

CCWC meeting

2/19/20

Meeting Summary

15 attendees

Introductions – Renee Buck, Chair, called the meeting to order

Guest speaker

Brianne Blackburn of Pierce County Parks and Recreation presented on the proposed Parkland Community Trail, which would serve the immediate community and primarily a north-south connection for walking, biking, skating, to connect the Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) and Spanaway Park and parks and schools in between. The project is in the conceptual design phase. There is an online survey and more information on the project at: <https://parklandtrail.participate.online/>

2020 Small Grants Announcement

The 2020 grant round opened on February 10th. Applications are due by April 7th. There is \$20,000 available for funding again this year, thanks to the City of Lakewood and Pierce County. All grant application materials, instructions, past grantees and more is available online at: www.piercecountywa.org/sgp Copies of the grant announcement were shared.

Partners updates

- Lindsey Tuttle: **TPCHD** – beach monitoring program – reviewing possible beaches for selection. Salinity, bacteria, temperature levels are the three parameters that they measure. Toxic algae – visual monitoring and send samples to labs. Owens, Titlow and Sunnyside marine beaches.
- Chris Burke: **Tacoma** – Flett wetland at pump station to Bridgeport way = survey to be done; clearing to be done by Youth Corps volunteers; temperature and flow gauges to be installed.
- Al Schmauder shared that **City of Lakewood**: March 18th 6:30pm Planning Commission update on shoreline restoration plan – stewardship committee members will present
- Kelly Stave: **Master Gardeners** – rain garden training last Fri/Sat in March.
- James: **Pierce Conservation District** – MLK Jr day at Whittier Park had middle schoolers from a day camp, pulled out ivy; in process of revamping habitat stewardship program – tentatively May 9, 16 trainings date; Thelma Gilmer Park work party March 2nd at 10am
- Janet Spingath (via Renee): **Noxious Weed Control Board** - weed of the month – (see Janet's email);
- Sandy Williamson, **Friends of Spanaway Lake**: 60 people attended annual meeting in January; aquatic weed study is about halfway done; science team meeting looking at groundwater influence in lake. Figuring out if iron can help.
- Janet Spingath: Feb 25th 6:30pm presentation by **Friends of Waughop Lake** at Steilacoom Public Library; March 28th educational pop-up
- Dave Swindale via (unknown?): chambers-clover trail – **University Place** acquired western half of Munson property; geotechnical study for pedestrian bridges on canyon trail

- **WDFW:** No representative today. Kelly Still has been promoted. We expect a new representative will be participating once hired.

Break

Review January 15th meeting minutes – approved with spelling correction Kris Kauffman’s name

Officer Elections

- Current officers are willing to serve a new one-year term. One at large position is open, this position is by appointment of the chair. Call for nominations. Renee nominated Chris Burke as Secretary. Cindy Haverkamp is both Vice Chair and Secretary currently, and it would be good to have an additional person. Moved and seconded. Passed anonymously by an oral vote.
- Don Russell nominated to fill at-large position. Renee as chair will reach out to Don. At-large positions are appointed by the chair, not elected.

Proposed Bylaws Revisions

- The executive committee reviewed the current bylaws, which were last updated in 2010, and is proposing changes to reflect current circumstances. These were shared and discussed in a redlined document.
- The executive committee proposed adding a new officer position, a Historian. This person will work on the CCWC archival process at PLU this year.
- Per the current bylaws, proposed revisions were presented at this meeting, and they will be revisited at the following meeting on March 18th, with an opportunity to vote on them at that time, if a motion is called.

Committee updates

- Communications – Lochburn MS STEM Fair is tonight, and Barbara Ann is there with a new concept guided walk/map; need volunteers for Sustainability Expo 3/14 – contact Krystal to sign up for a 2.5 hr. shift; Tahoma Audubon is developing newsletter for Creekside residents, seeking support.
- Stewardship – PLU students toured Clover Creek last Friday. Manhole clogged with sand in Lakewood near Steilacoom Lake, is being fixed. Creek flow team is looking into groundwater withdrawals. Archival at PLU is doable, need budget to do so; need to nominate.
- Executive – officer elections, proposed bylaws revisions; suggest stormwater management as topic for November watershed issues form; 2019 accomplishments and activities 1-pager were shared.

Comments/Concerns

- Kris Kauffman – we are close to 31-year flow North Fork and Clover Creek, and flow is declining now at 136th and 138th.
- Al Schmauder – Children’s Water Festival on 3/17 at UPS. Volunteers needed. Sign up on Pierce Conservation District’s website: www.piercecd.org or talk to Renee to help at CCWC table.

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