



**Minutes of the May 20th, 2019 Council Meeting
Sandy Watershed Learning Center**

Present:

**Steve Wise
Katherine Cory
Bill Weiler
Luke Johnson
Steve Rayne
Cindy Kolomechuk
Janet Davis
Jay Hersch
Burke Strobel**

**Julie DiLeone
Gerald Murphy
Howard S
Margaret Filardo
Roy Iwai
Matt Moreland
Anna Stifter
Matt Stine
Rio Hybert**

Cindy Kolomechuk called the meeting to order at 6:35

Introductions:

New faces to the meeting:

A) Council Development 6:30-7:30

a. Office lease status/prospects

Notice of non-renewal 4/15, requiring us to depart 7/1. MHCC indicates that potential alternate spaces on campus are not available. Limited commercial lease options, many have a 20-60% per month increase from what we are paying now, plus utilities. Need to find a new space ASAP. Steve has contacted several commercial real estate agents, which all use a similar list (loop.net)

- Location nearest to us (Troutdale market, \$12 per sq.ft., but NOT built out)
- Other location in downtown Gresham (\$2500+utilities)
- Current rent is \$1652.
- Howard recommends finding a place with a short lease term if a temporary space is found. This will allow us to have wiggle room. Build outs are very expensive.
- Do partner agencies have the capacity to help with space?
- Gerald Murphy: City of Sandy? Thoughts are that being housed in the lower basin has been a good opportunity.
- What about asking the college for the lease back, when the Small Business Development Center moves to their permanent location.

- Matt Moreland: do we need offices for this season? Will this be part of the strategic vision? Steve says yes. This is important for the long term. What is our dreamscape for a long term facility?
 - Anna suggested partnering with Metro. Could be good for relationship building and is in a beautiful setting.
 - Steve is the point of contact.
 - Will need to be out by end of June, Cindy asked if folks could lend a hand. Steve will send an email reminder several weeks out.
 - Katherine will look into whether a portion of rent can be considered a donation from the lessor, for a tax donation.
- b. Biennial Self-assessment
- OWEB Council Support requirement to do a self-assessment in each biennium.
 - Strengths: relationships with the community, website accurately represents us
 - Places to work on: community presence and standing? Board involvement, standard operating procedures, management of legal and liability matters.
 - Federal audit is a possibility given our funding from NOAA/NFWF, SOP's will be more important to ensure we have these in place and adopted.
 - Equity and...: how are we using an equity lens.
- c. Board nomination – Matt Stine (Forestry)
- Matt: Forestry Representative, Native EcoSystems NW (his own company). Practicing traditional forestry, urban forestry, and native ecosystem restoration for 27 years. He has been an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist
 - Janet Davis nominated, Jay Hersch second. Unanimous approval.
- d. Committee updates
- Equity/JEDI:
 - Members: Roy, Luke, Steve W., Anna (Sara)
 - Anna's report. How have we come so far organizationally, where do we want to go. Using some of the guidelines of the Coalition of Communities of Color, we began an assessment in 2015, but did not complete. Present day: Encouraging board participation to the MMT (5/22). Get everyone to have a common language and vocabulary surrounding equity, giving way to more productive conversations. Longer term: more group involvement. Create more inclusivity in that way. In September, a more focused event is possible. In November, a fall retreat with a hired consultant.
 - Suggestions that videos can be used for a way to show this common language.
Video example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bs2Fv3YiSFM> (12:22)
 - Funding:

- Funding submitted:
 - a. OWEB Sandy-Salmon Ph II, (2020)
 - b. OWEB Technical Assistance
 - c. Landscape Conservation Fund
 - d. MMT/NFF – Diverse Outdoors Engagement (renewal)
- Received:
 - a. RLF Ph2 Kelly Creek Dam removal
- Rejected:
 - a. ODFW Restoration and Enhancement (but invited to our phase II)
- Funding: PIECHARTS
- Fundraising:
 - Short term goals:
 - a. October 17th at Migration Brewery
 - i. Need board help for: auction and raffle items, keynote speaker, sponsors...
 - b. Mini-fundraising event combined with July picnic??
 - i. Concerns: we wouldn't meet again until September. Would this still be a community building event, in addition to the fundraising.
 1. Suggestion: volunteer appreciation shouldn't be limited by ticket prices. How do we do this with the fundraising piece? Can we put some thought behind keeping this equitable.
 - Long term goals:
 - a. General membership:
 - i. Needs board approval to proceed
 - ii. 3 other watershed councils have general membership with annual dues (outside of the board members):
 1. Luckiamute WC
 2. Coast Fork Willamette WC
 3. Siuslaw WC
 - iii. Murph motion, Howard 2nd
 1. Matt Moreland (opposed) – feels that creating a membership base would be a step backwards. Everyone who lives in the watershed council should be considered a member of the watershed council. Concerned it wouldn't be equitable. Membership could also be attained through volunteering (Howard's suggestion).
 2. Approved for exploration.
 - b. Merchandise:
 - i. Hats, shirts, decals, etc...
 - ii. Need seed money (not currently funded through active grants)
 - iii. \$25/board member – challenge by Janet. Janet is willing to match the first \$25 each member donates.

- Board Recruitment

B) Council Program Updates 7:30-8:15

- a. Sandy-Salmon Floodplain Reconnection:
 - County permit has been approved.
 - Contractor: BioHabitats
 - Monitoring baseline to Coastal Resilience Fund protocols – begins 5/22. Comprehensive revegetation plan created by Kara.
 - Construction starts early June.
 - Board tour next month, prior to the in-stream work window.
 - Steve: Phase 1 is fully funded? Phase 2 is additional acres.
 - PWB:
- b. MHCC Salmon Safe
 - Parking lots G & H approved for work this summer. Work begins August 5th with Britton Construction (contractor from 2018). Revised permits have been approved by City of Gresham.
 - Murph: Asked about permeable asphalt. A: Chris Gorsek proposed state funded repaving in legislature, and state recognition that MHCC is the first Salmon-Safe certified community college.
 - Kelly Creek Dam Removal Feasibility:
 - Pond sediment sampled (5/7/19). Report anticipated by 6/15/19. MHCC will evaluate part of revised capital plan beginning July. SRWC funded for Phase II to cultivate public awareness. Inclusion in MHCC capital plan and Metro capital bond (will not receive funding from this bond).
 - Options include a few different kind of bridges
 - College is not fully on board. Concerns for public viewing spending on things that are not necessary, when they have buildings in disrepair and struggling programs.
- c. T2T Cleanups/Stash the Trash
 - Anna. We've raised \$2000 so far...
 - 5 parks
- d. Sandy-Delta
 - EcoBlitz
 - 100 volunteers
 - Delta EE
- e. Outreach:
 - Keen Earth Day Cleanup at MHCC
 - Beaver Creek Brunch at Skyland Pub
 - Not as many people or events from last year (many of the 2018 events were tabling events, resulting in higher numbers).
- f. Sandy City Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan
 - City of Sandy Green Infrastructure Workshop by Earth Economics in planning (free). In October. Contact Steve or Carl for more information.

- Facility tours in Sandy 5/23; alternative treatment in Dundee, Forest Grove 5/29. Sandy River float with city council/ staff under consideration.

C) Emerging Opportunities/Issues 8:15-8:30

a. Public Comment

- Clackamas County Flood of Information in the fall, cosponsored by Army Corps of Engineers. Guide will be published soon on channel migration.

D) Next meeting and event dates:

a. Summer picnic (July/TBD)

b. Timberline to Troutdale Cleanups:

- Floating Cleanup Saturday September 14
- Salmon Canyon Cleanup Saturday September 21

c. Council bi-monthly meeting Monday September 23

Upcoming Events:

Salmon Headwaters Cleanup*

*Saturday September 14th *, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Timberline Lodge, 27500 W Leg Rd*

Lower Sandy Floating Cleanup*

Saturday September 21st, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Lewis & Clark Park 1 Jordan Rd, Troutdale