

## **Columbia Slough Watershed Council General Meeting Agenda**

**Date: Monday, July 25, 2016**  
**Time: 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM**  
**Place: MCDD**  
**1880 NE Elrod Dr, Portland, OR 97211**

- 5:00 Welcome – Brief Introductions [Welcome and introduce new volunteer coordinator]
- 5:10 Business Meeting
  - Approval of Minutes from June, 2016
  - Finance Committee - Financial Reports June-Chuck Harrison
  - Secretary election
  - Executive Committee at large position
  - Board work plan
  - Fundraiser beer tasting
  - August BBQ and Field Trip
- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Racial Equity and Diversity-Staff
  - Equity Committee
- 6:40 Executive Director
  - Committees
    - Executive, Tech Team, Development (fundraising), Financial, Equity, Education
- 7:00 Hot Topics and Announcements
  - Houseless camps in the Columbia Slough- Oregonian articles
  - Sarah Miller, DEQ
- 7:25 New Business
- 7:30 Adjourn

### **General Information:**

The Council meets on the last Monday of each month (some exceptions occur). Visitors are welcome. Minutes of the previous meeting are available at the sign-in table. To receive a copy in advance, please contact the office at 503.281.1132.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Regatta	August 7	9:00am	St Johns Launch
Subs on the Slough	August 19	11:30AM	Columbia Slough Trailhead
Moonlight Paddle	August 20	9:00 PM	Whitaker Ponds
Ladies Lunchtime Paddle	August 25	10AM	Upper Slough
Council BBQ and Tour	August 29	5PM	Blue Lake (departure point TBD.)

**MISSION: TO FOSTER ACTION TO PROTECT, ENHANCE, RESTORE,  
AND REVITALIZE THE SLOUGH AND ITS WATERSHED**

## **Columbia Slough Watershed Council Program Updates**

### **EVENTS AND OUTREACH**

- Upcoming Events:
  - Regatta: This year features St. Johns landfill tours by Jeremy Kirby, live bluegrass music, VIP paddles with the Port of Portland, Boeing and the Iraqi Society of Oregon. Anticipated attendance 400+
  - Aquifer Adventure: Planning underway with targeted outreach to Russian and Vietnamese communities, new passport design, launched volunteer recruitment.
- Community Outreach Events:
  - Mississippi Street Fair: 200+
  - St. Johns Farmers Market: 40+
  - Twilight Tuesdays @ the Zoo: 100+
  - Division/Clinton Street Fair: 200+
- General Updates:
  - Outreach & Events intern, Hiyab Russom Semere (she goes by "Jenny Jones") hired and started 7/13. 20 hrs/week
  - Back-end website transition to be completed Aug 1. New web developer recruitment launches Aug 10

### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### Stewardship Activities:

- Verde @ Whitaker Ponds - 6/7 , 6/8, 6/20
  - Maintenance of planting area on north and south bank of east pond
  - Maintenance of turtle nesting habitat
- Stewardship with student with SOLVE @ Heron Pointe Wetland - 6/10
  - 50 students, 3 hours
  - Planted native plants, installed coffee bags around plants for protect
- Great Slough Clean Up @ St. John's Boat Launch - 7/9
  - 20 volunteers, 3 hours
  - Volunteers paddled the slough and walked the banks to haul out over 10 bags of trash, 5 tires, a shopping cart, large wood boards, and more.
  - Partners: Metro, MCDD, Oregon Zoo Ecoteam
- Verde @ Fairview Creek/Conifer Park - 7/12, 7/14
  - Maintenance of planting area by mowing reed canary grass
  - Scheduled to return to treat blackberry and reed canary grass

### **EDUCATION**

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- Paddles with PPR Nature Day Camp, Peninsula SUN, NAYA, BES Interns, PPR Jr GRUNT
- MESD Migrant Ed classroom programs and field trips to Nadaka
- Hiring a Slough School Educator for the 16-17 academic year
- Met with Water Bureau Education about Groundwater curriculum strengthening
- Starting an education steering committee! (~5-9 people identified and confirming)

### **NADAKA PARK**

#### **Public Events:**

- Tadpole Tales-July 7<sup>th</sup>
- Bird Walk with Audubon -July 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **Camps:**

- Latino Network Day Camp at Nadaka – July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- Audubon Community Camp at Nadaka – July 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Education:**

- MESD Migrant Ed field trips to Nadaka July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
- HB Lee SUN Program each Wednesday starting July 13<sup>th</sup>
- Wilkes Elementary SUN Program each Wednesday starting July 13<sup>th</sup>
- Lesson at Barberrry Village Apartments on Animal Adaptations July 14<sup>th</sup>
- Animal Adaptations Class Lesson for Human Solution's Rockwood and The Pines Apartments July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>; field trip for Human Solutions on July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- People, Places, and Things Field Trip to Nadaka July 20<sup>th</sup> –Focus on Plant ID

#### **Stewardship:**

- Event with Donaldina Cameron House in San Francisco, California  
-20 volunteers working for 3 hours in the Community Garden

**Interns:**

- Audubon Society's TALON (Teach, Advocate, Lead, Observe, & Nurture) Program
  - 4 youth, 5 days a week for 7.5 hours each day- 2 weeks in July
- SummerWorks Interns- 22 hours each week till end of August
  - Brandon Acosta- Spanish Speaker
  - Yelena Myazga- Russian Speaker
- STRYVE Team (Striving To Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere)
  - 8 youth from 10-4pm each Wednesday starting 7/6

**City of Gresham's GREAT Business Picnic -July 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Nadaka will be receiving certification as a GREAT Business at event.
  - The GREAT Business Program assists businesses in reducing waste, water and energy and certifies businesses throughout Gresham for their sustainable efforts.

**VOLUNTEERS**

- New volunteer coordinator
- Regatta volunteers lined up