

OMRT Committee Minutes Dec 3,2019  
Island Rec Conf Rm, Tuesday, Dec 3rd, 12:30-2:00

**Welcome and introductions:** Todd Kaden, Jeffery Gillette, Mike Vouri, Dave Zeretzke & Osha Breeze (Minutes by DZ) Osha just learned about work and interested in helping.

-Review of portions of **Mike's presentation** fr Mon night at SJ Library **re trail along Hadrian's Wall**, congratulations and request for shorter version for Committee w focus on trail, gate, stewardship, etc. of trail where 90% of the 700 parcels over which the trail runs are private landowners who voluntarily gave permission for the trail.

**-Cowichan Tribal followup:** discussion about lack of historical evidence of Cowichan tribal involvement in the trail except for hired laborers among other indigenous groups. One reference to "Cowichan Rd" despite exclusive use of road for commercial and then military purposes. Jeffrey Gillette to followup with tribal contact on Vancouver Is. re any oral history of ancestors who worked on the OMR. Consensus to not ignore the historical road name and reference to 'Cowichan Rd' without some investigation by Committee.

**-Committee group presentations:**

Legion: Jeffery to coordinate for 2/18 presentation by Jefferey & Dave

Land Bank - Dave to coordinate for Fri., Jan. 17th by Mike and Dave SJCounty - Dave to coordinate for Jan date with County Council by Mike and Dave

Lions, - Tues., Jan 28th by ?

Town, Rotary, Kiwanis, Soroptomists, Senior Ctr - no plans yet

**-Island Rec Board mtg followup fr 11/7 5:00:** Dave & Mike summarized continuing support of Island Rec but Island Rec Board desire to not consider Island Rec as the lead agency but one of many local groups/agencies supporting the concept and planning.

**-NPS Grant fr River, Trails and Recreational Areas Program:** planning and conference call set for Jan 6th with OMRT Committee and partner agencies: Todd to coordinate a Jan. 6th phone call with committee to work on date for site visit and meeting with partner groups. Press release ready to go - Todd submitting with new quote fr M. Vouri.

New NPS info since mtg: Todd to coordinate central location for group but individuals also can dial-in individually: **866-792-0653, passcode 6232386#** using NPS conf. line. per 'Alex' Stone, Community Planner  
NPS Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program, ph: 206/220-4108 [alex\\_stone@nps.gov](mailto:alex_stone@nps.gov)

On the call the agenda with Alex Stone from NPS will certainly include:

- introductions to the Park District appointed committee members and the NPS RTCA team
- the request to NPS and updates on your progress since
- getting started with planning (see attached starting questions we have around baseline information, process and community engagement, and product and roles)
- draft work plan for 2020 (including date later in January for a site visit and key meetings)

**-website development** - fr Tim Dustrude (now in AZ but working on-line). New info since mtg: website version 1.00 fr Tim. Check out [oldmilitaryroadtrail.org/](http://oldmilitaryroadtrail.org/)

**-OMRT Comm recruitment:** Contact with supporters continues - Lisa Lawrence very supportive and more people keeping expressing interest.

**-Island Rec deadline for Spring/summer mailer:** when and how much content/photos? Size available? Dave to followup with Maddie at Island Rec.

**Next mtg: Jan 7th at 12:30-2:00 at Island Rec Conf Rm**