

# ***CHEHALEM HERITAGE TRAILS***

*Connecting Neighbors and Communities With Each Other and Their Heritage*

Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 8, 2010 2 PM -4 PM  
Chehalem Park and Recreation District  
Newberg, OR

The third of four Advisory Committee meetings for the Chehalem Heritage Trails Phase 1 Master Plan was conducted at the Chehalem Park and Recreation District (CPRD) offices. A list of attendees is at the back of this summary. Meeting 4 will be held in January and has not yet been scheduled.

**Welcome:** Paul Agrimis with Vigil-Agrimis, Inc. (consultant team project manager) and Kat Ricker (CPRD Public Information Coordinator)

**Introduction:** Paul Agrimis

The Draft Master Plan was presented with an overview to highlight the four key segments of the Dundee to Newberg Connector (Dayton Avenue, Willamette River, Downtown Newberg, and Hess Creek Corridor) included as the Phase 1 Master Plan. The Advisory Committee was tasked with keeping track of the best things they see in the Master Plan and the concerns they have about the Master Plan. This draft included annotation for traffic calming and other modifications. There are three levels of traffic calming based on the complexity of the intersections: standard, enhanced, and complex. A poster with representations of the three intersection treatments was presented.

**Dayton Avenue:** Paul Agrimis

This portion of the trail system is essentially unchanged since the last meeting, with two exceptions. The master plan design includes changes based on outreach to property owners. A left turn lane is proposed at Wildwood (southbound towards Dundee) to promote safety at this intersection by reducing potential conflicts between trail users and motorists. Alternatives for the Dayton to Edwards connection are now being explored as the Union Pacific Railroad and one of the major property owners have indicated they are not inclined to negotiate easements across their properties.

Parking impacts resulting from bike lane development have not yet been addressed.

**Willamette River and Lower Chehalem Creek:** Paul Agrimis

A plan and profile were presented for the proposed alignments along the Willamette River and lower Chehalem Creek from Ewing Young Park. These segments appear well suited to an accessible trail along most of their length.

The proposed Willamette River alignment crosses several large private properties. Owners will be contacted about their willingness to negotiate easements.

A 90-foot and a 40-foot bridge would be needed along the Willamette to connect from the east end of 8<sup>th</sup> in Dundee to Rogers Landing. Viewpoints or pullout locations were identified across from Ash Island and at the confluence between Chehalem Creek and the Willamette River.

The proposed lower Chehalem Creek alignment also crosses several large private properties. Owners will be contacted about their willingness to negotiate easements.

A 150-foot and a 140-foot bridge will be needed along lower Chehalem Creek to provide this trail. The Advisory Committee asked to investigate wrapping the trail around a

canyon to eliminate or considerably shorten the longer of the two bridges and to look at connecting to Dayton Avenue via the Old Mill site.

**Hess Creek Corridor and Downtown Newberg:** Paul Agrimis

A plan and profile were presented for the proposed alignments along the Hess Creek corridor. This segment appears well suited to an accessible trail along most of its length.

The proposed Hess Creek alignment crosses numerous private properties. Owners will be contacted about their willingness to negotiate easements.

A number of bridges, arch bridges, and boardwalks would be needed for this segment. The bridges would span 60, 45, and 65 feet. Arch bridges are anticipated at 200 exiting Friends Park on the north and 190 feet long at the south end of the George Fox University reach. Two 180-foot bridge/boardwalks are anticipated at the south end of Herbert Hover Park and the south end of Friends Park.

Boring under Highway 99W does not appear feasible for a grade separated trail as hoped for earlier in the design effort.

**Wrapup Discussion:** Paul Agrimis and Kat Ricker

The Advisory Committee identified master plan elements they liked best and ones they had concerns about.

Best Things

- The layout looks good
- The approach is comprehensive
- Multiple benefits of recreation, access, and Safe Routes to School will help build community support
- The focus on rivers and creeks is good
- Generally being above the floodplain is good

Concerns

- Will property owners participate? – *This is clearly a key question, and time will tell how this community will respond to this opportunity*
- Offstreet trails should be encouraged – *The master plan includes both offstreet and onstreet trails based on the Points of Interest identified during the Strategic Plan*
- Consider cost of offstreet versus onstreet trails) – *Offstreet trails are typically less expensive, but are not able in all circumstances to address some of the key needs to access work, schools, and other key points of interest*

**Adjourn**

**Attending:**

Ted Crawford, Dundee Civic Assoc.

Clyde Thomas George Fox University

Mitsi Vondracheck, Newberg School

District

Joe Kavale, Springbrook Properties

Don Clements, CPRD

Jim McMaster, CPRD

Kat Ricker, CPRD

Mike Ragsdale, CPRD Board

Paul Agrimis, Vigil-Agrimis, Inc.

Ric Stephens, Stephens Planning &

Design

Leonard Rydell, trail enthusiast and local  
civil engineer

Kathy XX, trail enthusiast and  
equestrian (didn't sign in)

Jeff Sanders, Greater Yamhill Watershed  
Council