

**npGreenway Board Meeting Minutes – Prepared by Aaron Michalson  
January 9, 2018 6 pm @ Chapel Pub**

**Attended By: Pat Jewett, Cynthia Newton, Steve McClure, Pam Arden, Francie Royce,  
Aaron Michalson, Lenny Anderson, Jay Bockelman**

**Agenda for meeting:**

- Review of Agency Meeting**
- Funding Opportunities**
- Swan Island Event**

**Review of Agency Meeting – See Agency Meeting Agenda**

Francie, Cynthia, Lenny, Pat and Aaron attended the agency meeting at 10:30am, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Alan Schmidt gave overview of the N. Columbia Pedestrian Bridge and Prairie Trail projects he is in charge of. Estimated total \$4.5 million available for projects.**

- He estimates they will be able to complete both segments and a 30% design of the connecting bridge North of the Prairie Trail within the currently available funds.
- General consensus of npGreenway board members is that these projects are in capable hands.

**N. Columbia Bridge notes:**

- Still in engineering phase. Public involvement will likely begin Summer or Fall of 2019.

**Prairie Trail notes:**

- They are drafting scope of work
- RFP in 1-2 months
- No dogs will be allowed on prairie path due to Meadow Lark habitat

**North Decatur – Zef (Last Name?) PBOT**

- Problems with land use orphaned industrial zone. 2 businesses use site and trucks loading/unloading
- Neighborhood could be selected by MURP student workshop this week
- Property owners support street as trail or trail, 2 business owners do not because of truck access
- Cost to build as 12 ft road is very high \$10 million for 1000 ft because of hillside stabilization.
- Possible solutions: Neighborhood association, Baltimore woods pressure for zone changes, purchase properties using public or crowd-sourced dollars

**Willamette Cove – Katy (Last name?) Metro**

- Upland area for path has been designated as DEQ jurisdiction brownfield – not EPA superfund
- Finalizing upland remediation options
- Extensive public outreach process underway, public comment open by Summer
- Late 2019 Design begins
- A meeting is scheduled for March 2019 (Date? )

## **Funding Opportunities**

**Regional Flex Funds – Federal dollars available for City of Portland to apply for. 75% Active transportation, 25% Freight movement – \*Ernest Hayes suggests focusing effort on Freight movement portion of funds because they are less competitive.\***

- April – instructions criteria will come out?
- Application in June
- How does city decide priorities? # score based on a number of factors
- Last application for the St. Johns connections was likely not selected because of lack of connections to transit emphasis
- There will likely be a racial equity piece of the application
- Maya would like to tweak the St. Johns Connections application that was submitted last time and resubmit.

## **Upcoming Metro Bond Measures –**

Natural Areas – Smaller dollar amount \$200 million total?

Transportation Bond – Billions

## **Discussion of Funding Opportunities**

Board discussed the funding sources and where to focus npGreenway's efforts this year.

### **Regional Flex Funds:**

Based on Ernest Hayes insight that Freight dollars were left on the table during the last session perhaps we should push for a project that could apply to the 25% RFF pot of money?

Francie made a motion that instead of supporting a modified version of St Johns Connections proposal that Maya would like to submit and we instead:

- Focus on Freight dollars and put our effort into Segment 4 on Swan Island along basin avenue
- Frame the proposal as a freight movement/ SOV trip reduction, for Swan Island and access to jobs for the region.

Lenny and Aaron, second Francie's motion noting legacy of Swan Island business members support of past similar efforts - Swan Island TMA, SIBA - and likely support for basin path from largest businesses (Daimler, Vigor, UPS, Fedex, and PCC). Could develop and connect to Swan Island event in April create concrete action for SI business.

### **Metro Bond Measures:**

The Group discussed what to push for inclusion in  
Ideas Included:

- Natural Areas Bond – Bridge from Prairie? 30% design from Alan as part of proposal?
- Transportation – 40 mile loop regional transportation asset

**Swan Island Event – See Lenny draft program and Invitation: Francie and Aaron offered to help edit**

Date of event is now confirmed for April 17<sup>th</sup> 12-1 at the Daimler HQ Conference Center

**Next Steps:**

- Finalize invite/agenda for April event
- Invite stakeholders (see list on event description) before February!
- Approach parks (Maya) to shift focus to Swan Island alignment for Flex Funds – Come to her with SI business and npGreenway support?

*Invitation language*

Dear (name? or “Swan Island business”)

Daimler Trucks North America and npGreenway (Friends of N. Portland Willamette Greenway Trail) invite you to a luncheon at Daimler’s new headquarters building to celebrate the North Portland Willamette Greenway Trail.

During a catered (see menu) lunch in the Mezzanine of the dining facility, we will celebrate accomplishments, hear about progress, and dig in to the “meat and potatoes”...i.e. challenges and opportunities!...for realizing the Willamette Greenway Trail dream”

After lunch, we will walk the new stretch of Willamette Greenway Trail built by Daimler as part of their HQ project.

Time: April 10, Noon to 1:30pm

Place: Daimler Trucks NA, HQ, ##### N. Channel Avenue

Parking: visitor parking out front or in parking structure??

Hope you can join us!

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*Program*

Welcome from Daimler (Andreas or R. Nielson?) and Francie for npGreenway

Introductions: names & organizations

Brief presentations on Trail progress along the City approved alignment between the Eastbank Esplanade and Kelley Point Park. (see place-mat map):

Achievements (Aaron M., Daimler & npGreenway): completion of the one mile long Swan Island “Scenic Route” between Ash Grove Cement and N. Channel Avenue.

Projects (Alan S., Metro): status of the funded Columbia Blvd bridge and St Johns Prairie projects in N. Portland.

Challenges (Dan L, PBOT & Aaron H., UPRR): finding a route south from Swan Island to Lower Albina and beyond.

Opportunities (Lenny A., npGreenway): funding the Swan Island segment...a cycle track from N. Going Street to the Waud Bluff Trail...a public/private partnership? Metro bond measure?

Q&A (Francie R., npGreenway):

Followed by walk along new stretch of Greenway Trail adjacent to Daimler HQ