

Trolley Trail Art Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes
Trolley Trail Art Steering Committee
Tuesday, January 13, 2009; 4:00-6:00 pm
Oak Grove Fire Station Community Room
2930 SE Oak Grove Blvd., Milwaukie, OR 97267

Present: Michelle Healey, Ken Ackerman, Thelma Haggemiller, Pat Kennedy, Dick Saulsbury, Bill Wild, Gary Michael, Pam Girtman

Staff: Bill Flood, Betsy Bostwick

- I. Meeting was called to order at 4:03
 - A. The Committee requested a change to the November 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes: under II:D, the word “urban” should be changed to “suburban”.
 - B. The November 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes were approved.
 - C. Committee members introduced themselves to one other.
- II. **Trail news/updates from members and staff**
 - A. Money and Timelines
 - Committee members requested clarification on the availability of funding for the Trolley Trail and other associated timelines.
 - It was reported that most funds were currently available; the rest of the funding would be available by 2010 at the latest (for Trail groundbreaking) and must be spent within ten years from the date available.
 - B. Trolley Trail Maintenance
 - Michelle Healy reported that, in response to citizen complaints about motorized vehicle use on the Trail, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) has placed barriers on the double section of Arista Drive section of the Trail to block motor vehicles.
 - C. County Commissioner Work Sessions
 - Michelle Healy announced that the County Commissioners will be holding a work session focusing on the Trolley Trail on January 20, 2009 at 3:00.
 - There will be an additional work session focusing on the Trolley Trail and the sewer line that could potentially be built in conjunction with the Trail on January 27, 2009 at 3:00.
 - D. Trolley Trail Public Art Element: Public Review
 - The Committee discussed having a public review meeting in February to get feedback and comment on the work of the Committee so far.

-February 11, 2009 from 5:30-7:00 pm at Rose Villa was selected as a potential date for the public review meeting, pending approval from the rest of the Committee, Rose Villa and the Citizens Informed and Aware group (CIA). (CIA meets on the same date at 7:00 pm at Rose Villa).

III. **Review/discuss draft Public Art Element**

A. Adopt-a-trail

-One committee member communicated a concern: that an adopt-a-trail system was not mentioned in the draft Public Art Element.

-The Committee agreed that the full description of the adopt-a-trail program and how to join should belong to a different document, but that the Public Art Element should make reference to it.

-The adopt-a-trail program should be mentioned within the long-term stewardship section of the Public Art Element.

-The adopt-a-trail program is being developed by the NCPRD for Clackamas County parks and trails. Individuals “adopt” a section of a trail by giving it extended care and maintenance. Contributions can also be monetary

B. Materials

-Committee members discussed “appropriate materials” found on page 7 of the draft: “use of appropriate materials (stone, wood)”

-The Trolley line was a significant advance in technology at the time: metal, steel, and iron should also be included.

-At the January 28, 2009 meeting, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc. will present examples of design styles so that the committee can discuss the look and feel of the Trail and surrounding communities.

C. The Committee felt that the youth component of the plan (number of schools) should be stronger.

D. Oak Grove as a Community rather than a pass-through

-The Committee felt that certain verbiage in the plan implied that the main purpose of the Trail was to get people from point A to point B. This is not a correct perception: the Trail is a community and a gathering place.

-The Committee discussed the idea of “layers”, or “streams” of people that settled in the Trolley Trail area. There are rich differences in the social and economic status of the people who have passed through and settled the area throughout time. The area is ever-changing/ever-moving.

E. Specific verbiage used in the plan

-Committee members requested that “art element” be used in place of “artwork” when it makes sense in the Public Art Element.

-The Committee agreed that the term “diversity” is often misused/overused and should be replaced with “rich differences”.

-Committee members requested that “transportation corridor” be replaced with “linear park”.

-The Committee agreed that if the Public Art Element is not controversial and too much time is spent on coming up with non-offensive words, then it will have failed.

F. Plan additions--the Committee agreed that the following additions should be made:

-A section on long-term maintenance of the Trolley Trail.

-The theme/value of power: first long-distance current in 1893 transmitted through Trolley Trail.

-The theme/value of time: history of people coming and going, schedules, conductor watches.

-Under "Trail Amenities: Lighting", the language "not *currently* recommended for the Trail, but could be considered as a future element".

-Under "Key Sites for Artwork", all Trolley Stations should be added, "Sparrow" should be added after "Under Trestle", and donation land claims (Risley, Roathe, etc.) are important additions.

-Under "Key Sites for Artwork", "Existing rails" and "Transformer Pad" should be separated into two categories.

-Language for considering environmental sustainability should be added to "Standards, Guidelines, and Outcomes".

IV. **Input from guests & extension of draft material discussion**

A. No additional input was provided for discussion.

V. **Next Meeting, Next Steps**

A. The next meeting will take place on January 28, 2009 at the Oak Grove Fire Station Community Room.

B. Bill Flood will produce a second draft of the plan and Betsy Bostwick will send it out for Committee review by Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

C. At the next meeting Harper Houf Peterson Righellis, Inc. will provide sample of design styles for the Committee to discuss.

D. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.