



## **Holiday Meeting**

**November 25th, 2019**

**Potluck – 6-6:30; Meeting 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, Steve Rayne, Matt Stine, Angie Kimpo, Steve Wise, Katherine Cory, Gerald Murphy, Gail Clement, Dianna Pope, Jay Wilson, Melissa Cannell, Luke Johnson, Anna Klundt, Daniel Pokorny, Mike Sherril, Julie Dileone, Shari Sirkin, Sara Ennis

Minutes from SRWC September meeting were reviewed, adopted.

Equity/JEDI –Melissa, Sara, Luke, Steve

Review of self-assessment results, many were conflicting, some questions confusing and board knowledge not fully up to date/complete on SRWC equity related activities. Discussion ensued regarding what a public commitment to racial equity looks like. The equity committee is committed to pushing the council to move beyond the good intentions to written statements and policies that are substantiated by actions to fully serve the communities who live and play in the watershed and will draw people to our work. Committee is working on a draft document to guide the process.

Executive Committee Report – Carl

- Meeting monthly to address administrative and other needs
- Lapse on insurance was corrected and we have recovered coverage. (SAIF report, information was sent to wrong address), seeking to increase accuracy in finances, tax reports, etc.
- Updating financial policies.
- SRWC will cross the annual budget threshold requiring a federal audit and is hiring a new financial group to conduct an A133 audit
- Carl requests the convening of a financial committee to ensure the Council is correctly following rules dictated by larger budget, since board is responsible for financial status. Interested parties should contact Carl
- The bylaws need to be cleaned up and reviewed, need volunteers to participate in three meetings –contact Carl
- Reference materials are available from Network of Oregon Watershed Councils
- Annual elections will be held at the January 27th meeting. 30-day nomination for officers should be submitted to Carl by 12/25. Positions include: Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer.

YTD Financials –

- Annual expenses may exceed \$1 million for the Council's first time this year
- Income currently exceeds expenses

- Next year's budget contingencies are project driven
- 5-year Vision Tracking -Still working on three year goals

#### *Reconnect to the River Recap –*

- Netted \$1,912 with a grant covering staff time
- Two awards – state recognition of Salmon Safe partnerships to MHCC and award to Kara Caselas for “life-time achievement in 14 months”

#### Sandy-Salmon

- Phase I took place on public land, Phase II involves five private properties –three of which are ready to turn unbuildable land over to public ownership. The final two have inheritance complications, one is in foreclosure and will require property owner willingness to work through the process to allow project to proceed.
- Two years of construction completed in 2019 in Phase I
- Earl Blumenhauer visited the site and offered help with permitting

#### Delta Update

- Successful community planting 11/2
- #notadogpark getting public response on FB
- Delta will become a fee parking area, which will generate revenue that can be directed towards managing dogs and other aspects of the Delta
- Acres of encampments at the Delta are regularly cleared out by sheriff and folks move back in. Join PDX works with houseless populations to find longer term more sustainable solutions, however, the issue needs to be taken up by a Delta working group -possibly facilitated by USFS

T2T Cleanups/Stash the Trash -1200 bags uses in the first season, park managers see it a great success with positive response and use from the public and partners are convening to work on improvements for next year.

Portland Water Bureau Filtration Project -presentation postponed

Metro bond passed!

These were not discussed:

#### Emerging Opportunities/Issues 8:20-8:30

- a. Rep. Blumenauer followup
- b. Wild and Scenic River additions
- c. Gresham Green Business watershed coffee hour – June 2020

#### Public Comment

- Clackamas County –rolled out policy discussion, such that the state is adopting channel migration zone maps (?), working on legal options for property owners to get out of vulnerable areas. Exploring interest for the State host Channel Migration Zone (CMZ) workshop in partnership with UofO and others.
- City of Sandy appreciated Green Infrastructure workshop

Next meeting and event dates:

- SRWC Annual Meeting (and officer elections) – January 27th