

COLUMBIA SLOUGH WATERSHED COUNCIL
General Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2017 5:00 – 8:30 PM
Kelley Point Park, Portland, OR

Board of Directors

NAME	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	AFFILIATION	
Nancy Hendrickson	City of Portland	Environmental Services	✓
Kathy Shearin	EMSWCD	Urban Lands	✓
Reed Wagner	MCDD		✓
Lisa Appel	Port of Portland		✓
Lynn Barlow	City of Portland	Parks and Recreation	
Keri Handaly	City of Gresham		
NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	AFFILIATION	
Erwin Bergman			✓
Linda Robinson			
Bob Dolphin			✓
NAME	ENVIRONMENTAL	AFFILIATION	
Troy Clark		Portland Audubon	✓
NAME	RECREATION	AFFILIATION	
NAME	TRIBAL-CULTURAL RESOURCES	AFFILIATION	
NAME	BUSINESS	AFFILIATION	
Travis Skidmore	Boeing Portland		
Corky Collier	Columbia Corridor Association		✓
	ACADEMIC & SCIENTIFIC	AFFILIATION	
	AT-LARGE	JOB / AFFILIATION	
Meei Lum			✓
NAME	CSWC STAFF	JOB / AFFILIATION	
Corrina Chase	Executive Director	CSWC Staff	✓
Susanne Raymond	Outreach Director	CSWC Staff	✓
Jennifer Starkey	Education Director	CSWC Staff	
Matthew Lee	Stewardship Director	CSWC Staff	✓
Kirk Fatland	Volunteer Coordinator	CSWC Staff	✓
Monica McAllister	Nadaka Park Coordinator	CSWC Staff	✓

Amira	Educator	CSWC Staff	
Name	CSWC OFFICERS	JOB / AFFILIATION	
Bob Dolphin	Chair		✓
Troy Clark	Vice-Chair		✓
Nancy Hendrickson	Treasurer		✓
NAME	VISITORS	JOB / AFFILIATION	
Adam Reese		Apex Corp	✓
Zora Hess		Resident	✓
Anna Buckley		Portland Water Bureau	✓

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- Start time: 7:25
- Minutes approved
 - Nancy 1st
 - Meei 2nd
- Financials
 - Corrina Discussed waiting on end of the year financials
 - Reported nothing unusual expected
- First Month financials were approved
 - Kathy 1st
 - Meei 2nd
- New Members
 - Introduction of Adam Reese (present)
 - Keri Handaly (not present)
 - Move to approve nominations together
 - Bob 1st
 - Kathy 2nd
 - Passed Unanimously
 - Letter re 47th Bridge approved
 - Erwin 1st
 - Meei 2nd
- New Business
 - Nancy – Broadmore Developers preliminary plans were discussed
 - Corrina – Will be meeting with Port new Executive Director
 - Soliciting ideas and questions

- Adjorn
 - o Erwin 1st
 - o Kathy 2nd

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4:30-4:50 Bring Potluck items to CSWC bbq area
 5:00 PM Bus leaves from Kelley Point
 7:00 PM BBQ dinner
 7:15 PM Introductions (Including Susanne Raymond, our new Outreach and Events Director!)

7:20 PM Business Meeting

- Approval of Minutes from June 26th, 2017
- Treasurer's report
- Elections: Keri Handelay and Adam Reese
- 42nd-47th st bridge letter

7:45 PM New business and hot topics
 8:00 PM adjourn

Upcoming Events:

Bat Night	Friday August 25th	7:30 PM
Whitaker Ponds		
Aquifer Adventure	Saturday September 16th	12:00-4 PM 16650
NE Airport Way SOLVE Cleanup at Nadaka	Saturday, September 23rd	9:00 AM
- 12:00PM - Nadaka	Nadaka Nature Walk- Audubon Society	Saturday,
September 30th	9:00 -10:00 AM - Nadaka	
Fall Evening Canoe the Slough	Thursday September 28th	5:00-9:00 PM Kelly Point Park

Program Updates

EVENTS AND OUTREACH

- Welcome Susanne, our new Outreach and Events Director!
- Moonlight Paddle [basic attendance stats]
- Explorando [basic attendance stats]
- Regatta [basic attendance stats]
- Ladies' lunchtime paddle
- Bat night
- Aquifer Adventure preparation
- [anything else you want to add]

STEWARDSHIP

- **10th Annual Great Slough Cleanup**
 - hosted at four separate sites simultaneously (Kelly Point Park, MCDD, Parkrose NE 112th boat launch, and 142nd Cross levee) across 15 miles of the watershed.
 - 46 total volunteers.
 - Partnered with 15 community organizations, agencies and businesses.
 - Launched our trash monitoring program logging 338 items.
 - Three full Slough Truck trips to Metro Central, plus PPR and MCDD covered dumping at their sites.
- **Beaver caging:**
 - 17 trees caged at the Buffalo Slough Mitigation site with NW Energy Efficiency Alliance.
 - XX trees caged at NE Alderwood between 92nd and Glass Plant Rd with McKinstry.
- **Grant awards:**
 - DEQ 319 Grant award for installing 3 rain gardens in the Cully Neighborhood in partnership with Verde, MYC, and Habitat 4 Humanity. Leveraged CWSP funds to double the number of gardens to be installed in 2018.
 - EPA Region 10 Trash Free Waters, trash monitoring pilot fund to document macro-debris in the Columbia Slough watershed in partnership with Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP).
- **Pending grants:**
 - PBOT Community Placemaking Grant, "Streets to Slough" Exploring the Columbia Slough Water Trail, in partnership with BES, MEChA, and LCEP.
 - PDX-CAC NE 33rd Riparian Corridor: partial treating and revegetating ditches along NE 33rd Dr.
- **Invasive species control:**
 - Whitaker Ponds: spraying iris in both ponds and blackberry along the slough banks. Sprayed grass around oak woodland restoration planted this past spring.
 - Buffalo Slough PacifiCorp: site iris and blackberry on the banks sprayed for control.
 - Fairview Creek Conifer Parks HOA: thistle and blackberry sprayed around spring plantings.
 - Main channel benches near 142nd cross levee: yellow flag iris sprayed.
- **Trash monitoring:**
 - Began systematic surveys of various sections of the Columbia Slough for trash. Three sites surveyed so far: MCDD to Buffalo Slough, Little Four Corners area, and NE 166th Boat launch to Fairview Lake.
- **Stewardship event:**
 - McKinstry stewardship group at Heron Pointe Wetlands, south of Fairview Lake, in partnership with Dig In. Cut back Reed Canary Grass and blackberry for future fall planting.
- **In other news:**
 - Shipping container arrived! Stewardship program and CSWC has greater and more secure storage capacity on site. Tools inventoried and moved out of garage.
 - Volunteers cleaned up the landscaping and controlled some invasive species around CSWC office. Rain garden got much needed attention and care!

EDUCATION:

- Re-hired Amira as seasonal educator

VOLUNTEERS:

- The Great Slough Cleanup was expanded to four sites this year. To make this happen 46 volunteers were mobilized at the four individual locations across the watershed. This event provided an opportunity for Paddle Team volunteers in particular to take leadership roles, as staff was limited at each site. They were excellent and continue to be more confident and integral part of the council's events.
- At this year's Moonlight Paddle event, 13 volunteers safely guided participants on a beautiful night paddle at Kelley Point Park.
- Paddle Team enrichment trainings have been held throughout the Spring and Summer, this is the first year of this type of programming. Feedback from volunteers has been positive and we will be looking to increase attendance for the rest of the season and next year.
- 48 Volunteers supported the council at the 23rd annual Columbia Slough Regatta.
- Office volunteers have contributed over 100 hours this summer; assisting staff in data management, inventory and event preparation.
- Courtney Blinkhorn, who has been a stellar office volunteer this Spring and Summer was able to step in and fill the role of Outreach and Event Assistant.
- Volunteers supported a six-week art project facilitated by Slough School at Rigler Elementary. Students visited Whitaker Ponds and created ceramic native animals to be hung in the school halls.
- Stewardship volunteer groups continue to be active in the watershed monitoring trash and caging trees to prevent beaver damage. McKinstry and Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance are two groups that have joined us in these efforts recently.

NADAKA:

- "Books in the Park and Nature Activities" at Nadaka Nature Park with **Wilkes Elementary/ El Programa Hispano** Thursdays 7/20 -8/10
 - Hosted bilingual event (translation provided by SummerWorks Interns Janet and Carina) at park for 15 to 50 community members weekly. Nadaka Interns taught environmental education, led games, crafts, and activities/nature walks under Nadaka coordinator supervision.
- **HB Lee Summer SUN Program**- Nadaka Stewards on Wednesdays 7/12 -7/26
 - Nadaka Interns taught environmental education, led games, crafts, garden work, and activities/nature walks under Nadaka coordinator supervision.
- **Summer Tadpole Tales**- Story Time, Nature Hike, & Show n' Tell for ages 2-5 and parents.7/6 & 8/3:
 - Both were led by Nadaka Interns with Nadaka Coordinator supervision and support.
- Nadaka Coordinator and SummerWorks Interns taught CSWC lessons at the **Home Forward Properties**; Rockwood Station and Madrona Apartments- Bilingual.
- **St. Aidan's "Great Thou Art Camp"** held at St. Aidan's Campus and Nadaka Nature Park the last week of June.
- **Camp Fire Organization Day Camp** at St. Aidan's Campus and Nadaka Nature Park- 2nd week of July.
- **Great Slough Cleanup** with Nadaka SummerWorks Interns 7/15: 1st time on a canoe for SummerWorks interns.
- **Natural Gardening Classes** led by Outgrowing Hunger at Nadaka's Community Garden- 7/20, 8/24

- Nadaka Coordinator attended the **NAO Diversity Training** at Tualitin Wildlife Refuge 7/26
- Attended the **East County Caring Community** meeting with SummerWorks Interns to promote the Festival 8/3
- Tabled at the **Rosewood National Night Out** Event 8/4 with the SummerWorks Interns
 - Taught about Animal Adaal N and presentations promoted Nadaka events and Community Festival
- STRYVE, SummerWorks, and Nadaka Coordinator worked **Regatta** and did a team paddle at the end of the event
- **7th Annual Nadaka Community Festival- 8/12**
 - This year we had roughly 400 participants and partnered with 26 organizations hosting booths and/or activities. Nadaka is especially grateful for the generous donation of the magnificent bronze otter and raven by Joan Albertson, the creators of the sculptures, artists Rip Caswell & son Chad Caswell, as well as the work done by Lee Dayfield and Gresham Outdoor Public Art for making the installation and reveal of these beautiful art pieces possible. We had 3 culturally relative performances; Aztec Dancers, Steel Drum Music, and Ukrainian Folk Singer. We had 5 Nature Activities & a sports area as part of a scavenger hunt in the forest led by Interns and Peer Court Youth Volunteers. The COG Fire & Police Departments sent representatives and their respective vehicles for community to investigate/take pictures in. Audubon Society of Portland provided an Education Bird (Owl) for the the eventt. Albertsons & Organically Grown Co. donated refreshments, Starbucks donated coffee for volunteers, Rockwood PUD supplied water. Our Volunteers/Team Leaders, and the STRYVE & SummerWorks interns made this an amazing event!
- **SummerWorks Reverse Networking/End of Summer Celebration** Event at PSU 8/16
 - Janet and Carina created a poster board presentation about their Nadaka internship and presented it to other interns, SummerWorks staff, and other site supervisors. Interns taught about skulls in pelts and prepared their resume to hand out to potential employers as part of their presentation.
- **Ambassador Program-** 6 paid and 3 unpaid ambassadors continue to participate in Nadaka events, do community outreach & engagement, report camping, vandalism, or suspicious behavior.
- **STRYVE & SummerWorks Program**
- **Were part of the** Community Festival Committee and were team leaders and activity leaders at the Nadaka Community Festival- Saturday, 8/12
- **TRANSLATION & PROPOSAL CREATION:**
 - SummerWorks Interns Carina N. & Janet C. translated flyers, education materials, tadpole tale curriculum/books, and a variety of other materials for Nadaka Nature Park and the Festival.
 - These two interns were inspired by the STRYVE (Striving To Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere) program to create a proposal for a similar program at Nadaka for the Latinx/ Chicano community specifically in response to the deaths of youth in their community that they believe could have been prevented if they had mentorship, guidance, and program like SummerWorks/STRYVE. They will be sending the Nadaka Coordinator their proposal and discussing with her, Andre of STRYVE, Corrina C., and the SummerWorks Program.
- **Stewardship**
 - Front 2 acres- Care for and maintain common area landscape, Bioswell/ Rain Garden, & Play Area- Includes litter removal, watering, weeding, & mulching.
 - 10 acres- Removal of Himalayan Blackberry, Ivy, and English Holly,
 - Removal of any litter in the park and reporting individuals camping to Nadaka Coordinator who in turn contacted NET, Non-emergency, COG Parks Department.

- Maintain Bioswells on NE Pacific Street
- GOAL- Had Interns identify 4 invasive plants and 4 native plants. Interns should be able to teach these to other students and park goers.
- **Garden**
 - Prep and maintain Community Garden Common Areas and 2 Education Gardens
 - Learned basic gardening techniques, “fixed” compost bins with guidance from Gabe- Outgrowing Hunger & Nadaka Coordinator
- **Education**
 - Nadaka Coordinator & Andre C. STRYVE Supervisor - Trained interns how to lead nature hikes, CSWC lessons, ice breakers, games, gardening, and other activities.
 - Programs to learn & eventually teach: Animal Adaptations, Plant ID- Native vs Non-Native, What is a Watershed, 2 Tadpole Tales Lessons
- **Ambassador Program**
 - Perform Ambassador Duties with fellow Ambassadors when applicable.
- **Administration Tasks/ Office Work**
 - Enter Sign- In Sheet Numbers, Demographics, and contact information into Database
 - Organization of Stewardship shed, Garden shed, Basement, and Nadaka Office.
- **Personal Development**
 - Create a bio for website, updated resume and cover letter to be reviewed by Monica and Andre
 - Kept a weekly record of their work done at Nadaka.- Nature Journal/ Electronic Journal
 - Did daily check-ins before and after work day. Did icebreakers, team building, and leadership building activities/exercises.
- **Outreach**
 - Represent Nadaka at Tabling Events/ Community Events outside Nadaka:
 - Posting/passing out Flyers and Business Cards in Park
 - Talking with Community members in park/neighborhood
 - Pass out Flyers in the Wilkes East/Rockwood Neighborhood
 - Promoting on their Facebook and emailing friends and family.

MISSION: TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE COLUMBIA SLOUGH AND ITS WATERSHED THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATION, AND RESTORATION.