

Minutes of the npGreenway Board Meeting (via Zoom)  
December 9, 2020

**Attendees:**

Board Members: Lenny Anderson, Jay Bockelman, Pat Jewett, Cynthia Newton, Francie Royce (acting chair), Pam Arden, Steven McClure, Trang Lam  
Guests: Cassie Cohen (Portland Harbor Community Coalition) and Mel Huie

**Minutes Approval:** The October and November, 2019, meeting minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Brochures**

Lenny worked with Bridgetown printing to print 1500 brochures with “November 2020” on the map at a cost of \$935.00, with \$798 contributed by Jeff Lang and \$137.00 from npGreenway. Bridgetown will deliver them to Cynthia’s office.

**Bandanas**

Symbiosis Printing, LLC [Katherine Axline, Owner (503) 310-7568 and symbiosisprinting.com] delivered the bandanas to Cynthia’s office; Board members can pick them up or Cynthia will drop them off at folks’ homes for distribution.

**Columbia Bike/Ped Bridge**

Mel Huie reported that project head Alan Schmidt hopes to have 30% design completion by spring 2021 (approx. March). The info this will give will allow a more accurate cost estimate and allow Alan to seek additional funds if needed.

KPFF is the project engineer for both the bridge and Prairie projects.

**Willamette Cove–Metro Council Meeting Report–Cassie Cohen**

The Metro Council meeting 12/10 will include vote on Resolution 20-5149. Jeff Lang will testify on npGreenway’s behalf in favor of the Resolution seeking a clean up better than the one DEQ recommended. Lenny and Trang provided these suggested talking points:

The restoration of Willamette Cove, a pre-eminent regional public River access, has taken much too long.

We need a commitment from Metro Council today that it will be done expeditiously and thoroughly, and while we look forward to this critical section of the N. Portland Willamette Greenway Trail,

it must be part of a full clean up and restoration package with maximum public access to the Willamette River.

We are encouraged to see that this Resolution adds the Willamette Cove as an eligible project for potential funding through the “taking care of metro parks” bond program. We urge Metro to give the community certainty that

there will be funding from the bond program and not just “potential funding”.

npGreenway fully supports the position of PHCC and Sam Chase’s amendment.

Trang added that University of Portland sent a letter to Metro. Metro Council President Lynne Peterson’s chief of staff Paul Slyman (who previously worked for DEQ) contacted her. Trang explained that Uof P is aligned with npGreenway and that Metro should have a vision for cleaning up the Cove. She cited a \$2.8 million difference between the cost of DEQ’s cleanup plan and the Resolution’s. The idea is to bridge some of all of that gap with 2019 bond money.

At the 12/10 meeting the council unanimously approved Sam Chase’s Resolution and the ordinance approving use of the \$475 million approved by voters 2019 in the Metro parks bond measure. Read more here:

<http://www.wweek.com/news/2020/12/10/metro-will-now-consider-full-cleanup-of-contamination-at-willamette-cove/>

Thanks to Jeff for testifying and Lenny and Trang for talking points.

Mary Nolan was elected to Metro Council effective 1/4/2021–District 5. Chase had taken her on a tour of Willamette Cove. Francie wrote her a congratulatory note.

### **Swan Island/Basin Avenue Project–Zef’s October 2019 Rpt**

Zef Wagner, PBOT, prepared a 10/29/2020 24-page Ped-Bike Project Development Transportation report on N Basin Ave (Waud Bluff Trail to N Lagoon Ave) Multiuse Trail. Lenny sent the rpt to Board members on 12/9/2020.

Lenny noted:

- the cost from Ballast and Lagoon to Waud Bluff is \$7.5 million
- the report contains conceptual drawings that are helpful in showing the design
- to work it will need buy in from UPS and Peterbilt
- this report was the product of the event Aaron and Daimler hosted in May 2019 where 50K was raised to fund the rpt

Next steps are:

- set an interagency meeting for after the holidays [should include Debbie Cassleton from BES and would be nice to include Aaron]

### **Virtual Tours Work Update**

Charity was working on this and Cynthia has checked in with her and she is still somewhat interested.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## Mel Huie Retirement

Mel will retire from Metro after 44 years of dedicated public service on December 31, 2020.

Rod Wojtanik, RLA, Parks and Nature Planning Manager sent an email listing these planned events:

-Farewell video creation via Zoom – January 27, 2020

Gather in Zoom boxes and create a farewell video--express your appreciation and individually thank Mel for his work, his commitment and his friendship. *This will be recorded and shared with Mel after his retirement party on February 10.*

There are two sessions--pick one:

When: Jan. 27, 2021 - 10 to 11 a.m. PT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpfuGrrDsrGNbMB5cYo4HwNP8mU-MbU5Ek>

When: Jan. 27, 2021 – 2 to 3 p.m. PT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlce2trDgtE9FpcHW2XYk2fsi1QNdPPh3p>

**You must register in advance** using one of the links above and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the event.

-Word Cloud – *participate prior to February 5, 2021*

Fill out this form to use as part of a word cloud shared at the Feb 10 celebration:

<https://naturalareas.wufoo.com/forms/x1y84r2x11a3inb/>

-Melebration Zoom retirement party via Zoom – February 10, 2021 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. PT:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMofuCorjguHNc-jxpaOOvQIF7XSoidEQfZ>

**You must register in advance** and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the event.

Robert Spurlock [[Robert.Spurlock@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:Robert.Spurlock@oregonmetro.gov)] will take over Regional Trails work.

## Baltimore Woods/Decatur--Rezoning Idea

Background: Francie had explored creating a LAD but because Decatur is a truck district PBOT had to do a full blown freight route making the LAD not possible.

Francie outlined the idea to consider rezoning the left side of Decatur where the Columbia Sportswear facility is, through the planning bureau. Francesca Jones (formerly Petricolla), PBOT project manager of a freight plan/study, is the contact person. If the area were rezoned and no longer a freight route an LAD or other solution would be less expensive.

**Next Meeting**

January 13, 2021, 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Newton