

Friends of the Bluff

Volunteer Opportunities

Here is a list of the possible volunteer roles that could help Friends of the Bluff become more effective stewards of the High Drive Bluff:

- **Trail Planning Team.** Trail planning is a challenge, but key to the conservation and the enjoyment of the Bluff. FOB must submit recommendations on trails to the City for approval. FOB needs to establish a trail planning process and a trail plan, which can be done by emulating practices of similar organizations. We need a lead person for this effort and some teammates. This team will have the best homework assignment of all: to spend time hiking and biking the trails!
- **Marketing and Outreach Team.** FOB needs to attract more people that care about the Bluff so we can have greater impact and do a better job of stewardship. We need to grow our mailing list and website traffic. There are so many possibilities in this area:
 - Information gathering. Our website should have information relevant to protecting the Bluff, from Park Board discussions to Conservation Future deliberations. We know now how important it is to be learning of discussions about developments early so we can take timely action.
 - Coordination with other organizations. There are neighborhood associations and nonprofits that we can share information with and grow our list of supporters.
- **Events team.**
 - FOB guided hikes have been very popular in the past. We need one or two volunteers to rejuvenate this effort. These volunteers will get to know the brilliant experts in our community that have been so popular in the past.
 - FOB needs to schedule an annual meeting and put together a strong program and attract as many Bluff lovers as we can.
- **Development Team.** FOB needs to generate funds to cover insurance and other expenses. We'd like to start a designated fund to protect the Bluff from development. We can raise money through donation solicitations, a membership program, events or grantwriting. If you have ideas or just some spare time to contribute you can make a difference.
- **Fire suppression leader.** FOB has thinned trees and brush in the past and earned money from the State Department of Natural Resources in the process.

- Board member. FOB has just 5 board members right now and we need several more. Board members attend monthly meetings, initiate or oversee volunteer activities, help the organization raise money and provide ideas and support for Board decisions. A few Board members have officer positions and the Secretary position is vacant.
- Other ideas? FOB is open to any other idea that will help FOB protect the bluff.