

Rose City Recreational Trail Project- Focus Group #1 Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday August 14, 2024

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Rose City Golf Course Club House

Facilitator: Johnny Fain, Capital Project Manager, Portland Parks and Recreation

Note Taker: Jenna Stathopoulos, Community Engagement Project Coordinator, Portland Parks, and Recreation

Meeting Objective:

To gather valuable insights from nearby residents on the proposed trail design, focusing on enhancing accessibility for all users, including those with mobility challenges, strollers, or bicycles.

Major Themes and Discussion Summary:

Trail Amenities:

- Consideration of exercise equipment, such as pull-up bars and step-ups, with emphasis on accessibility and catering to diverse community members.
- Potential placement of a trailhead kiosk near Rice School and other areas.

Safety:

- Survey work to define property lines and gather specific data on topography for use in design process; split-rail fencing may be used to delineate the trail from the golf course.
- Emphasis on community oversight and trail usage to enhance safety.
- Trail segments close to fence lines can minimize tree impacts and reduce conflicts with golfers.
- Promoting verbal interaction between golfers and trail users at crossing points.

Signage:

- Include mile markers, risk acknowledgments, rules, and maps showing current locations and trail routes.
- Educational signage for plantings and history of space.

Nature Access and Connectivity:

- Lower bluff trail plays a key role in connecting the golf course with the community
- Enhance access to nature by positioning the trail closer to wooded and water areas.
- Design prioritizes linking key community areas to promote inclusive usage while protecting habitats.

ADA Accessibility:

- Concerns raised regarding slopes and trail surface accessibility; gravel meets minimum ADA requirements within slope and is favored for the west side.
- Asphalt preferred for the west side to enhance accessibility for the south side community members.
- Paving NE Tillamook considered a good solution for connectivity and ADA accessibility.

Trail Surface and Width:

- Consistent surfacing could provide for better user experience.
- Gravel preferred over wood chips, particularly on the north side, due to accessibility, lower maintenance, and user satisfaction.
- In high-traffic areas, widening the trail to 12 feet could reduce conflicts between bikers and walkers.
- More plantings or natural screening suggested for sections near the 3rd hole fairway.
- Preference for a 10-foot-wide asphalt trail, with an alternative of an 8-foot paved trail with 4 feet of compacted gravel on the side.
- Woodchipped paths not ADA accessible and require more maintenance.
- Trail width adjustments needed due to tree roots and golf tee boxes, with Urban Forestry determining proximity to trees.

Cycling and Multi-Use Considerations:

- Focus on balancing needs of various stakeholders by creating separate zones for different activities.



- Design to mitigate multi-user challenges, deterring fast-moving cyclists while accommodating youth, adaptive riders, and commuters.
- Using design to mitigate multi-user challenges is a key component of the project.

Parking and Access:

- Potential parking lot improvements, including a sidewalk along its southern edge.
- Permits for golf course changes may trigger costly upgrades to parking, landscaping, stormwater management, and drainage, possibly reducing parking spaces.
- Challenges in creating a trail through Rice School due to existing staircases and impacts on baseball operations.

Environmental Considerations:

- Focus on improving drainage, controlling invasive plants, and maintaining native vegetation.
- Managing invasive species and promoting native plantings to maintain ecological balance.

