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DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO DISTRICT PRESIDENT
OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AN EASEMENT
WITH TUALATIN HILLS PARKS AND RECREATION
DISTRICT (THPRD) FOR A TRAIL ON THE EAST
BOUNDARY OF PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PROPERTY AT THE ROCK CREEK CAMPUS

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REPORT: THPRD's mission as directed by its Board of Directors includes the creation of a network of public trails, parks, and recreational facilities throughout the THPRD district, which includes PCC's Rock Creek campus. In many cases these facilities are required of property owners as conditions of approval that are a part of land use applications, and such is the case in our upcoming bond-funded work at the Rock Creek campus.

THPRD desires a designated trail at the eastern boundary of the PCC Rock Creek property. This trail will run north-south along the boundary and will ultimately join with trail(s) on non-PCC property to the north as a part of future North Bethany development.

PCC and THPRD have discussed this matter for a number of months. Staff feels that the parties have reached enough conceptual understanding of the interests of both PCC and THPRD that an easement can be successfully negotiated that is acceptable to both parties. Among PCC's interests are that the trail be constructed, operated, and maintained with THPRD resources, and that the trail conform to THPRD's existing design standards as to its width. THPRD has agreed to pay for survey(s) needed to prepare the easement

agreement. It is further understood that this agreement applies to the “north-south” trail described, but does not apply to the possible additional trail that is within the “Trail Study Area” noted in the North Bethany Community Development Code. That code acknowledges this second trail area as a sensitive environmental area for use of the College’s academic programs, and trail development in that area remains a matter of future discussion between THPRD and PCC.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors delegate its authority to the District President or his designee to negotiate an easement agreement with THPRD for the purpose of creating a THPRD trail on the east boundary of PCC property at the Rock Creek campus. The easement agreement will be subject to the prior concurrence of College Counsel and the Board Chair.