



Minutes of the July 28, 2014 Watershed Council/Summer Picnic Meeting ~

Present:

Mark Darenzo
Bill Westbrook
Alan L'Hommedieu
Scott Fogarty
Carl Exner
Steve Wise
Danielle Miles
Mary Ann Schmidt
Dianna Pope
Mike Pope

Corinne Handelman
Gerald Murphy
Jay Wilson
Jill Josselyn
Roy Iwai
Bill Weiler
Russ Plaeger
Derek and Jen Stevens
Terry Black

(A) Council Development ~

- a. Adopted the minutes from the March 31, 2014 meeting with corrections.
- b. Financials: Marilyn Peterson was unable to attend. 1. YTD update: June 30 was the end of the fiscal year and our budget "looks good." We have been catching up on contract reimbursements.

2. Potential Staff Capacity: Meyer Memorial Trust grant submitted with a \$5,000 from council members for ½ time grand administrator and support of the Watershed Learning Center.
- c. Office Infrastructure Review
 1. The Sandy Watershed Learning Center is now open for business! Thanks to Jay Wilson for training our two interns on our 64 + 50 project.
 2. Long-term strategies: Fund the office, fill with staff, and offer future council meetings there.
- d. OWEB Updates
 1. Work plan update: We submitted our work plan for the 2nd FY.
 2. Fall proposals include: Resort of the Mountain (Welches) riverbank restoration project, Vegetation Management in the upper basin

3. Self- assessment retreat: We are looking into a Strategy Retreat to discuss organization strengths and weaknesses. This could occur October or November between Sept & Nov council meetings.

e. Board recruitment/officer succession

1. Current openings/Bylaws review: Steve Rayne stated that our next Board meeting in September would be the Annual Meeting. He suggested forming a sub-committee to look at the council's By-laws and to determine whether there is a better, smoother process for electing Board members and officers. Dianna Pope and Carl Exner kindly volunteered to join Steve Rayne on the committee. Another task for the group will be to examine voting versus non-voting members.

(B) Learning Moment: Mark Darienzo Oregon Project 350

Mark discussed Oregon's Project 350 Climate Pledge, a statewide climate declaration campaign asking the State of Oregon to divest from fossil fuels (keeping 80% of the remaining fossil fuels in the ground) and to invest in sustainable energies. Mark passed around a petition for individuals to consider signing.

(C) Council Updates: Bill Weiler reported on the start of our major Camp Collins Project. The contractors began constructing the inlet log jam today. Recent rainstorms stalled the project.

Corinne discussed the "Weed Smackdown 2014". Corinne and summer staff Danielle Miles have been meeting with private landowners seeking approval to pull weeds from their properties. Once approval is granted, Project YESS youth crew follows to remove the Policeman's Helmet. Funding was provided by Clackamas SWCD. A forthcoming Sandy Post article will discuss the Smackdown Program.

Steve Wise gave a Delta Hootenanny Event Report. Lots of partners manned booths; we conducted a walk to the Bird Blind, great music, need better signing for next year.

64 + 50: Jay Wilson discussed planning in Clackamas County. He mentioned that 150 homes were lost on the Sandy River in 1964. Jay is working on collecting living memories on film of those who lived through the 1964 floods, and is also compiling photo records.

(D) Emerging Opportunities:

1. Metro Council MHCC meeting review: Steve Rayne kicked off the Metro Council meeting by welcoming all in attendance. Participants took part in a Beaver Creek Interpretive Walk given by Project YESS students. Counselor Shirley Craddick agreed to take part on a Sandy River Delta Tour, August 19 at 1:00 p.m. led by Council Staff.

2. Bark sign-on re: MHNH policy: Russ Plaeger sought Council Board sign-on to a letter urging MHNH to change forest priorities from commercial logging to recreation and conservation. A lively discussion ensued with the Board voting for Steve Wise to edit the Bark letter for the Board to consider at a later time. Terry Black was noted as abstaining.

E) Events:

1. Wildwood Policeman's Helmet Pull August 2
2. Annual Meeting September 22 at the Watershed Center
3. Salmon River Headwaters Cleanup September 13
4. Lower Sandy Floating Cleanup September 27.

F) Other business: None

G) Next meeting dates:

September 22 – Annual meeting
November 24 – Holiday Celebration

Respectfully submitted by Bill Weiler