

## OSN Steering Committee Meeting Dec. 2, 2009

### Minutes

Present: Brooke Dubois, Adam Fyall, Sharon Grant, Bill King, George Last, Mike Lilga, Tom Page, Doug Strong, Scott Woodward, Debbie Berkowitz

1. News: Scott applied for a grant from the Three Rivers Foundation for \$2000 for RRASN last Feb./Mar. We made it into the finals and he has an oral interview this afternoon. Brooke suggested we ask Columbia Center Rotary for a grant for signage. Sharon suggested using a common symbol for the signs. "Pompy's Lessons" (Columbia Center Rotary) will have signs up before Christmas; these are educational signs for kids on the Sacagawea Trail.
2. Jurisdictional Council update (Scott). Tom Moak and Dale Jackson have been replaced by Steve Young and Donna Noski, respectively, for Kennewick and West Richland. **The first JC meeting will be Jan. 29 from 1:30 to 3:30 at the TCVCB Conference Room.** We've looked at the agenda, at the chapters. We need to send the JC reps the updated outline. In the invitation, we ask that if the representative can't make it, they send a substitute who's also an elected representative. We had been planning to send them Chap. 1 & 2 for discussion in Jan. They are anxious to get going, but not wanting to keep it going for a long period of time. Do we start at once a month, and then move on to once every 3 or 6 months. We need to be clear about our goals for this group. In the next week, Scott will be sending the info out formally. We'll need to give everybody an update about what we're about since some individuals are more up on what we're doing than are others. We should put some time guidelines on the agenda.
3. 501(c)3 status (Brooke). Brooke submitted it, the IRS will look at it and let us know within 90 days if we have to submit anything else.
4. Logo report (Sharon). Donna changed the color as requested. We like it, especially figure 2. We like the size of the words and the spacing. We like the letterhead version except the colors for the words are reversed. Ridges to Rivers pops out on the letterhead – we like that. We'll ask Donna to try Ridges to Rivers in darker brown. We'd like her to try the word colors a couple of different ways. **Sharon** will ask Donna to try a couple of different colors.
5. Chapter review (Mike). Chapter V. Mike took the comments from various steering committee members and made changes. We discussed Mike's changes. **Adam** will try to get a subdivision map showing easements in Rancho Reata. (**Sharon** might have a map to get to Adam.) There may be encroachments on some of the easements. The easements were originally established for equestrian trails. Any trail system has to be maintained, otherwise there could be issues of abandonment. Mike will define the "Ridges to Rivers" trail – many of us think of it as the whole trail. This could be defined as a network or system of trails. The County will send a letter to BLM requesting them to design a ridgeline trail. Others can send letters also. **Adam** will send information about this. Recommendation 10.3 – **Bill** will add some words to this. Recommendation 11 – George suggested this. Pennsylvania has a progressive recycling act – encouraging the re-use of industrial land, giving tax incentives making it easier for the new landowners to develop in the inner cities. To discourage sprawl, we need to encourage recycling land use in the inner cities. Should one recommendation be to use all the available tools to discourage sprawl, not just tax incentives. **Bill** will add words to Recommendation 11. Sharon suggested an additional recommendation to include Marjorie Sutch Greenway, encouraging development of a trail with a small footprint. George suggested including Lawless Park; Bill suggested the trail corridor go through the shelterbelt on Goethals instead, up Aaron, connecting to Chamna. Would this be a mix of a hard and soft trail? Sharon needs a map to figure this out. A big part of this is already in Richland's plan. Hard trail is more usual in the urban core, good for bikes, also for walking commuters. Kadlec trail needs to be wide because of the increased usage, use for wheelchairs. This trail enhances the core. Burke-Gilman is an 8-ft wide trail with a much higher population; it helps to give a sense of habitat. There's a balance needed. Sharon will develop some language for this recommendation – 2 to 3 sentences, noting it's in the City's plans. There are other trails being considered in the cities – maybe we should emphasize linkages.

- Encourage jurisdictions to look for and develop trail connections, safe routes to schools. Use Sutch Park as an example. Can this be incorporated in general recommendation #4? **Sharon, Mike, and Doug** will work on the wording for this. McNary NWR is fully in Walla Walla County (it's in the tables in Chap. III), but it's in our local area – keep it? Palouse Falls and Lyons Ferry are both in Franklin County.
6. Chapter review (Mike). Chapters III and IV. There are some holes in the tables. **Scott** will coordinate, but if **anybody** has input, please give it to Scott. He's looking at the parts in red and ???. Rick Simon agreed that we could use his words on hillside regulations. Empty boxes in the hillside/floodplain regulations tables mean that the jurisdiction has no regulation. Chapter IV is very important because it talks about public input to this process. There should be some punch to the chapter – maybe a punchy executive summary. Look at the term “flowers” in the workshop questionnaire section. **Debbie** will try to track down this term – and the other terms in the questionnaire (change horse to equestrian).
  7. Strategic Plan of 2010 (or tactical plan) (D group). (a.) Prioritize projects – trail, OS. This will take some matrix work beyond what was done in the public workshops. The immediate threat is important. (b.) Adoption of the plan by the 5 cities and 2 counties. (c.) Consolidate our working relationship with the jurisdictions. Go thru the introduction process as RROSN as an umbrella group, coordinating with one voice. (d.) Introduce the plan to the public in a rollout event, getting publicity. (e.) To go along with the prioritization, come up with an “early victory” project that would be relatively easy to pull off in 2010. We had communicated that we would bring the draft back to the public – are we going to ask for comments – or are we going to put this out as a done plan? We don't want to commit to making suggested changes. We'll have already gone through the JC process, getting the jurisdictional feedback – don't want to change this. We want to roll out a final plan to the public. We should present the document as a visionary document. Hopefully the jurisdictions will take on their piece of it and then it will go thru a public process. A big part is getting the local jurisdictions on board. The **D group** will look at these items and put together a timeline for them.
  8. **Next steering committee meeting is Jan. 6.** **Mike** will be working on the implementation chapter for the next meeting. Mike has been making changes to chapters 1 & 2 as he gets comments.