

**Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)
October 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order and conducted via video/phone conferencing.

Members Present: Gordon Taylor (Vice-Chair), Justin Zarzezcny, Dick Gritman, Donna Holwitz (for Kat Sample), Charlie Commeree, Erik Rohrer, Bill Biery, Jim Mraz, Wendy Clark-Getzin, and Gary Gleason.

County Representatives: Steve Gray, County Public Works/Road Dept. (Ex-officio TAC member)

Guest Speaker: Chad Theismann, County GIS Manager, and Christina Epperson, GIS Specialist

Other Participants: Jeff Bohman, Peninsula Trails Coalition Board President; Kenton Hotsko, PTC Trails Maintenance Coordinator.

MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the September 7 meeting minutes was tabled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Member Gray reported:

- That the Washington State Parks has scheduled an Open House on October 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the 7 Cedars Hotel in the Blyn-Bay Event Room on the future for Miller Peninsula State Park Property. Additional information can be found on the State Parks project web page.
- Jeff Bohman, Peninsula Trails Coalition (PTC), presented to the Board of Clallam County Commissioners on September 19 a proposal by three trails advocacy organizations—Peninsula Trails Coalition, North Kitsap Trails Association, Bainbridge Island Parks and Trails Foundation—working in consultation with the Washington DC-based Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), to prepare a federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application, in the \$25-\$45 million range, for a comprehensive, three-county package of projects toward completing the westernmost section of the Great American Rail-Trail (GART), from the ferry terminal on Bainbridge Island to the Pacific Ocean at La Push. The grant application would target projects to address ODT gaps and other improvements. The three trails advocacy organizations plan to hire a consultant to produce the grant application.

Member Taylor introduced Kenton Hotsko as PTC's new part-time, trails maintenance coordinator.

TRAIL PROJECT UPDATES/REPORTS

Updates were given by Member Gray on the ODT Railroad Bridge Project and reopening of the bridge; ODT-Forks to La Push project; and the Kugel Creek Culvert Replacement project just west of the ODT Camp Creek Trailhead on Cooper Ranch Road. Member Clark-Getzin provided an update on the Jamestown S' Klallam Tribe (JSKT) project to widen and pave the section of trail between Pierce Road and Old Blyn Highway. She also updated on JSKT's project to move the trail route off of Old Blyn Highway.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE REPORTS

1. *County Thursday Volunteer Crew Project Reports.* Member Gray reported that the County Volunteer Trail Crew held three work party days on the following Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT) projects:
 - Early September completed final tread and other improvements to reopen the segment west of Joyce Access Road Crossing.
 - Significant repair of tread width and curb log installation around the Milepost 15 segment. [2 work Party Days]

Tomorrow a volunteer work party is scheduled to address tread and drainage issues in the vicinity of M.P. 6 on the OAT.
2. *County Maintenance Reports.* Member Gray reported that County Road Crew conducted trail alder brushing work beginning on the west-side of the ODT US 101 crossing west of Lake Crescent. They also completed asphalt patch work to smooth out dips due to minor slumping west of the ODT—Sol Duc River crossing and removed parts of fencing damaged by past fence thefts. Member Gray also reported on the recruitment status for the County to fill the vacant Trails Maintenance & Volunteer Coordinator open position.
3. *Other Reports:* Member Taylor reported that a PTC volunteer work party completed repairs to a fence and gate and also obscured an unauthorized off-trail access point along the ODT corridor near West Sequim Bay Road. The County provided materials (posts, concrete).

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. *Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT) layer updates and presentation on upcoming County ODT map and dashboard web application tools.* Chad Theismann, County GIS Manager, and Christina Epperson, GIS Specialist, presented updates to the ODT map layer and County's new web mapping applications for the ODT that will soon be available. Discussion followed.
2. *Draft Six-Year (2023-2028) Transportation Improvement Program provisions related to the ODT.* Member Gray reviewed programmed and planned ODT projects in the draft Six-Year TIP and the upcoming public meeting/hearing schedule on the TIP. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m.