



**Powell Butte Reservoir 2 Project – Park Improvements
Project Advisory Committee (PAC) – Meeting #9**

February 1, 2010

5:30 to 8:30 pm

**Parklane Christian Reformed Church – Jeffers Hall
16001 SE Main**

PAC Members Present

Cecily Norris, Northwest Trail Alliance
Mary Walker, Powellhurst Gilbert Neighborhood Association
Carol Pernar, Friends of Powell Butte
John Houle, Bureau of Environmental Services
Tom Lewis, Centennial Neighborhood Association
Gale Gilliland, Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association
Ariana Longanecker, Audubon Society of Portland
Carolyn Smithee, Area resident
Tamra Dickinson, Friends of Powell Butte
Christina Bailey, Powell Butte Homeowners Association

PAC Members Absent

Anndy Wiselogle, Columbia River Orienteering Club

Staff & Public Present

Tim Brooks, Winterbrook
Teresa Elliott, Portland Water Bureau
Tim Hall, Portland Water Bureau
Kathleen Murrin, Portland Parks & Rec
Colleen Keyes, Portland Parks & Rec
Emily Roth, Portland Parks & Rec
Brad Phelps, CH2M Hill
Alfred Voegels, CH2M Hill
Gregg Everhart, Nevue Ngan Associates
Ben Ngan, Nevue Ngan Associates
Bo Nevue, Nevue Ngan Associates
Jeanne Lawson, JLA Public Involvement
Sam Beresky, JLA Public Involvement
Linda Bauer, Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association

Welcome and Agenda

Jeanne Lawson introduced herself, welcomed the group and thanked them for attending all of the meetings and Open Houses and for providing feedback to the project team. She also reviewed the meeting agenda. The main purpose of the meeting was to provide final PAC

recommendations on Trail Plan Concept and to verify PAC recommendations on Park Center Concept and architectural concepts.

Project Update

Teresa gave a brief project update. Phase I of construction is 1/3 of the way done with 300 truckloads leaving the site every day. Phase I will be complete about April 1. The recommendations from the PAC will help inform Phase II and the 30% Design Acceptance Package. She mentioned that the project team has been meeting with community groups including the surrounding neighborhood associations, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, NWTrails Alliance, Audubon Society, and homeowners associations.

Public Comment Summary

Sam Beresky gave a brief overview of the preliminary online survey summary. The final summary will be completed and distributed to the PAC and will be available on the Portland Parks & Rec project website.

Bo Nevue gave brief overview of the project team meeting with the Audubon Society and NWTrails. Tom Lewis mentioned that his group (Centennial Community Association) was engaged with the project team presentation and generally supportive of the direction it is headed. He said there was desire for accessible trails. Ariana Longanecker mentioned that the Audubon Society felt that stewardship of the park was very important, not just enforcement. Funding should be in place for adequate upkeep and maintenance for any new trails or park features.

A SAC member said that enforcement is still needed as 4-wheelers still come to Powell Butte when there is snow and Portland Police rarely see that when on patrol in the area. It was also mentioned that the Friends of Powell Butte would be supportive of the caretaker spending more time in a stewardship/enforcement role rather than a maintenance role.

PAC Recommendations

A matrix of trails, park center, architectural concepts, features and general issues was handed out to the PAC. The matrix was also projected for the PAC to see and was completed as PAC members voted and provided comments to the project team.

Powel Butte Park Center and Trail Recommendations

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Park Center	Recommend - Yes/ No/ Modify/ Neutral	Comments	Consensus
Layout Vehicle Parking Equestrian Trailer and Bus Parking Farm Cluster Layout Outdoor Teaching Area Landscape Screening Entry road landscaping	Yes	Concern with # of parking spaces and view from cars in parking lot	Yes

Buildings			
Maintenance Facility Caretaker's House Interpretive Center Restrooms	Yes	Is the alcove visible from the caretaker's house? (vandalism issue), like the idea of a dog fountain	Yes

Trails

New or modified trails

Dogwood Trail/connection to Vivian	Yes	Partially Pedestrian, quiet and soft surface recommended (not ADA)	Yes
Holgate/Dogwood Connector	Yes		Yes
148th to Service Road/Elderberry Trail	Yes		Yes
Holgate/Service Road Connector	Yes	pedestrian only, concern with access over the pipe	Yes
Elderberry Trail with outer loop	Yes	some concern that trail width not increased (butterfly habitat), some concern too narrow (overgrown - pinch points)	Yes
Elderberry Trail inner loop - new	No	not a lot of support, some members neutral - concern of cutting through, keeping more deer habitat - Tamara/Cecily Support, John/Gale/Carol/Arianna/Mary/Christina don't support, Carolyn/Tom neutral	No
Black tailed Deer Trail	Yes		yes
Mt Hood Trail	Yes		yes
Wild Hawthorn Trail	Yes		yes
Wild Hawthorn/Mt Hood Connector	Yes	like it for safety issue further from Springwater - 3 neutral, unsure of the need	yes
Pioneer Orchard Trail	Yes	revegetation near culvert and realign upper third, concern with maintenance issues near culvert, desire to expand wildlife area, not desirable for all uses anticipated on trail	yes
Meadowland Trail	Yes		yes
Goldfinch Trail	Yes		Yes
Mountain View Trail	No decision	Bo: needs further study - some like where it is (view/experience), others defer to project team	
Orchard Loop Trail	Yes		Yes
Wildhorse Trail	B then C	Parks: will consider maintenance costs/issues - trail important to most members, not important for two members - one member opposed (Arianna)	No
Anderegg Trail	Yes		Yes
Trail Plan as a whole	Yes		Yes

Features adjacent to or off trails

Mountain Viewfinder rebuild	Yes		Yes
Rocks/logs for sitting	No decision	member would like picnic table(s) at top, other concerns with vandalism	
Viewpoint off the Orchard Loop Trail	No decision		

General

Wildlife Habitat Set Aside - Size	Yes		Yes
Trail Use Approach	No decision	some members desire ped only (no dog either), full loop not only a spur or portion	
Enforcement/Education	Yes	find effective enforcement/education/stewardship - signage etc.	Yes
Design Direction - Trails	No decision		
ADA Trails	No decision	Blue trail potentially ADA	

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

Next Steps

Teresa mentioned that the project team is meeting with the City's sustainability team, moving forward with the Land Use Application, and meeting with the ADA group. There will be an Open House held in March to ensure there is general agreement from the public about the Powell Butte improvements.

Emily mentioned that Portland Parks & Rec will use the PAC recommendations and recommendations from the public to create a staff recommendation. The staff recommendation will be forwarded to the directors of both departments and updates to the department commissioners.

Tim Brooks said that the earliest there would be a public hearing would be mid-July and the decision is usually issued within a few weeks of the public hearing.

Closing

Jeanne thanked the group for their commitment and valuable feedback. The plans reflect the work and feedback of the PAC. Both Emily and Teresa also thanked the group.

Open House: March 18, 2010