

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Thursday September 8, 2016  
Oregon Zoo – Sunset Room

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Mike Abbaté – Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R)  
Steve Cole – at large  
Cynthia Haruyama – Portland Japanese Garden (PJG)  
Dave Malcolm – Sylvan Highlands Neighborhood Association  
Heather McCarey – Explore Washington Park (EWP)  
Peggie Schwarz – Hoyt Arboretum Friends  
Ruth Shelly – Portland Children's Museum  
Craig Stroud – Oregon Zoo  
Eric Vines – World Forestry Center  
Inessa Vitko – TriMet

**Visitors:**

Jocelyn Bates – PLACE Studio  
Cary Bubenik – Hoffman Construction (HC)  
Thomas Gilman – PWB  
Kathy Goeddel – Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association (AHNA)  
Lewis Kelly – EWP  
Scott Robertson – TriMet  
Emily Roth – City of Portland – Senior Planner I Assets and Development Division  
Victor Sanders – PP&R  
Jessica Van Raden – EWP  
Robin Wilcox – PLACE Studio  
Lindsay Wochnick – Portland Water Bureau (PWB)

**Absent:**

Don Moore – Oregon Zoo

The meeting started at 8:00 a.m. Eric Vines chaired the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Peggie announced that she is retiring in January of 2017. Advertising for the position will begin on September 9, 2016. The biggest goal of Hoyt is to advertise heavily to capture as many qualified candidates as possible. Resumes will be accepted through October 6<sup>th</sup> and they hope to have someone on board by January. Heather noted that a new Vice Chair to the Board will be needed.
- Heather announced that shuttle stickers “weekends only” will be installed at all shuttle stops the week of September 12. The new maps (for print cycle September 2016 to March 2017) are going to print and will showcase the reservoir project. EWP is applying for Regional

Transportation Options Grant for funds and the Board will be asked to provide letters of support to help access these funds as the grant is very competitive.

- Mike announced 2017 is the Rose Garden's centennial. The Royal Rosarians and friends approached the City about improvements. All improvements will be wrapped into the Master Plan. A Rose Garden app was discussed.
- Inessa announced that Line 63 is now running on weekends. There are several TriMet construction projects taking place in the future that may impact the Park. She will send out a summary of closures, maintenance updates, etc. The Steel Bridge may be closing next year for repairs.

Eric introduced Kathy Goeddel of AHNA for a 3-minute Board address. Kathy is a long time AHNA resident and is on the AHNA board. She appreciated the communication that received from EWP and PWB. She volunteered to be an AHNA representative and take on neighborhood concerns and problems. Kathy stated AHNA wants to take action and needs support regarding parking and discussions about summer 2017. She would like to see a weekend with free transit throughout Portland. They would also like to see a shift similar to Yosemite Park, where parking isn't allowed within the Park.

#### **Reservoir Project Update**

The Board reviewed Park road closures and construction updates beginning this month for the reservoir project. These updates will continue monthly, with 10-minute presentations given to the Board.

Thomas Gilman of PWB and Cary Bubenik of HC presented the update. Thomas announced that most of the site fencing was in place and the remaining portion on the west side of Sherwood Blvd will be done the week of September 12. Traffic changes begin on September 12 and traffic control signs are installed and bagged. Tree removal begins on September 8. Below is a breakout of the use of felled trees:

- 80 trees are suitable for habitat conservation. PWB will take those trees for another PWB project in the City.
- PWB received a request from the Zoo to use some salvageable trees for a primate exhibit.
- The tree removal contractor included the use of removed trees as part of their bid. The trees they are keeping are non-salvageable and mostly invasive species.
- None of the trees will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Flagging locations were shared and highlighted on the maps passed out to Board Members. Flaggers will not be at the sites identified for the entire 18 month project, just through the transition period. Dave raised concerns about the SW Tichner/W Burnside intersection and no flaggers being positioned at this critical entry point. Cory stated that flaggers were not approved for this location because there is an active light and signal at that location. Cory met with PBOT in April and said PBOT is lengthening the turn signal by a few seconds (the most possible) and that they will see how it goes for now. Inessa asked if there was a contingency for flaggers at that location. PBOT will manage feedback. They can be reached at 503-823-7030. This is the hotline for the reservoir project.

Heather requested a meeting offline regarding flagger positioning. The concern is that the flaggers are in areas of the least amount of traffic and confusion. Steve stated that closing the Park entrance on Lewis and Clark Way is going to be very problematic and wanted the meeting notes to reflect that concern. Dave agreed as well as several other Board members.

PWB announced its ground breaking ceremony on September 26, 2016 at noon. PWB will hold individual meetings with AHNA, Sylvan Highlands Neighborhood Association and Goose Hollow Neighborhood Association to discuss construction updates.

### **TriMet Washington Park (WP) Max Station Improvements**

Scott Robertson of TriMet updated the Board on WP Max station improvements and distributed visual aid packets. Below are several points of interest:

- Scott Robertson is the project's design and construction manager. His contact information is in the handouts given to the Board.
- Improved lighting in the tunnel will be installed and touch surfaces will be replaced. Way finding will also be greatly improved. Scott stated that they are thinking of using murals on the paintable surfaces. It is very affordable and hides dirt much more effectively. Visual media may be used, such as moving messaging boards and monitors that showcase venues. The Board was invited to be a give feedback for certain parts of the project. They Board will work with TriMet to apply the EWP brand to the project.
- The design is 50% complete, with total completion targeted for January 2017.
- Overall, the project is strictly maintenance, so its main goal is durability and how it feeds into safety.
- The design period completion date is projected to be early January and is quickly approaching. All feedback should be given to Scott as soon as possible to be considered.
- TriMet will meet with the EWP Marketing Committee to gather more detailed feedback.

### **Washington Park Master Plan**

Emily Roth (Senior Planner) Assets and Development and Jocelyn Bates (Project Manager) of PLACE Studio presented the Board with a Washington Park Master Plan update. They distributed maps with data as visual aids. The draft maps are currently in the technical investigation study phase. Public outreach was done at Peninsula Park and Washington Park. They held stakeholder interviews and public interviews. Technical investigation and public outreach will be the Master Plan's foundation. The next round of public involvement will occur in January and February.

The report's community outreach portion included graphs with some narrative. The report will form the basis for the design work of the Master Plan. The focus of the first outreach was primarily on the land and people who occupy the Park. The presentation covered the introduction, technical investigation and resiliency.

The Board reviewed the maps and narrative and provided input. Several corrections were noted and will be taken into consideration. Items of concern were data breakout by region, entry points to the Park, circulation map appeared too busy and confusing, adding TriMet Line 63 to the map and Hoyt Arboretum remaining independent and illustrated as such on the map. 525 People were surveyed. This was a small sampling, but more than anticipated. General points of interest in study showed that 85% of Park users are white, all age groups are represented in Park use equally, 55% come to the Park a few times per week and 45% come a few times per year. Inessa requested changing the number of people represented to percentages to lessen confusion. Data was collected by intercept surveys done at Washington Park, Peninsula Park and the Rose Parade. Most of the surveys were done on home computers.

**August Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes**

The board reviewed the August 2016 meeting minutes. of the board, which had previously been distributed to the board, were unanimously approved.

The financial statements for August, 2016, which had previously been distributed to the board, were unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.