City of Ashland  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
TRAIL MASTER PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 5, 2018  

PRESENT:  
Parks Commissioners: Jim Lewis, Mike Gardiner  
APRC Director: Michael Black  
Additional Committee Members: David Chapman, Torsten Heycke, Stephen Jensen, Jeffrey McFarland, Jim McGinnis  
City and APRC Staff: GIS Analyst Lea Richards; Executive Assistant Susan Dyssegard  
APRC Minute-taker: Susan Dyssegard, Assistant Betsy Manuel  

ABSENT:  
Committee Member Luke Brady: AFR Forestry Chief Chris Chambers  

I. CALL TO ORDER  
Chair Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. at 51 Winburn Way, Ashland OR.  

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
a. Minutes of September 7, 2018  
Motion: McGinnis moved to approve the Minutes of September 7, 2018 as presented. Lewis seconded and the motion carried unanimously, with Chapman and Gardiner abstaining.  

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & GUEST SPEAKERS  
a. Open Forum  
There was none.  

b. Review Additional Public Input Since Last Meeting  
There was none.  

IV. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA  
There were none.  

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
There was none.  

VI. NEW BUSINESS  
a. Review Trails Master Plan Edits  
Chapman noted that a photo of Trails Master Plan Committee members was needed for inclusion into the Acknowledgements Section of the Master Plan.  

Dyssegard stated that Mularz had received a copy of the current edits. She suggested that any further edits be prepared onto one document for scanning back to Mularz.  

- Trails Master Plan Title Page and Executive Summary  
Changes to the title page included removal of the words “a guide with” - shortening the title to read “A Long-Range Vision of Connecting Ashland Trails”. Richards noted that the phrase would stand without the period commonly used to complete a sentence.
The Table of Contents subtitle will read “City of Ashland 2018 Trails Master Plan”.

Page 3: “The ATWA envisioned a trail system built around a trio of west to east main trails…”
Should be: “Members of the Trails Master Plan Committee envisioned a trail system built around a trio of west to east main trails…”

It was agreed that further work would be done to change the previous sentence to correctly identify the formation of the Trails Master Plan Committee.

Page 3: “The AWTA envisioned a trail system built around a trio of east to west main trails with lateral connections…”
Should be: “The AWTA envisioned a trail system built around a trio of east to west main trails with longitudinal connections…”

- **Trails Master Plan Update Process**

Page 6: The caption stating “ASHLAND’S TRAILS OFFER ENJOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES: PHOTO BY MARSHALL MILLER”. Attribution would be reformatted in a smaller font to differentiate from the caption font.
Should be: “ASHLAND’S TRAILS OFFER ENJOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES: Photo by Marshall Miller”

Page 9: It was agreed that the tense for historical references be reconsidered; i.e., will be versus was.

Title Page 2: “The design, construction and maintenance of the City Trails System should be an integral component in the planning of future building roadway and infrastructure projects”.
Should be: “…The City Trails System should be an integral component in the planning of future building roadway and infrastructure projects”.

- **Trail Standards and Basic Design Elements**

Page 12: Replace picture of flicker bird with something related to trail standards – examples might be represented via a set of steps or a handrail.

Page 12: Remove sentence “Through the diligent use of existing public processes, owners whose properties lie next to or near trail developments will be apprised of the benefits and legal implications of trespass on or near private land.

Page 12: Paragraph 2: Remove “the design, construction and maintenance of” from the beginning.

- **Trail Safety and Protocols**

Heycke expressed a concern that the Chapter on trail safety and protocols was designed for users when its primary use is by City government. He stated that in his opinion, the chapter should not be a user guide, retaining its purpose as a Trails Master Plan.

There followed a brief discussion about the chapter’s value to the public and the intended user. Gardiner noted that citizens do look at policy documents when the need arises. Black agreed, stating that it was not uncommon for APRC to use the document in public meetings as well. Chapman stated that it also signals the importance of protocols.

Page 20: Replace picture and caption with intersection sign or yield sign.
It was agreed that a suitable photo would be determined at a later date by the designated editors.
• **Indigenous Peoples**
  It was agreed that the chapter on indigenous peoples would be condensed at a later date by the designated editors.

• **Geology of Ashland Area**
  Page 29: The word “plutons” was recommended for removal from the photo caption.

• **Flora and Fauna in the Ashland Trails Area**
  Page 30: The ellipsis at the beginning of the caption as well as the phrase “on the trail zones” would be removed.

  It was also agreed that the formal picture of the flora and fauna in Lithia Park would be exchanged for a picture of wilderness flora and fauna.

• **The Bear Creek Greenway**
  Page 35: “It is the premier cyclist and *pedestrial transportation* that traverses a significant portion of the Rogue Valley”.
  Should be: It is the premier cyclist and *pedestrian route* that traverses a significant portion of the Rogue Valley.

• **The Central Bike Path**
  Page 42: Photo needed.

• **Ashland Canal**
  Page 43: Photo needed.

  Page 43: The contrasting views of urban spaces below and relatively underdeveloped slopes above give an *imminent* sense of the urban-wildland interface!
  Should be: The contrasting views of urban spaces below and relatively underdeveloped slopes above *conveys* a sense of the urban-wildland interface!

  Page 47: Substitute a picture taken by Chapman for the photo currently in place.

• **Wrights Creek Trail Corridor**
  Page 51: Remove caption ellipsis.

• **Ashland Creek Trail Corridor**
  There were no changes.

• **Roca/Paradise Creek Corridor Trail**
  Page 61: Remove caption sentence after opportunity.
  Should be: Should read “The Roca Creek Trail Corridor is an important commuter trail opportunity”.

• **Cemetery-Clay-Hamilton Creek Corridors**
  Page 65: Reword caption

  Page 67: Exchange picture for Oredson-Todd trail along the creek.
  Page 67: Reword sentence beginning with “a single trail system would serve”
  Page 67: Change *insert* to *connect*
• **Tolman Creek Corridor**
Richards commented that the maps should be refined for clarity with the colors as they had been submitted. It was agreed that Richards would work with Mularz to preserve the integrity of the maps.

• **Westside Forestland Trails**
Page 75: Caption refers to Eastside

Page 77: “Hitt Road connects to the Hald-Strawberry area and is close to the Ashland Canal Trail”.
Should be: Hitt Road connects to the Hald-Strawberry area.
Page 77: “Hitt Road continues through the lower parcel of private land and becomes Forest Service Road 300”.
Should be: Hitt Road continues on to become Forest Service Road 300”.
Page 77: Exchange picture.

Page 78: Remove the word access from sentence beginning with “Some start by hiking or biking up…”

Page 79: Remove *when freshly maintained* from the sentence beginning with “The short section of Fell on Knee…”
Page 79: Remove entire second column from narrative.

• **Eastside Forestland Trails**
Page 81: Caption should be moved to the Regional Trail Connections title page
Replace with caption that reads “Forestland trails are among the most visited in the watershed.”

Page 83: “Official trails are listed below “.
Should be: Official City trails are listed below. The Gimble trail is removed from the list.
Caption: Recently deceased trails maintenance worker Jill Mullen-Feely should be noted in two photo captions.

Page 84: Remove “Ashland Creek” from Character narrative.
Page 84: Remove “*when properly maintained*” from Typical Section narrative and rework sentence.

Page 85: Remove “other worldly” from Alice in Wonderland narrative.
Page 85: *Lamb’s Mine Trail*
Should be: Lamb Mine Trail

• **Regional Trail Connections**
Page 86: Insert photo and correct caption.

Page 87: Change picture to backpackers walking through downtown trail. No dogs.

Page 91 & 92: Remove the section called Coast to Crest Trail.

Page 91: Change location of photo to Creek to Crest (page 88)

Page 93: Remove reference to Bandersnatch Trail and change caption to read “popular hikes exist along the Creek to Crest trail route”
There followed a brief discussion about bike action photos. Black noted that cyclists were not adequately represented. It was agreed that a picture of mountain bikers would be inserted into the Regional Trail Connections section.

- **Acknowledgements and Partnerships**
  
  Page 97: Change City Staff members Rickey Fite and Lea Richards titles to read “GIS Analyst.”

  Page 96: It was agreed that a picture of Trails Master Plan members, APRC staff members and assistants would be inserted in title page along with a suitable caption. Susan Dyssegard would be listed under key staff contributors.

In response to a question by Jensen, Black indicated that he would present the plan to the Transportation Commission on or around October 18, 2018. A tentative timeline for APRC approval should be finalized at the November 26, 2018, Regular Meeting. Other approvals would follow.

**Motion:** McFarland moved to accept the Trails Master Plan as amended on October 5 and to present the document to the Transportation Commission, Planning Commission, Parks Commission and City Council for approval at future meetings. Lewis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

  
  b. **Roundtable Discussion**

  There was none.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** – 10:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Manuel, Minute-Taker

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