

CHEHALEM PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
CHEHALEM HERITAGE TRAILS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Administration Office

125 S Elliott Road

February 10, 2026

MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Lauren Pfeiffer

- II. Roll Call
 - Present**
 - Dennis Wiley
 - Bob Freshman
 - Danna Kemp
 - Lauren Pfeiffer
 - John Rueter
 - Anna Danes
 - Om Sukheenai
 - Clay Downing, CPRD
 - Brandon Slyter, CPRD Board
 - Jim McMaster, CPRD Board

- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES
 - Moved** Anna Danes
 - Seconded** John Rueter
 - Ayes** Danna Kemp, Lauren Pfeiffer, Om Sukheenai, Bob Freshman, Dennis Wiley, John Rueter and Anna Danes

- IV. Public Comments
 - a. Brian Bowman - Requesting Rilee Park be divided again, allowing bikes on the east side and horses on the west side. He supports additional park users, nature, quiet spaces, native plants, open areas, shared interest, education, history, agriculture and the connection between cycles and trail stewardship. However, he finds the options presented by CPRD staff unsuitable for bikers.
 - b. Alan Holstein – Former Trail Committee member who supports mix use at Rilee Park.
 - c. Jack Kris – Yamhill County Resident who supports bikes back at Rilee, feels kids need a safe place to ride.

- V. BCRP Potential Change in Usage
 - a. The CPRD Board will consider and possible vote to allow bikes back on Rilee Park at their meeting on 2/26/26.

- b. Committee members and staff comments:
 - i. Lauren – Provided trail recommendations regarding operation and management. The current primary user group is hikers. A local non-profit contributed \$20K in materials and volunteer hours, helping to define trails, create level surfaces, support year-round access for hikers, dog walkers, and equestrians, and reduce maintenance for CPRD. Introducing bikes could disrupt the new trail surface. Previous conflicts between user groups (bikes vs. others) would increase district costs. She recommends pausing the board’s vote on 2/26/26.
 - ii. Dennis – Notes that the land was sold to CPRD without restrictions in the deed, so CPRD can manage it as they see fit.
 - iii. John – Raises safety concerns regarding bike speed, blind corners, steep trails, and the fact that bikes are quiet, making it difficult for hikers to hear them approaching.
 - iv. Bob – Points out that ebikes pose challenges for national parks. Having hiked the park for 26 years, originally invited by Bob and Crystal Rilee, he observes increased usage, with 80–90% hikers or hikers with dogs. Safety is a major issue based on his volunteering experience in a large California park. CPRD has not consulted with the main user group (hikers) about bikes.
 - v. Danna – Questions how the district will monitor bikes and especially ebikes—which can travel up to 40MPH—if permitted. She cites Stubb Stewart Park as an example where mix-use made the area unsafe for 4H equestrian groups.
 - vi. Clay - Reports that the district has had issues with bikes at Ewing Young Park. Data indicates several options for shared trails exist. The bike community is seeking a location. Safety remains a priority. The Travel OR consultant evaluation is still pending.
 - vii. Om – Agrees that bikes need a place to ride and emphasizes safety concerns.
- c. Recommendations from the Trail Committee
 - i. The Board should gather further public input.
 - ii. Pause the decision to evaluate all options, considering safety, district costs, donor intent, and other properties available for bikes.
 - iii. Complete the consultant evaluation.
 - iv. Hold focus groups with current park users.
 - v. John Rueter will report to the Board on 2/26/26.

- VI. BCRP Signage
 - a. Signage, including post stickers, has been ordered

- VII. Updates on Current Trail Projects
 - a. Saunders Park – progressing on schedule
 - b. Ewing Young Park – letter submitted to YC Commissioners requesting a zoning ordinance change.

- VIII. Closing
 - a. Next Meeting Agenda
 - i. Advisory Committee check-in and discussion of next steps

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM by Lauren Pfeiffer.

NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2026, at 6 PM

Recorded by: Danna Kemp