

## TRAILS COMMITTEE – Parks and Commons report – March 21, 2019

Trails (3/2/2019) – Like the February Trails session, the March Trails work session experienced a great turnout of 22 volunteers. We split into two groups: one making improvements to the upper Prospect Trail -- cleaning and regravelling steps and removing ivy and blackberry. The second group again attacked ivy and blackberry to the west of the commons (as this is an on-going challenge) and made improvements to the New Urban Forest Path within the 5<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way to Ocean View Drive.

YIPS! (3-16-2019) – 22 volunteers worked at two locations – weeding, putting down weed cloth, and spreading chips at the Amanda gathering area and clearing ever present ivy in the Wetlands Park area. Most of us spend a pleasant hour afterwards visiting at the Drift Inn while enjoying beverages and snacks courtesy of Linda Hetzler.

Trails Committee meeting (2-1-2019) – The five Trails Committee leaders held a public meeting at the Commons during which we developed a proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Suspension Bridge Project – Carlson Engineering was able to redesign the bridge to keep the south end on the Kittel property and rather than on Forest Service property. This will eliminate many hoops. Joanne is in the process of donating 2.5 acres to OPRD so they will have control of the area of the bridge and the gathering area. Since Angell Job Corps cannot work on private property, Joanne and OPRD staff working with Jeff Bolles, Program Director with Job Corps came up with a solution. Since the trail will need to be closed during the time of tree removal, the recommendation is that tree removal happen two weeks after spring break and before Memorial Day weekend when foot traffic on the Amanda Trail really picks up. A site meeting is scheduled for this week.

View the Future has restarted fundraising for the bridge again and hopes to hear about the Spirit Mountain grant by March 28<sup>th</sup>. Joanne gave an interview to Quinton Smith about the suspension bridge project.

Urban Forest Path – We are ready to install a sign and a short length of split rail fence at the west end of the path as soon as archeological surveys are completed.

804 S – Trail Leaders prepared and submitted to the City a set of recommendations for improvements to navigational signage along the 804 S Trail and for placement of interpretive signs.

Trail system map – Wally and Bob have developed a mockup of a design for a map of the City trail system. After review by other trails leaders and, likely, some refinement, we will submit it to the City which will take the project over from that point.