

CPRD Trails Advisory Committee

MINUTES

February 14, 2024 | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Attend either in person on-site at CPRD Admin Office
or remotely via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89157263898>
Meeting ID: 891 5726 3898

Green attended in person – Blue attended via Zoom – Black not in attendance

Committee Members:

Michelle Colvin
Quentin Comus (Chair)
Matt Dolphin
Allen Holstein
Kimberly Lanier

Committee Members (Continued):

Bob Oleson
Martin Peters
Cindy Riggs
Erin Robinson (Secretary)

Board Liaisons:

Jason Fields
Jim McMaster

CPRD Staff:

Casey Creighton
Kat Ricker
Bryan Stewart

Others:

Brian Bowman
Jon Globig
David Heddy
Jim Booker

- I. Call to Order 6pm
- II. Attendance Roll Call
- III. Approval of January Meeting Minutes (Quentin)
 - o See Appendix A – motioned, seconded and unanimously approved
- IV. Public Comment Period

Public participation in Chehalem Heritage Trails Advisory Committee meetings is encouraged. Those interested may submit written comments to kricker@cprdnewberg.org or provide oral comments at a public committee meeting. Those wishing to provide oral comments will be provided a set amount of time determined by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting during the designated public comment period. This public comment period may last up to a maximum of 10 minutes.

David Heddy – comments: participated in the Rilee Park discussion and master plan – was encouraged by the discourse during the master plan and just learned that there was disagreement and is disappointed about the cycling ban – is interested in alternate plan for bikes and what is happening there – Trails report was interesting in the diversity of users – not interested in politics or arguing and interested in trails for multi-use

Jim Booker – Sherwood resident and frequent user of Rilee Park on foot – wanted to thank CPRD staff for the current conditions of the park in regards to the tread for walking – the connector road between the fields has a little minor tire damage – everything else looks great

- V. Board of Directors Meeting Report (Quentin)
 - New Committee Rules
 - No answers about the alternative bike park
 - 1. Jim says – maybe property by the river – no additional information
- VI. Committee Member Comments/Updates (Quentin)
 - Matt – Recreational Immunity – bill circulating in the legislature
 - 1. Casey – lots of people contacting legislators – and CPRD board approved sending signatures
 - Quentin – trails coordinator position open in Bend – opportunity to look at other systems and how they manage
- VII. Community Trails Survey Report Second Reading and Discussion (Quentin)
 - 12.8% response rate – 79% said they use the trails or have in the last year – 87% said trails were important to the community 81% want more trails - over 50% would pay \$50 or more per year
 - Matt – thanks everyone for their efforts in pulling the presentation
 - Who will be at the CPRD meeting to introduce? At the meeting in person – Marty volunteers – 20 minutes is what the board has asked that it be kept to
 - Jim – randomly selected – what does that mean?
 - 1. Quentin – Oregon Secretary of States Active Voter Roll of the District – automatically registered in Oregon if above 18 – 5000 person random sample sent to group that removed addresses or PO boxes brought it down to 4800
 - Quentin – wanted to thank Matt Dolphin and the committees work over the last 2 plus years, Allegra and Oregon Data – Professors @ OSU regarding recreation surveys – Tom Hammer who helped improve the survey questions – the board and CPRD staff – citizens of CPRD who participated
 - 1. Bend Park and Rec just did a survey and barely exceeded our numbers with many more resources and much more funding.
 - **Potential Motion: Approve the CHTAC Community Trails Survey Report for presentation to the CPRD Board of Directors and distribution to the general public. – motioned and seconded – passes unanimously**
 - See Appendices B and C
- VIII. Cycling Trails Discussion (Matt)
 - Matt – lack of cycling trails in the district – no bike access since November at Crystal Rilee Park – thank you David for the discussion of options – might be helpful to provide ideas of other locations?
 - Quentin – survey results – one of the areas of identification were looking for cycling trails and the lack of cycling trails – looking at the average cycling v. other use trails in other communities might be helpful because we are down to no cycling options in the area

- Marty – unless the park is shared again – to find something new is in the order of years? There is no turn-key ready park
 1. Quentin – not without transitioning a current park that is for hiking/walking only and allowing cycling – work with those in the cycling community to see what exactly they would be looking for in cycling
- Kim – has CPRD looked at certain days of use for different users at Rilee
 1. Matt – I think we do need to also start to look at alternatives
 2. Matt – days is an idea – to split by location was already used
- Ewing Young – corners and terrain make it difficult
- David Heddy – the experience of a one mile trail wouldn't be what would be wanted for a mountain bike experience –
 1. What was great about the Rilee experience? - distance was as low as you would want it to go but the elevation change was great
 2. Brian Bowman – bikers are diverse – enough to justify going out there – due to the looping nature you could do different things. Primitive native thread – some technical aspects to create challenge
 3. Quentin & Brian Bowman suggest – Stub Stewart – Silver Creek Falls – Sandy Ridge (Welches) on BLM land – NW Trail Lines administers some – Chehalem Ridge (some) – Powell Butte (similar to Rilee) – outside of Hood River has some of the best trails similar to our terrain
 - a) Copper Mountain wide and not very interesting
 4. Chehalem Ridge – why is it successful?
 - a) Good Shared use plan
 - b) Great signs
 - c) Seems to work well – mutual respect
 5. Land Fill – Jason Fields was maybe meeting with County about that land on the river – no more recent updates?
 - a) Would be tough on that land to get more than a mile - confined and wet in areas – dump site that cannot be built into – fence around it and part of it is forrest – under the property is potentially a challenge regarding safety issues for the public – 7 monitoring wells on the property and DEQ issues – could not dig into it – can only build on top of it
 6. Jim – K Falls – saw a bike area with many trails around – an area to look at
 7. Matt – important to know about different types of biking and the spectrum of use bikers are interested in
 8. Marty – are there CPRD lands somewhere in the hills? On Chehalem Drive – 17 acres – need parking and that is a problem – small
 9. Any other options regarding properties for biking?

a) Would be helpful to have a list of priorities and minimum requirements to fulfill those priorities – acreage, parking, etc. – Motion to have a small task group to investigate possible solutions to finding biking trails in the district – seconded passes unanimously.

b) 90 acres along the river – some flooding – trees & brush – plans to develop a campground, trails and small boat ramp – master plan is done on that – is in County land use right now – is EFE – trying to switch to parkland

(1) Jim – that property is difficult for entry for vehicles – expensive endeavor to make it practicable for the public to enter

10. Quentin – OPRD grants – can they be used for acquisition – may match but not for outright acquisition

11. Matt – options for bike access are a minimum of 3-5 years away

12. Property on the back side of the golf course – would only be temporary – which is a futile effort

13. Priorities with 5 top projects to look at – resulted from a work session in October, 2023.

IX. New Committee Rules and CHTAC Bylaws Discussion (Matt)

- See Appendices D, E, and F
- Matt – we need approval by the Board to move forward with volunteer – page 83 article B – “no member of a committee may engage in district operations...” – purpose in our bylaws is to organize volunteers to help with maintenance which could be – term is limited to 2 years – clarity regarding
- Emails – district emails for committee members – otherwise they are subject to public records requests – group folder may also be subject to a public records request
- Bob Oleson – about neighborhood trails – would be good to set aside some time at the next meeting to talk about some ideas associated with neighborhood trails

X. Adjourn – motioned seconded and adjourned 7:21pm

Important Reminders/Notes:

- Thursday, February 22, 2024: CPRD Board of Directors Meeting at the CPRD Administrative Office and on Zoom at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 13, 2024: CHTAC Regular Meeting at the CPRD Administrative Office and on Zoom at 6 p.m.