and he questions what would be lost if the Board said no to defining streets as trails. He noted that the Board has the option of condemning property in the best interest of the public in order to facilitate a proper trail for those segments. He encouraged the Board to rethink the proposal this evening and to ask themselves whether they are satisfied with defining streets as trails.

President, Larry Pelatt, asked the Board if they had any questions for Greg.

✓ Hearing none, Larry asked whether any Board member desires to pull this item from the Consent Agenda in order to facilitate additional Board discussion.

Joe Blowers moved the Board of Directors remove Consent Agenda Item 7E, Resolution Approving Trails Plan Map and Text Amendment, from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Bill Kanable seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

John Griffiths	Yes
Bob Scott	Yes
Bill Kanable	Yes
Joe Blowers	Yes
Larry Pelatt	Yes
The motion was	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

President, Larry Pelatt, noted that Consent Agenda Item 7E, Resolution Approving Trails Plan Map and Text Amendment, would be considered as Item C under New Business.

Agenda Item #7 – Consent Agenda (taken out of order)

Bill Kanable moved the Board of Directors approve Consent Agenda items (A) Minutes of April 5, 2010 Regular Meeting, (B) Monthly Bills, (C) Monthly Financial Statement, (D) Clean Water Services Easement Request at Bethany Lake, (F) Resolution Adopting Investment Policy and Portfolio Guidelines, and (G) Resolution Appointing Natural Resources Advisory Committee Members. Joe Blowers seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Bob Scott	Yes	
John Griffiths	Yes	
Joe Blowers	Yes	
Bill Kanable	Yes	
Larry Pelatt	Yes	
The motion was	UNANIMOUSLY	APPROVED.

Agenda Item #6 – Board Time

Joe Blowers suggested the Park District explore a partnership with the City of Beaverton in hosting an event or events similar to the City of Portland's Sunday Parkways.

- ✓ Doug Menke, General Manager, replied that he would explore the concept with City of Beaverton Mayor Doyle.
- ✓ Bruce Barbarasch, Superintendent of Natural Resources & Trails Management, described an event the Park District is currently partnering on called Bike Beaverton.

Bob Scott asked how much it costs the Park District annually to host the Cedar Mill Farmers Market.

✓ Doug Menke, General Manager, replied that the information would be provided.

Bob referenced the Management Report included within the Board of Directors information packet and asked if all of the Park District's recreation facilities have security cameras.

- ✓ Eric Owens, Superintendent of Recreation, replied that both Cedar Hills Recreation Center and Garden Home Recreation Center have security cameras.
- ✓ Mike Janin, Superintendent of Security Operations, noted that the Elsie Stuhr Center and Nature Park also have cameras.

John Griffiths commented on public interest for a dog park in the Murrayhill area and asked whether that area's powerline corridor could be used for such a purpose.

- ✓ Doug Menke, General Manager, replied that the concept could be explored, noting that the powerline corridor is owned by the utilities who are usually quite restrictive as to what type of amenities could be placed on their property.
- President, Larry Pelatt, described his past experience working to place a soccer field in a powerline corridor, noting that just finding out whom to talk to was difficult.

John asked whether the Park District has any existing contacts with the utilities.

✓ Doug replied that staff is currently working with Bonneville Power Administration on a community garden within a powerline corridor and that the process is taking much longer than originally anticipated; however, it is a situation of getting into the queue and eventually an answer will be received.

Bill Kanable referenced his work with Tualatin Hills Junior Soccer League and thanked Park District staff for their efforts, noting that the process for field assignments and access has improved over time. He noted that the program has more than 2,200 children participating and that he hears a lot of positive comments about getting access to fields.

President, Larry Pelatt, commended staff on the operation of Cooper Mountain Nature Park, noting that the site was in impeccable condition during a recent visit.

Agenda Item #8 – Unfinished Business

A. Bond Program

Doug Menke, General Manager, introduced Hal Bergsma, Director of Planning, to provide an overview of the memo included within the Board of Directors information packet.

Hal provided a detailed overview of the memo, which included updates on the recent Parks Bond Citizen Oversight Committee meeting and upcoming public meetings and hearings related to bond projects. Hal offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

Bob Scott stated that the Parks Bond Oversight Committee meetings have been energizing, noting that the four new members jumped into the dialogue right away.

 President, Larry Pelatt, commented that he is pleased that the Committee is so engaged.

B. Synthetic Turf Product & Installation Contract

Steve Gulgren, Superintendent of Planning & Development, provided an overview of the memo included within the Board of Directors information packet, noting that at the November 2, 2009 Board meeting, the Board authorized an exemption from the standard competitive bidding process for the selection of a synthetic turf product for construction contracts within the next five years. Based on the review of the proposals received, staff

is recommending Fieldturf as the synthetic turf supplier and installer for a five-year product and service contract with the District.

Scott Brucker, Superintendent of Sports, provided an overview of the review and scoring process for the proposals received. A copy of the scoring sheet for each proposal was distributed to the Board, a copy of which was entered into the record.

John Griffiths asked what firm was the runner-up to Fieldturf.

✓ Scott replied Astro Turf.

John asked what gave Fieldturf the edge over Astro Turf.

✓ Scott replied that in part it was due to the extensive amount of experience Fieldturf has in the Pacific Northwest, including local representatives and crews.

Bill Kanable asked whether Fieldturf still has a contract with Beaverton School District.

✓ Scott replied that it may have expired or is close to expiring.

Bill noted that Synthetic Turf Field #1 on the HMT Recreation Complex would eventually need to be replaced and asked whether a price estimate has ever been received for that.

✓ Scott replied that staff received an estimate in September, but that the price would change under the new contract being proposed this evening.

✓ Doug Menke, General Manager, noted that this information would be provided.
President, Larry Pelatt, asked if there is a timeframe in mind for replacement of Field #1.

✓ Scott replied that there is no timeframe at this point as the field is in excellent condition with only some replacement spots in extensive use areas.

Larry asked how old is the field.

- ✓ Scott replied eight years in October.
- ✓ Keith Hobson, Director of Business & Facilities, noted that the field is included on the maintenance replacement list as a ten-year replacement.

Bob Scott moved the Board of Directors approve Fieldturf as the exclusive synthetic turf supplier and installer for a five-year product and service contract with the District, and authorize staff to negotiate the terms of and execute a product and service contract. Bill Kanable seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Joe BlowersYesJohn GriffithsYesBill KanableYesBob ScottYesLarry PelattYesThe motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

C. Jackie Husen Park Construction Contract

Steve Gulgren, Superintendent of Planning & Development, provided an overview of the memo included within the Board of Directors information packet, noting that at the February 2, 2009 Board meeting, the Board approved the Jackie Husen Park Site Improvements Project Master Plan and that the project went out to bid on March 18, 2010. Based on the bids received, staff is recommending that the contract be awarded to Northwest Earthmovers, Inc. for the amount of \$468,481.

René Brucker, Park Planner, provided a detailed overview of the Jackie Husen Park Master Plan as included within the Board of Directors information packet via PowerPoint presentation, as well as the conditions of approval for the project, noting that the lowest bid received was approximately \$280,000 below the construction cost estimate.

John Griffiths referenced the disparity between the bid received and the construction cost estimate and asked whether staff is aware of any past history of excessive change orders with the recommended bidder.

✓ René replied that the reference checks did not indicate such an issue; in fact, the references indicated that the bidder was adept at cost engineering and that some of their past projects had come in under the original bid.

Joe Blowers moved the Board of Directors award the contract to Northwest Earthmovers, Inc. and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute the contract for the construction of the Jackie Husen Park Site Improvements Project for the amount of \$468,481. Bill Kanable seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Bob ScottYesJohn GriffithsYesBill KanableYesJoe BlowersYesLarry PelattYesThe motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

D. Old Wagon Trail Boardwalk Replacement Contract

Steve Gulgren, Superintendent of Planning & Development, provided an overview of the memo included within the Board of Directors information packet, noting that at the February 8, 2010 Board meeting, the Board of Directors authorized an exemption from the standard competitive bidding process allowing the use of a design/build contract to implement the Old Wagon Trail Boardwalk Replacement Project. Based on the review of the proposals received, staff is recommending approval to award the design/build contract to Daneal Construction.

Brad Hauschild, Park Planner, provided a detailed overview of the Old Wagon Trail Boardwalk Replacement Contract, including the design/build process, and offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

President, Larry Pelatt, asked how the recommended firm scored in terms of pricing.

✓ Brad replied that they were the second lowest overall.

Bob Scott asked for clarification regarding the project area.

✓ Brad replied that the project area includes all of the trails within the circle noted on the aerial map included within the Board of Directors information packet. About 1,100 linear feet.

Joe Blowers noted that the lowest bidder is listed as having not worked for the Park District before; however, for the Jackie Husen project, for which that firm also applied, they are marked as having had worked for the Park District.

✓ Brad questioned whether the contractor had erred in their project proposal.

✓ Doug Menke, General Manager, replied that perhaps the clarity is that the firm had not worked with the Park District on a landscape project, but a building project in the past.

Bob Scott moved the Board of Directors award the design/build contract to Daneal Construction and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute the contract for the Old Wagon Trail Boardwalk Replacement Project for the amount of \$213,581. Joe Blowers seconded the motion.

Discussion followed:

Bill Kanable asked for confirmation that the bid received would result in a savings of approximately \$240,000. He asked whether some of this amount would go toward permitting or fees.

✓ Brad replied that there are no permit fees for this particular project.

Bill asked for confirmation that the project would come in under budget.

- ✓ Steve confirmed this.
- ✓ Doug noted that the excess funding could be used for other bond projects within the same category.

Roll call proceeded as follows:

Bill Kanable	Yes
John Griffiths	Yes
Joe Blowers	Yes
Bob Scott	Yes
Larry Pelatt	Yes
The motion was	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

E. General Manager's Report

Doug Menke, General Manager, provided a detailed overview of the General Manager's Report included within the Board of Directors information packet, which included the following topics:

- Tualatin Hills Ride into Spring
- The Intertwine
- Board of Directors Meeting Schedule
- Joan Anderson-Wells Retirement

Doug offered to answer any questions the Board of Directors may have regarding the General Manager's Report.

Joe Blowers asked whether the Park District is incorporating The Intertwine's logo onto any new signage that is being implemented per the Signage Master Plan.

✓ Doug confirmed this, noting that staff is working cooperatively with The Intertwine as to how to incorporate that logo onto signage for Regional Trails, in addition to whether it would be included only on trailhead signage or on all directional signage.

Larry asked whether a logo has been chosen.

✓ Doug confirmed that it is the logo on the cover of the annual report included within the Board of Directors information packet.

Agenda Item #9 – New Business

A. Resolution Appointing Audit Committee Member

Keith Hobson, Director of Business & Facilities, provided an overview of the memo included within the Board of Directors information packet, noting that a vacancy currently exists on the Park District's Audit Committee. The term for the general public position, previously fulfilled by Kathleen Leader, expired in late 2009 due to an initial one-year term limit in order to stagger the Committee members' terms. Advertising for the general public position generated two applications, which are included within the Board of Directors information packet. Keith noted that the action requested this evening is Board discussion and appointment of one of the applicants to a two-year term as the general public representative of the Audit Committee, per the resolution also included within the information packet. Keith offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

President, Larry Pelatt, asked whether staff has a recommendation as to the two candidates.

✓ Keith replied that staff does not have a specific recommendation, but that the person who filled the position previously on the Committee has reapplied.

Larry asked for Bob Scott's input as he represents the Board on the Audit Committee.

✓ Bob commented that Kathleen Leader has unique qualifications in that she works for a governmental agency and that provides a beneficial vantage point. He noted that Shannon's qualifications are very good as well.

Joe Blowers suggested that the Board reappoint Kathleen to the Audit Committee and recommend to Shannon that she apply for the Budget Committee. He noted that Shannon seems very qualified and that serving on the Budget Committee may be a good start.

- ✓ Bill Kanable expressed agreement with this suggestion.
- ✓ Larry commented that the Board could set up interviews, but that Joe's suggestion may be more of a direct path.

Bill Kanable moved the Board of Directors appoint Kathleen Leader to the Audit Committee. Bob Scott seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Joe Blowers	Yes	
John Griffiths	Yes	
Bob Scott	Yes	
Bill Kanable	Yes	
Larry Pelatt	Yes	
The motion was	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.	

Bob Scott asked Doug Menke, General Manager, if he could contact Shannon with the Board's decision.

✓ Doug confirmed this.

B. Washington County NW 185th Avenue Road Widening Project/Mid-Block Crossings Steve Gulgren, Superintendent of Planning & Development, provided an overview of the memo included within the Board of Directors information packet regarding the proposed Washington County NW 185th Avenue road-widening project and its potential impacts on two District sites, Bethany Lake Park and Allenbach Acres Park, as well as a Park District bond measure project, Segment 2 of the Rock Creek Trail, that is directly associated with the road widening project. Steve noted that staff is currently working with Washington County on a project package to complete both the road-widening project and trail project and would return to the Board of Directors to seek approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement at the June 21, 2010 Board meeting. Steve introduced Washington County Project Manager, Matt Meier, to provide more information regarding the project.

Matt provided a detailed overview of the project via a PowerPoint presentation of the site maps and plans included within the Board of Directors information packet and offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

President, Larry Pelatt, asked whether the mid-block crossing would have a signal.

✓ Steve confirmed this.

Joe Blowers asked about the timeline for this project.

- Matt replied that construction is anticipated to begin next year on the road-widening project.
- ✓ Steve commented that the Park District would still be responsible for the actual trail project.
- ✓ Doug Menke, General Manager, noted that the trail project is on schedule, but that staff wanted to take advantage of Washington County's road-widening project for the purpose of installing mid-block crossings while Washington County was already working on the road.

Larry asked whether the Park District should attempt to speed up the trail project timeline in order to coincide with the road-widening project.

✓ Steve replied that the trail project is not that far behind the road-widening project and that having the two projects coincide would not necessary be a benefit.

Bill Kanable asked for clarification regarding the location of the mid-block crossing.

✓ Doug replied that it would be located close to the entry of the existing gravel parking lot. Staff is also looking at options for enlarging the footprint of the parking lot in order to accommodate a future ADA-accessible community garden project planned for just west of the parking lot, as well as the trailhead.

Larry noted that removing wetland from the lake would be a Department of Environmental Quality issue and asked for confirmation that Washington County is handling that part of the project.

✓ Matt confirmed this.

Joe asked about any permanent impact to the lake.

✓ Matt replied that large concrete blocks would be used.

Joe asked if the concrete blocks could be softened aesthetically.

✓ Matt replied that a wall is already there and would come out about five feet on the lake side.

Joe asked if plantings could visually soften the concrete wall.

✓ Matt replied that Washington County will be required by Clean Water Services to plant alongside the road and lake.

Joe asked if these would be the first mid-block crossings in Washington County.

✓ Matt confirmed this.

President, Larry Pelatt, expressed support for the partnership aspect of the project and thanked Matt for the informative presentation.

C. Resolution Approving Trails Plan Map and Text Amendment

Hal Bergsma, Director of Planning, provided an overview of the memo included within the Board of Directors information packet, noting that staff is requesting Board approval of a resolution that would amend maps and text within the Park District's Trails Plan to change the depicted and described alignment of Segments 6 and 7 of the Beaverton Creek Regional Trail between the Beaverton Transit Center and the intersection of the Beaverton Creek and Fanno Creek Regional Trails at Denney Road. Segments 6 and 7 of the Beaverton Creek Regional Trail, as presently depicted and described in the Trails Plan, could never be built because it assumes an alignment that follows TriMet's Westside Express Service train route through Beaverton and the corridor is not wide enough to allow a regional trail route to parallel the train tracks. Meanwhile, the City of Beaverton is close to completion of an update to its Transportation Systems Plan, which has been drafted to reflect the Park District's Trails Plan. An alternative surface street route has been proposed for Segments 6 and 7 that generally avoids major streets and crosses major streets at signalized intersections. The new proposed route was reviewed and recommended by the Trails Advisory Committee at their March 16, 2010 meeting.

In regard to Greg Cody's concerns, Hal noted that it was not always possible to provide off-street trail routes. There are existing routes in the Trails Plan, such as the Fanno Creek Trail crossing of Highway 217 and the Waterhouse Trail crossing of Highway 26, that follow streets. The Trails Plan recognizes this possibility in Goal 3, Access, where it says "Link to a complementary system of on-road bicycle and pedestrian routes to provide connections between THPRD facilities where no trail corridor exists."

Doug Menke, General Manager, commented that the term "on-street" sounds harsher than what the reality would be in that the concept is a more soft and friendly access route and would be unique for this area.

President, Larry Pelatt, asked if the on-street concept would be similar to the City of Portland's bikeway system that has received so much press lately.

✓ Hal replied that there may be some elements in common such as defined bike lanes, slower auto speeds through traffic calming measures and painted on-street markings characteristic of a bicycle boulevard.

Larry asked for confirmation that staff is recommending the designation of a new route, but does not yet know exactly what that route is going to look like.

✓ Hal confirmed this, noting that he would expect that the route would be appropriately signed and designed to reflect its status as a regional trail route.

Larry questioned why the Park District should be in a rush to amend its Trails Plan if it does not know how the new route is going to look.

✓ Hal replied that staff is attempting to time the Trails Plan amendment with the City's process for updating its Transportation Systems Plan. Further, federal grant funding opportunities may be missed if the trail segments are not included in the Transportation Systems Plan. Bob Scott commented that the Park District is in a metropolitan area and will often face a situation of connecting trails via roads because there is no other realistic way to do so. He expressed the need for trail users to have a defined route that clearly identifies how to navigate the gaps between traditional trail systems. He does not see an issue with designating such streets as trails, especially if that puts the Park District on the path toward receiving funding to create a better pathway for that purpose. In addition, he is comfortable in that the proposal was approved by the Trails Advisory Committee.

Joe Blowers asked for an overview of the Trails Advisory Committee's discussion of this proposal.

- ✓ Hal replied that the Committee discussed keeping the route off of the larger streets and were concerned with where the route would intersect with major street crossings. He noted that this was developed by City transportation staff as part of a joint effort with THPRD staff and City of Tigard staff to apply for a grant under the federal TIGER (Transportation Improvements Generating Economic Recovery) Program to develop a trail route through Washington County called the Crescent Connection. The Trails Advisory Committee had supported that grant application when it came before them for review.
- ✓ Bill Kanable suggested that the issue of trail crossings of major streets be broached within the City of Beaverton's economic redevelopment effort, as that may be the only way to address such a complex problem.

Joe noted that his concern is the same as that of the Committee's, in particular, where the route would intersect Denney Road, and Allen and Hall Boulevards. He commented that the proposed route is an old City of Beaverton bicycle route and while portions of it are fine, others need work, such as getting from the trail on to and across Denney Road, and activating the light and crossing at Allen Boulevard. He also noted that the area near Oregon Rocks Products presents a difficult situation where pallets of rock encroach onto the narrow sidewalk. He stated that unless significant funding and effort are used to address these issues, the route could remain substandard. He summarized that although he is not opposed to routing the trail on-street because there is no alternative, he also wants to see more done to make the on-street aspect of the trail more user-friendly.

- ✓ Doug noted that there would be ample opportunity to comment on the design of the route when that time comes.
- ✓ Hal stated that the assumption is that when the route actually becomes integrated into the City's plan, the City would be responsible for its design and development and as a partner, the Park District would be involved in an advisory capacity.

Larry asked what the impact would be if the Board did not approve the requested amendment.

✓ Hal replied that the City would be in a position of either leaving the existing planned trail alignment on their plan, knowing it could not be implemented, or adopting the proposed alignment resulting in an inconsistency between our plan and their plan.

Bill commented that in all reality, nothing is going to physically change with approval of the amendment; it is merely a recommendation based on a possible alignment. Prior to any actual construction project, the proposed alignment would need to go through a detailed project planning process. Any number of changes would be required in order to make it

work, such as street and sidewalk improvements, purchasing land, painting strips, and putting in signage. And all of that is yet to be funded.

Greg Cody expressed the need for a more detailed plan prior to approving the amendment.

- ✓ Larry replied that the problem with that suggestion is that no one has a plan yet. However, if the City of Beaverton wants to take the first steps and begin a plan, in which the Park District would be involved, and that in turn enables potential funding, the project itself would go through a lot of vetting before it becomes reality and the Park District would have a chance to reiterate where it stands.
- ✓ Bill reiterated that the requested amendment would only be identifying a possible route to get a possible designation to possibly get funding for a feasibility study. There is nothing really gained, nothing really lost. He agrees that in the long term, this is not where the Park District wants to be. But in the short term, it provides an initial concept plan that the City of Beaverton can work with to help build a long term plan as well as the potential for the funding needed in order to complete a real analysis of what it would take to put in a true bike corridor.

Joe asked whether the Board could amend the resolution to express the tentativeness of the Board in terms of designating the trail as on-street and to also encourage the City of Beaverton to address some of the most significant issues with the route.

✓ Hal replied that staff would convey the Board's action to the City of Beaverton Planning Commission and note within the conveyance letter that although the designation was approved, the Board would like to see something done to address their concerns about the adequacy of certain street segments for bicycle/pedestrian use, such as Denney Road.

Joe commented that he would also like to see some interim work take place with the sidewalk on Denney Road, as well as address some of the pinch points along the route.

✓ Bill asked for clarification that Joe is referring to the north side of Denney Road. Joe raised another issue of how users would cross Denney Road.

✓ Bill noted that there is a safety corridor near the Fanno Creek Trail.

John Griffiths reiterated the discussion thus far as one of the reasons to amend the plan now is to put the City of Beaverton in a position to ask for funding. Once funding is in hand, the concept can be created. The Board is not satisfied without a dedicated bike corridor. However, if the objective is to get funding, the Board can compromise for now, but would like to have a discussion about a conceptual plan once that funding is secured.

✓ Doug confirmed that this would be conveyed in the cover letter. Larry stated that he would like to see the actual resolution worded more strongly.

 Hal replied that the resolution needs to be approved this evening and that a modified resolution could not be brought back to the Board for consideration until their June 21, 2010 Board meeting.

Larry replied that he agrees to noting the Board's stance within the cover letter as long as it is also expressed that the Board is looking at this from the standpoint of helping the District partner with a good partner, not that the Board is happy to amend its plan simply because they were asked to do so. Bill Kanable moved the Board of Directors approve the proposed Resolution amending the route of Segments 6 & 7 of Beaverton Creek Regional Trail as depicted and described in the Trails Plan.

John suggested additional language to the motion on the floor to the effect that staff send a letter indicating that once the purpose of the plan amendment is achieved, which is fundraising, that the Park District and City of Beaverton work together on a concept plan.

Bill Kanable restated his motion as the Board of Directors approve the proposed Resolution amending the route of Segments 6 & 7 of the Beaverton Creek Regional Trail as depicted and described in the Trails Plan. The Board further requests a cover letter be written with the resolution describing the Board's desire to participate in further concept design with the City of Beaverton when funding becomes available. Bob Scott seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Joe BlowersYesJohn GriffithsYesBob ScottYesBill KanableYesLarry PelattYesThe motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #10 - Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Larry Pelatt, President

Bob Scott, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Jessica Collins