

COLUMBIA SLOUGH WATERSHED COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2009 5:00 – 7:30 PM

NABISCO BAKERY / KRAFT FOODS

100 NE COLUMBIA BLVD., PORTLAND, OR

Board of Directors

NAME	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	AFFILIATION	
Nancy Hendrickson	City of Portland	Environmental Services	✓
Bob Eaton	MCDD		
Rachel Wray	Port of Portland		✓
Kathy Shearin	EMSWCD	Naturescaping	✓
Kathleen Murrin	City of Portland	Parks and Recreation	✓
NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	AFFILIATION	
Erwin Bergman			✓
Linda Robinson			
NAME	ENVIRONMENTAL	AFFILIATION	
Karen Munday		Audubon Society of Portland	✓
Dave Helzer			✓
Ulysses Cooley, Jr.		PBS Engineering and Environmental	
NAME	RECREATION	AFFILIATION	
NAME	TRIBAL-CULTURAL RESOURCES	AFFILIATION	
Laf Keaton		American Indian Association of Portland	
NAME	BUSINESS	AFFILIATION	
Steve Mason	Boeing Portland		✓
Chuck Harrison			✓
Bob Dolphin	Owens-Illinois		
Corky Collier	Columbia Corridor Association		
Eric Wentland			✓
David Porter	aloft		✓
	ACADEMIC & SCIENTIFIC	AFFILIATION	

NAME	AT-LARGE	JOB / AFFILIATION	
Mark Hanson			
Susan Barthel			✓
CSWC STAFF		JOB / AFFILIATION	
Jane Van Dyke	Executive Director	CSWC Staff	✓
Sheilagh Diez	Education Director	CSWC Staff	✓
Melissa Sandoz	Outreach Director	CSWC Staff	✓
Nathaniel Talbot	Watershed Steward	CSWC Staff	✓
Haley Dillon	Community Outreach	CSWC Staff	
CSWC OFFICERS		JOB / AFFILIATION	
Chuck Harrison	Chair		✓
Karen Munday	Secretary	Portland Audubon Society	✓
Bob Dolphin	Treasurer	Owens-Illinois, Inc.	✓
VISITORS		JOB / AFFILIATION	
Meei Lum		Leatherman	✓
Alice Blatt			✓
Susan Aha		Port of Portland	✓

WELCOME, BRIEF INTRODUCTIONS – Council Chair Chuck Harrison

- **BUSINESS MEETING**
 - **Approved of Minutes from August 31, 2009**
 - **Approved Financial Report for August 2009**
 - **Election of Council Members**
 - **Bob Eaton, Kathleen Murrin, Steve Mason, Bob Dolphin, Linda Robinson, Ulysses Cooley, and David Helzer elected to three year terms**
 - **Council Officers**
 - **Council Chair, Secretary, Treasurer**
 - **Nominated Chuck for Chair, Karen for Secretary, and Bob Dolphin for Treasurer**
 - **All elected for two year terms**
 - **Executive Committee Members**
 - **Nominated Susan, Eric, and Erwin**
 - **All elected for two year terms**

- **HOT TOPICS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Nancy Hendrickson: BES is working with MCDD to remove culverts and build wetland benches at Buffalo Slough. Currently at 33rd and Buffalo Slough there is only a culvert. This culvert is four feet around and at low water the culvert is out of the water. The new structure will be an open bottom culvert made of concrete, that is nine feet high and goes to bottom of Slough. A bridge would be too expensive. She said at really high water not enough room for paddlers but good most of the time. She said it will make a huge difference in the hydrology. The work will be done next summer with federal money. These are funds the Council wrote letters of support for. Nancy put up a scale model of the current culvert, proposed new culvert, and a paddler.
- Rachel Wray and Susan Aha: The deicing permitting process ended in June. They have permits from DEQ for discharge into the slough and the Columbia River. DEQ issued the permits based on NOAA and EPA comments. Those comments indicated that by sending discharges to the river water quality in the slough will be improved. The Biological Opinion from NOAA is for outfall construction only not operations. During construction there will be substantial monitoring.
- Dave Helzer: The streaked horned lark is a candidate for endangered species listing. On October 15th, Oregon Field Guide will include a story about the lark.
- Erwin Bergman: The old Chuck Wagon Restaurant is being razed and converted to park. He expressed concern that creating small parks like this will negate creation of more and larger parks, such as at Colwood and West Hayden Island. He said the Council should support large areas as parks to allow people to experience nature. He asked that we consider this as a topic at a future meeting.
- Kathy Shearin: The EMSWCD is accepting applications for PIC grants in November. The total amount available is \$450,000, a large increase from prior years. She hopes the Council will apply.

- **BACKYARD HABITAT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – KAREN MUNDAY**

- Joint effort between Portland Audubon and Three Rivers Land Conservancy
- Removes invasives plants, installs native plants, promotes wildlife stewardship and storm water management
- There are three levels of certification
- Actively working in the Kenton Neighborhood; one day completed 18 site visits
- Currently working with residential properties, hope to work with apartments and commercial properties in the future

- **CSWC Annual Report**

- Council Highlights- Tenth Annual Slough Celebration and Watershed Education Center Remodel
- Stewardship Program
 - Stewardship Saturdays-wildflower meadow
 - Whitaker Slough Project
 - Whitaker Ponds Maintenance projects-yellow flag iris removal
 - Eyes on the Slough
- Outreach Program
 - 1,924 contacts at Council events
 - New events- Brew on the Slough and Birdsong Walks
- Education Program
 - Record 5,100 student contacts, plus 752 teachers and adults

- **Program Reports**

- Administration and Executive Committee – Chuck Harrison and Jane Van Dyke
 - The Executive Committee worked with staff to make changes to our medical insurance and coverages. Staffs that are covered by other policies can receive at the end of each quarter a cash benefit of \$600 in lieu of insurance. This will save the Council money and help staff pay for co-pays and procedures not covered by insurance.
- Outreach – Kathy Shearin
 - Outreach Committee began planning for Awards Celebration, idea to have a live band with dancing, less time on awards presentations

Meeting Adjourned 7:30