



## Minutes of the November 19, 2014 Council Meeting

### Present:

Mark Darenzo	Corinne Handelman
Greg Wanner	Gerald Murphy
Alan L'Hommedieu	Jay Wilson
Scott Fogarty	Jill Josselyn
Carl Exner	Roy Iwai
Steve Wise	Bill Weiler
Steve Rayne	Marilyn Peterson
Courtney Yilk	Jennifer Hale
Dianna Pope	Terry Black
Mike Sherrill	Cindy Kolomechuk
Sam Drevo	Jeff Fisher
Jessa Irzyk	

### (A) Council Development ~

- a. Adopted the minutes from the September 22, 2014 meeting with corrections.
- b. Financials: Marilyn Peterson/Steve Wise.
  - 1) Jan – Oct, 2014 shows total income of \$401,605.95 and expenses of \$500,442.04 resulting in a net income of -\$97,168. However, these figures did not cover pending grants and reimbursements, which total over \$200,000.
  - 2) Potential Staff Capacity: Meyer Memorial Trust grant approved for a grant administrator (not grant writer).
  - 3) Board Pledges (as a MMT match) still need to be committed.
- c. OWEB Update: Steve Wise
  1. Focused Investment Program --- still hoping the Sandy River is chosen as a FIP site.
  2. Two Fall proposals have been submitted: Sandy River Floodplain Connection on Columbia Land Trust property; Basin-wide outreach for the Sandy River Learning Center, on-line improvements, events, and field tours.
  3. Self- assessment retreat: The weekend of January 16-17, 2015 has been selected for Board members to meet and discuss the self-assessment and

strategic planning. Cindy, Dianna, and Greg agreed to serve on the retreat planning committee.

B) Council Project Updates: Staff

- 1) Delta --- November planting review: 160 volunteers planting 810 native trees and shrubs, 50 folks attending Bird Blind and Delta Dam walks. The next Delta Community Planting Day is scheduled for February 7, 2015. The Blazer Planting Day will be in April.
- 2) River Cleanups ---1.5 tons of trash removed from Salmon River Headwaters area, while 500 pounds of garbage cleaned up in the Lower Sandy River Clean Up. For 2015, there will be a combined cleanup as the Timberline to Troutdale Cleanup.
- 3) Salmon Toss: One event has already occurred with Project YESS, and Corinne has three more scheduled in November with volunteers. We are on track to meet obligations toward the Portland Water Bureau HCP objectives for 2014.
- 4) Volunteer Tracking/Year in Review: 879 volunteers assisted with a myriad of Council projects totaling, 2,678.5 hours of service adding nearly \$59,000 in value to SRBWC activities.

(C) Learning Moment: Courtney Yilk, Confluence Outreach and Grants Coordinator. Courtney described Confluence's mission as "Connecting people to place through art and culture." She described the Confluence sites stretching from Clarksville, Idaho's Chief Timothy State Park, downstream to Sacajawea State Park, the site of the former Dalles Dam, Sandy River Delta, and Cape Disappointment State Park. Confluence has become a vital partner for educational work on the Sandy River Delta.

(D) Emerging Opportunities/issues

- 1) HUD National Disaster Resilience Grant: Jay Wilson described the outstanding opportunity to receive a substantial HUD grant, which would result in moving homes away from the Channel Migration Zone, while also supporting habitat restoration in the upper Sandy River. Jay also showed a riveting black and white film depicting the 1964 Sandy River Flood.
- 2) Troutdale Energy Center update: Steve Wise said that FERC will soon be deciding whether to permit the facility, and to date, that agency has never denied an application...might this one be the first? State Representative Chris Gorsek will be contacting the governor's office. There is also interest in this issue with mid-Columbia Gorge organizations.
- 3) Lolo Pass Rd. Alternatives: Steve relayed that Oregon DOT is looking at Lolo Pass Rd. Alternatives to prevent impacts to the Channel Migration Zone.

4) CLT Floodplain Reconnection Project: Steve described the need for large wood and boulders to help defray high costs for the proposed restoration project.

E) Events: Next Delta Community Planting Day: Saturday, February 7, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to noon

F) Other business: Public comment: None

G) Next meeting dates:

January 16-17 Board Retreat

January 26, 2015 --- Bi-monthly Council meeting

Respectfully submitted by Bill Weiler