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Minutes Old Military Road Trail Committee Meeting November 5, 2019

The OMRT public meeting began at 1:30 in the conference room at Island Park and Rec. Attending Dave Z, Jeff Gillette, Steve Ulvi, Brandon Cadwell, Mike Vouri, Tom Donnelly and Robin Donnelly

Welcome and introductions. Welcome to Brandon, National Park Service liaison.

Outreach:

Jeff is connecting with John Stewart for the purpose of finding out the involvement of the Cowichan tribe with the Old Military Road

The American Legion presentation may be moved to December 17th at 5:30 when Dave and Jeff can present. Daven Holzer is Legion president

Dave met with Lincoln Borman and will present at the next Land Bank board meeting January 17th.

Need for more detailed presentation at the SJ County council meeting December or January.

Dave will call Duncan Wilson to schedule presentation with town.

Steve spoke with Lincoln Borman about any properties up for sale that might have parts of the OMRT running through or nearby, also matching grant/donations.

Brandon...Matching funds may be available with other entities. One Fundraising idea is on the first Saturday of June during National Trail Day, 5 K walk/run on Mt. Finlayson.

Contact SJ Youth Conservation Core for trail help, especially in the summer via National Park Service. (Erin Licatte)

Dave and Todd attended the October 16th Washington Trails Coalition Caucus in Issaquah. Dave emphasized keeping in touch and learning from other trail groups, like Rails to Trails.

(Jeff ?) will contact Tom Starr president of Lions club for presentation date.

Dave and Robin will meet with a pioneer island family member, November 13th.

Get started with the County mapping section for maps of every single trail on the island. Elected public officials should make the decision of where the actual trail will be. We are an advisory committee to Island Rec.

Island Rec Bd mtg - 11/7 5:00 Dave, Mike and Brandon will attend to update board and get formal approval of committee members. OMRT liaison Maddie Ovenell received a copy of the current OMRT Comm. members we wish appointed. Recognize that at least 4 community liaisons will also join the planning process:

We still need a SJ Preservation Trust and a Land Bank liaison. Diana Mancel is our Hist. Society liaison.

Island Rec deadline for Spring/summer mailer: When due and how much size/content/photos?

Website development: Robin and Dave meet to fine tune website, live in Dec.

There is no official word yet from NPS re the RTCA tech asst. grant. Our recent acceptance means we will have important help in organization, strategy, fundraising, etc.

5 yr timeline reviewed:

Timeline of committee is roughly as follows:

2019-education organization and presentations/outreach using power point and slides and indiv. contact.

2020-planning for route via a public process with final recommendation to Island Rec Bd in Fall of 2020 for approval as the official modern preferred route to celebrate the OMRT,

2021-fundraising with focus on section most likely to be open to public or is open to public if existing trail, including more historical signage and public outreach and engineering/environmental studies,

2022-more fundraising and possible trail construction,

2023-hopefully, an opening of one section to the public to inspire and inform with 'boots on the ground'.

2024-continue efforts and establish sustainable stewardship plan for both labor and materials,

2025-new 5 yr plan begins.

Other presentations:

Mike's presentation on Dec 2 at SJ Library re. Hadrian's Wall trail in northern England. Information on how wall was built especially since 90% of trail goes thru private land.

Agenda item for December mtg.

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The next public OMRT meeting will be held at the Island Rec conference room December 3, 2019 from 12:30 to 2:00. All are welcome.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin Donnelly