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

**Date:** Monday, April 26, 2021 **Time:** 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

[**Virtual Meeting**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89495062105?pwd=OExTYXVEOHVNTmRvTzJmMHpudzdsZz09)

**Attendees**

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| Cathy Kellon, ED | Daryl Houtman-City of Portland BES | Carrie Sanneman-MCDD |
| Troy Clark | Meei Lum | Scott Schlief |
| Bob Dolphin | Adam Reese-Apex | Kathy Shearin-EMSWCD |
| Keri Handaly-City of Gresham | Elizabeth Robillard |  |

*Absent: Erwin Bergman; Emily Henke*

**Action Items**

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| **Action Item** | **Lead** | **Due Date** |
| Ask around re: BES’ interest in purchasing Bunn House | Daryl | ASAP |
| Consider how to update Board photo/info in publicly facing materials | Cathy | As possible |
| Provide updates for any assigned action items to Jenn in advance of each meeting | Board Members | On-going |
| May Board Meeting   * JEDI discussion topic TBD * Others TBD | | |
| Parking Lot (topics to schedule at a future Board meeting)   * Board review of official CSWC letters (preference or required?) * Vanport placemaking project as JEDI discussion topic (need to think through how to frame this) | | |

**AGENDA**

**5:30 Welcome and Introductions**

**5:40 JEDI Training – Keri Handaly**

* Today’s discussion will complete the organization’s requirement for JEDI training
* Discussions centered around best practices for embracing JEDI within an organization including:
  + Inclusive language
  + DEI hiring tips
  + Inclusive work environment and link to upcoming strategic planning
  + Indigenous land acknowledgments
  + Centering BIPOC voices and leaders

**6:10 Business**

* Approval of March meeting minutes
  + Carrie moved to approve; Bob seconded—approved unanimously
* Action Item review
* Land Use Committee
  + Reviewed proposed levels of approval needed for CSWC to formally take a public position
  + Goal is to empower Executive Director to make judgment calls about what is controversial and what is not and be more nimble
  + Documentation of rationale would be helpful so we can understand why certain decisions were made in retrospect if needed
  + A formal policy might be helpful but would need to be used in practice to be worthwhile
  + All supported the Land Use Committee further developing a policy/guidelines; outcomes will be brought back to the Board
  + Could we include a simple disclaimer that positions taken by CSWC do not necessarily represent the views of individual Board Member’s agencies/organizations etc.?
    - Not sure this is necessary – the council advocates for its mission and no other agency or organization should try to thwart the Council’s work to protect its own interests
    - It’s not about saying the Council cannot take a position, but some Board members may want to take a neutral position on behalf of their respective organization/agency
    - Sample disclaimer: The views expressed by the CSWC do not necessarily reflect the official policies or positions of individual Board Members’ organizations.
* Organizational priorities for the year
  + Priorities maintain a focus on advancing equity
  + Acknowledged that equity work takes time; patience and persistence is key
  + If funding increased significantly, would re-evaluate increases in staffing
  + In May will revisit annual work plan

**6:40 Updates, Miscellaneous & Reminders**

* Bunn House updates
  + Bob and Scott finished drywall repairs
  + Adam is getting quotes for septic decommissioning and connection to City sewer
  + Portland Parks & Recreation said now is not a good time to pursue acquisition, instead focus on extension of current interim lease agreement while we negotiate a new longer-term lease agreement.
  + Catalyst Law will support negotiations
* East Whitaker Ponds mitigation work
  + Webinar on May 3: Sarah Miller from DEQ will be providing an update on Metro Metals’ proposed scope of work and schedule
  + Webinar info was provided in the Board packet
* DIY House Party Fundraiser aka “not gala”
  + Total income was $32K – from individual giving, sponsors and tickets
  + Netted ~$15K; goal was ~$20K
  + Although we were a little short of the goal, we did not have some of the usual fundraising activities (e.g., silent auction), so think it was a success
  + Still need to run the numbers re: costs of staff time, but took much less time than a typical gala
  + May be opportunities to leverage virtual model for future fundraising activities too
  + Covers of songs are not subject to copyright infringement; would need to get permission from performers before making the video public

**7:10 Wrap Up**

**7:20 Adjourn**