



**Gateway Green Project Team Meeting
October 7, 2009**

Meeting Attendees

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| Tom Archer, Northwest Trail Alliance | Alison Hill-Graves, Community Cycling Center |
| Bill Barber, Central NE Neighbors | Brett Horner, Portland Parks & Recreation |
| Steve Bryant, Oregon Solutions | Denver Igarta, Portland Bureau of Transportation |
| Rex Burkholder, Metro | Karla Keller, ODOT |
| Jenn Cairo, Oregon State Parks & Recreation | Marci Marshall, City of Maywood Park |
| Jean Fike, East Multnomah SWCD | Gail McEwen, Oregon Solutions |
| Warren Fish, Multnomah County | Mary Rose Navarro, Metro Sustainability Center |
| Meyer Freeman, Oregon Sports Authority | Linda Robinson, Friends of Gateway Green |
| Ted Gilbert, Friends of Gateway Green | Zari Santner, Portland Parks & Recreation |
| Jay Graves, The Bike Gallery | Chris Scarzello, Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability |
| Brian Heron, East Portland Action Plan Advisory Committee | Kim Travis, Oregon Solutions |
| Emily Hicks, City of Portland | Jill Van Winkle, International Mountain Biking Association |

Ground Rules

- The Project Team reviewed the draft ground rules proposed by Steve Bryant. There were no objections.
- Media contacts will be directed to the co-conveners, Rex Burkholder and Jay Graves. Rex and Jay will also review meeting summaries before they are distributed.
- Oregon Solutions will maintain a website for the project. *(See <http://www.orsolutions.org/metrohood/gatewaygreen.html>)*

Gateway Green Vision Document

Following presentations by Ted Gilbert, Linda Robinson and Tom Arnold, the Project Team discussed the Vision Document in the context of five framing questions:

- What excites you about this vision?
 - Provides more biking opportunities in East Portland for current riders and new riders (adults and children)

- Promotes Portland as a cycling city and provides a venue for national or international biking events
- Provides a children’s play area, and a place for families to go
- Provides diverse cycling opportunities from beginning to advanced riders
- Creates more visibility for biking
- The project’s proximity to the main commuter bike trail and Max line should encourage people to get using alternative means of transportation.
- Increases diversity of outdoor recreational opportunities in East Portland, which is a growing area and has a very low number of parks per capita. Provides East Portland residents with a close place to go for outdoor recreation.
- It sets a good precedent for use of “leftover” space, and enhances the site in the process.
- The natural resource constraints at the site are minimal; there is little tension between recreation and restoration.
- Increases opportunities for urban outdoor recreation activities, which provide health benefits
- Multiple uses can come together in a complimentary way
- The opportunity to showcase aspects of Portland’s culture (e.g., biking, sustainability, green energy) in an area that is a “gateway” to Portland.
- The opportunity to create a space that can be used by the entire community.
- What's missing from this vision that needs attention by the group?
 - The challenges and opportunities associated with recreational use on Rocky Butte
 - How much bike use is possible, given the steep slopes
 - How can access to Rocky Butte be provided for people and wildlife
 - Input from Rocky Butte private property owners
 - What areas on Rocky Butte need to be protected
 - How to avoid or reduce the impact of providing for access and recreational use on habitat
 - The facilities that will be needed (e.g., bathrooms, parking)
 - How maintenance and security will be provided
 - How recreational use will be controlled and monitored
 - The community’s interest in activities other than biking
 - How biking and non-biking activities will be balanced
 - How the site will be used for biking (exclusively for “gonzo mountain biking” or open to all)
 - How to minimize the impacts of biking on nature
 - The impact on people who live on the site
 - The needs and desires of communities of color in East Portland
 - Are there impacts due to “gentrification”
 - Are there wildlife corridors through the site
 - Information on air quality
 - What the project needs from agencies
- What is the geographic scope of the project
 - Rocky Butte should be included in the project analysis
 - More information is needed on the challenges and opportunities associated with

- recreational use on Rocky Butte (see above)
 - The potential for connectivity/access to Rocky Butte should be explored
 - There should be no preconceived notion that there will be biking on Rocky Butte
 - Economic realities mean that the project must be accomplished in phases
- What are the "first-order" obstacles that need to be overcome?
 - Governance
 - Funding
 - Capital costs
 - Ongoing maintenance
 - Communication. Developing a proactive communication strategy for additional outreach to:
 - The community at large
 - Communities of color
 - Neighborhood associations
 - Rocky Butte private property owners and the Rocky Butte Preservation Society
 - Schools (to discuss how the site could be used for health and fitness)
 - Access
 - Identify existing access to the site from public rights of way
 - Determine if additional access is needed. If so, these projects will need to be included in the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP)
 - Zoning
 - Identify zoning regulations and determine if zone changes are needed
 - Restrictions on ODOT for use or sale of the property (e.g., ODOT must receive fair market value for the property)
 - Information needs
 - Identify additional studies needed by agencies and how they will be funded
- What are we capable of achieving together over the next six to eight months?
 - Identify governance structure
 - Identify funding
 - Identify additional studies needed
 - Other? (Further discussion is needed)

Next Steps, Information Needs, Assignments

- Create GIS base maps showing zoning, topography, public ownership and existing access points
 - Chris Scarzello will see if Portland GIS staff can compile existing information from the Friends of Gateway Green and Metro
- Develop a communication strategy and identify priority organizations to contact
- Obtain information on storm drainage at Gateway Green. Sources of information are:
 - Mary Wahl or Emily Walsh at Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
 - ODOT's 2005 study of potential water treatment site
- Develop an agenda for the next meeting (Leadership Team)
- Additional discussion on what can be accomplished over the next 6-8 months (Leadership

Team)

- Review the Vision document (Project Team)
- Develop a meeting schedule for the next 6-8 months (Oregon Solutions)

Invitation to additional partners and other possible outreach efforts

- Make a presentation to the Rocky Butte Preservation Group (Linda Robinson)
- Help identify potential partners from the sustainability industry (Warren Fish)
- Help identify representatives from communities of color (Alison Hill-Graves)
- Contact Federal Highway Administration about their participation (Karla Keller)
- Contact representatives from each neighborhood association
- Contact US Fish and Wildlife Service