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### **North Portland Greenway Trail (NPGT) Alignment Project - Advisory Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6:30-8:30 pm - University of Portland, Chiles Center, Hall of Fame room

#### Attendees (27)

Project Advisory Committee (PAC): Kristen Acock (BES), Pam Arden, Spencer Bohaboy, Aaron Brown, Thad Collins (UPS), Sarah Figliozzi (PBOT), Mark Freeman, Phyllis Harris (Daimler), Rich Hatfield, Tom Hughes (Adidas), Mary Jaron Kelley (NPNS), Jim Kuffner (Univ.Portland), David Lee, Gentiana Loeffler (NPNS), Barry Manning (BPS), Heather Mickler, Marian Rhys, Kip Wadden (PPR), Angela Wagnon (ONI-Crime Prev.)

Public: James Barta, Bon Hill, Mark Hill, Greg Hum, Beate Hoelscher, Ryan Palmer, Curt Schneider, Margret Sutbo

Welcome/Intro/General Announcements- facilitated by Mary Jaron Kelley and Kip Wadden

#### Project Overview

- PAC viewed NPGT maps
- Questions: Can NPGT include a bike/pedestrian bridge over Columbia Blvd? Are there budgetary constraints? Will there be connections from the bluffs? Are there future plans across RR bridge?
- Packets were distributed and consisted of Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda, roster, meetings schedule

#### Public Outreach and Project Schedule

- PAC members are asked to educate the public, disseminate information, represent the project in the community, engage the community and seek out public opinion, plus “see the big picture” in regard to advisory role and limit single-interest advocacy.
- PAC members are asked for consistent attendance at project meetings.
- PAC meetings are designed to prepare for Open House in May, and future months

#### Advisory Committee Q/A

- The PPR website project page address was shared [www.portlandonline.com/parks/npgt](http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/npgt) and the type of information that will be available for the public to review was explained. The PAC was asked for suggestions on methods to convey information to PAC members and the public about the project. In addition, they were asked what method would keep people updated if they could not attend meetings?
  1. Based on the discussion, PAC agreed that research on Facebook page should be pursued.
  2. Other suggestions noted by the PAC include file-sharing sites: Facebook, npGreenway.org, File Share, Portland Online, Google Docs, Blog. Options for alternative communication will be investigated by project team.
  3. Will the PAC be able to have internal discussions outside of PAC meetings? PAC agreed that they would be willing to share their email addresses.
  4. Can NPGT provide a detailed, interactive map of the trail for the PAC and public to access (which would allow the viewer to zoom in)?
- PAC members were asked to share their community affiliations/interest groups with the intent that PAC members can reach out to their own groups and encourage them to participate in NPGT Open House events or to help with information sharing.

- Each PAC member was asked to share affiliations with the group.  
The following is a list:  
Showers Pass Cycling Team, BTA, Dept. of Environmental Quality, Cycle cross in Will Cove and Pier Park  
Oregon Advocacy Commission, Portland Observer  
Horizon Air Pilots Union  
Willamette Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) and Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)  
Human and wellness training, training routes  
PAC and BAC  
Kenton Neighborhood Association, Sunday Parkways, Street Fairs, mentioned Sgt. Charlie Brown who works with railroad police  
NP Neighborhood Associations, NP Business Associations, St. Johns Main Street, BPS, Linnton and Northwest Industrial Neighborhood Associations, leaders in diverse communities (BPS)  
Portland Police bureau, local officers working in “problem areas” along trail, connect with railroad police  
Adidas, 900 Adidas employees who are interested in access to Swan Island  
UPS employees, Swan Island businesses, would like to recommend commuting options  
Overlook Neighborhood Association, ONEST, Portland Waldorf School, Bike/Walk to School Program, Outdoor School, Xerces Society  
Community Cycling Center, Eliot Neighborhood Association, organizer of Sunday bike ride of trail  
University of Portland, University Park Neighborhood Association, Holy Cross Parish and School (with large Hispanic population)  
BES, American Society of Civil Engineers, Water resources  
Intertwine, Boise Neighborhood Association, UPS, Swan Island
- Audience member interest groups included: BTA, St. Johns, Daimler, Helen for Metro

Other questions and follow-up noted.

- Project team to follow up on NPGT outreach at street fairs, farmers’ markets, Sunday Parkways and check OBRA list serve for rides to PIR via NPGT route.
- PAC to follow up on NPGT outreach at Pedalpalooza (which occurs in June/July).
- Mary to follow up with Aaron B. to get Metro studies/statistical analysis on the use of City trails to provide to PAC and public.
- Questions: Is the railroad on the PAC? Were they engaged in the advisory committee? At this time, it is understood that they will engage in the process privately.
- Are there partners from Nick Fish’s office or Metro? Yes, Sonia Schmanski from Fish’ office, Jane Hart from Metro.
- Will each segment of the NPGT be put to a vote by the PAC? No, Consultants create the whole trail alignment. The PAC is responsible for giving feedback and engaging the public.

#### Next Steps

- March meeting will include trail update and planning for Open House in May.
- Possible site visit for PAC to be planned.
- PAC agrees to have their emails shared within the PAC.

Meeting notes will be made available to PAC members via email and will be posted on PPR website.  
Next meeting Wednesday, March 14, University of Portland, Chiles Center