

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

**Date: Monday, December 05, 2016**  
**Time: 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM**  
**Place: MCDD**  
**1880 NE Elrod Dr, Portland, OR 97211**

- 5:00 Welcome – Brief Introductions
- 5:10 Business Meeting
  - Approval of Minutes from November, 2016
  - Treasurer- nominations/discussion
  - End of year and Gala Fundraising: Meei and Bob
- 5:45 Presentation: Streaked horned lark
- 6:15 Dinner
- 6:30 Racial Equity and Diversity-Staff
- 6:40 Executive Director
  - Strategic Planning framework, mission values and vision, stakeholder mapping
  - Stewardship staff update
  - Gala asks: Council Cellar: please bring wine.
- 7:00 Hot Topics and Announcements
- 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:**

Stewardship Saturday	January 14	9:00 AM	Columbia Children's Arboretum
Stewardship Saturday	January 21	9:00 AM	Columbia Children's Arboretum
Stewardship Saturday	January 28	9:00 AM	Smith and Bybee Wetlands
Stewardship Saturday	February 04	9:00 AM	Wilkes Creek Headwaters
<b>Slough Celebration</b>	<b>February 10</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Melody Ballroom</b>
Stewardship Saturday	February 18	9:00 AM	Kelly Point Park
Stewardship Saturday	February 25	9:00 AM	Johnson Lake

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## **AND REVITALIZE THE SLOUGH AND ITS WATERSHED**

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

#### **EVENTS AND OUTREACH**

- Congratulations to the three winners of our 2016 Slough Celebration Award! This year we are honoring **Brenda Demaree** from the Purdy Community Engagement Team; Dave Helzer, Fred MacGregor, and Nadine Meyers from BES and Clayton Solberg from Bergeson Marine Company with the **Lower Slough Refugia Project**; and Laura LoForti, Damaris Webb, and S. Renee Mitchell from the **Vanport Mosaic Project**.
- 2017 events calendar finalized and includes a new Pollinators workshop and Wetlands 101, not offered since 2010. Check website in mid-December for a full list of dates and locations.
- Explorando will be relocated due to the WP park entry improvement project- current host site is Colwood Gold Course. Preliminary planning includes a canoe launch and scavenger hunt in PPR's 35-acre forest restoration area.
- Stronger partnership with Community Cycling Center underway with potential rides around Smith/Bybee Lakes and community education on slough history and wetlands.
- CSWC will be represented at the Green Festival Expo Dec 9-11 @ the convention center. Our organization is a finalist for a community award and with enough voting can win \$5,000, PLEASE VOTE! <http://www.greenfestivals.org/awards/green-festival-community-award.html>

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

- November 5th @ Smith and Bybee - 9 students from Project Blueprint came out for a bird walk in the morning led by Troy Clark and beaver caging in the afternoon.
- November 7th @ Confort and 47th - MYC finished removing and replacing old/disfunctional beaver cages
- November 21st CSWC Tech Team - The tech team worked on prioritization criteria, identifying and discussing gaps in project list related to relevant information and gaps in areas of concern/goals
- Currently reviewing and requesting interviews for Stewardship Intern applicants
- Adele will stay on through January 21. New Stewardship coordinator to be hired by January 16

#### **EDUCATION**

- We began building a Bird Blind in a collaboration with Portland Parks & Rec overlooking East Whitaker Pond - future students can add to the structure by weaving in cuttings of dogwood, cottonwood, and alder.
- Slough School advisory council met to discuss the Education Program's role in CSWC's strategic planning and talk about safety policy
- Kirk & Amira have begun their NAYA after school programming
- Lynn Reaney's 5th grade class from Sweetbriar elementary won the Watershed Dance Video contest
- In the month of November, Slough School had 291 student contacts and 40 adult contacts, serving 14 classes in classroom and field programming.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

- We are now actively recruiting business and partnerships for Stewardship Saturdays beginning in January. The events are on the website and will be posted through our regular recruitment channels.

- Kelsie met with Hanna for a one on one training to go over past practices in volunteer recruitment, projects and ideas for effectively moving forward into the new year.

## **NADAKA**

- No Ivy Day- October 29th (87 volunteers- partnered with College Possible High School Group)
- Pollinator Workshop with EMSWCD- November 5th (21 attendees)
- Bird Walk at Nadaka- November 12th (11 attendees)
- HB Lee Middle School SUN Program- Came every other week twice a week since September to do stewardship in the community garden and forest.
- Worked with two high school and one middle school students to do volunteer/stewardship work at Nadaka 11/5 & 11/19. Each student volunteered for a total of 9 hours.
- Working with partners to finalize event dates for the next 6 months at Nadaka.
- Ambassador program is up and running with 5 stipended volunteers and 2 unpaid volunteers.
- Friends of Nadaka won “Game Changing Project” for the Light a Fire Award featured in Portland Monthly’s October 2016 Issue .