



Council Meeting Minutes

September 23th, 2019

6:30 - 8:30 pm

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Murdoch Hall

17405 NE Glisan, Portland 97230

Attending: Carl Exner, Janet Davis, Howard Schaller, Margaret Filardo, Alanb L'Hommedieu, Chris Gorsek, Steve Rayne, Julie Dileone, Erin Law, Roy Iwai, Matt Stine, Esme Culver, Zach Mueller, Dona Rogers, Angie Kimpo, Steve Wise, Katherine Cory, Bill Weiler, Kara Caselas, Shirley Craddick, Aubrey Koenig, Mike Myrick, Jeff Stoeger, Torrey Lindbo, Kelli Grover (+ 2 others not signed in)

Reverend Esme Culver of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church welcomed the Council and guests to the first Council meeting at St. Aidans, indicating that the St. Aidan's community sees shared values and shared interests in conservation of the living earth, and looks forward to promoting activities in the St. Aidan's membership.

Minutes from SRWC May meeting were reviewed, adopted.

Metro Nature For All Ballot Measure

Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick introduced the proposed *Metro Nature For All* ballot measure, a renewal of previous bond funding that would raise \$475 Million in funding while maintaining current property tax rates. She noted that the Metro area now is hope to 2.4 million people, and that the bond measure was aimed to address further land conservation and purchase, Metro parks improvements, capital grants, local match funds for municipalities, pedestrian trails, and large scale community innovative projects. She encouraged SRWC to endorse the ballot measure and contribute to the campaign.

Angie Kimpo suggested that applying some funding to addressing impacts of houseless camping in natural areas should be considered.

SRWC voted to endorse the ballot measure.

The Equity committee reported that SRWC staff have nearly completed an equity cohort with Intertwine Alliance to initiate an equity plan for the Council. The committee is planning to resume a self-assessment based on the Coalition of Communities of Color framework to gather Council members views on current activities and areas for additional work.

Janet Davis summarized Fundraising Committee activities and the proposal to establish Friends of the Sandy as a designation for volunteers and donors who contribute support. A motion to establish the

Friends of the Sandy initiative passed. Council members were encouraged to invite at least 5 guests to the *Reconnect to the River* event October 17.

Year to date income through August totaled \$1,496,064.50 and expenses totaled \$1,198,055.45 (Note: figures are corrected as cash basis accountings, from income of \$1,908,741 and expense of \$1,268,689 displayed in meeting slides, which was accrual basis accounting.)

Staff updates include the return of Sara Ennis from maternity leave and Melissa Cannell returning from Alaska field work, Kara Caselas's departure as project manager, Zach Mueller's completion of a Patagonia-sponsored internship, and completion of Rio Hybert Zach's term as Community Stewardship assistant. Anna Stifter is transitioning from leave replacement Stewardship Coordinator to part time operations assistant.

Program Updates

The Sandy-Salmon Floodplain Reconnection project placed over 650 logs and moved ~40,000 yards of material. A range of partners hauled off excess material, some of which was repurposed for the MHCC retrofit and restoration work in Johnson Creek. Replanting will occur in winter, with contractors completing replanting on PWB easement areas, and volunteers including Trout Unlimited planting additional project areas in the floodplain. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, Clackamas County commissioners and others toured the project site during August construction. A field tour for neighbors and the public is scheduled for October 27.

The MHCC Salmon Safe retrofit project completed parking lot bioswales and planters to capture approximately 2 million additional annual gallons of runoff. The MHCC facilities director who initiated the project has returned to the college, which is considering next projects to address infrastructure concerns, and will work with SRWC to integrate remaining priority projects in its facilities master plan.

Timberline to Troutdale Cleanups gathered hundreds of volunteers at the two events, 40 at the floating cleanup and about 350 at the the All Mountain Cleanup, expanding previous Timberline cleanups to include Government Camp, Skibowl and Meadows areas. Stash the Trash launched over the summer with partners including Troutdale, Oregon State. Parks, Metro and others, distributing mesh bags to reduce trash from river users.

Outreach activities have engaged 2143 individuals in 42 events so far in 2019.

Emerging Opportunities/Issues

Kelli Grover of Firwood Engineering gave an update on the Troutdale waterfront path. The City of Troutdale acquired floodplain property previously owned by Eastwinds Corp, and has revised 2014 master plans for a multi-use pedestrian path and greenway along the shoreline between the Union Pacific rail line and I-84. Plans include a 12-foot multi-use path, low key amenities like benches, interpretive signage, and native plantings to restore the streambank and strategically guide usage.

Sandy Wastewater Update – Carl Exner indicated the City of Sandy would accept comments on its facilities master plan for an updated sewage treatment plan until October 7, and had received state funding to develop a “green plan” to address potential impacts from the plant and its effluent. Howard Schaller inquired about the status of temperature analysis related to effluent release in the river, which could be the most critical impact from a new plant. Carl indicated that four monitoring stations have

been installed to gather baseline temperature data, but a plan to address impacts has not yet been developed.

Council members agreed to hold the next bi-monthly Council meeting as scheduled on November 25.