Columbia Slough Watershed Council
General Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, July 25, 2016
Time: 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Place: MCDD
1880 NE Elrod Dr, Portland, OR 97211

5:00 Welcome – Brief Introductions [Welcome and introduce new volunteer coordinator]
5:10 Business Meeting
  ● Approval of Minutes from June, 2016
  ● Finance Committee - Financial Reports June-Chuck Harrison
  ● Secretary election
  ● Executive Committee at large position
  ● Board work plan
  ● Fundraiser beer tasting
  ● August BBQ and Field Trip
6:00 Dinner
6:30 Racial Equity and Diversity-Staff
  ● Equity Committee
6:40 Executive Director
  ● Committees
  ○ Executive, Tech Team, Development (fundraising), Financial, Equity, Education
7:00 Hot Topics and Announcements
  ● Houseless camps in the Columbia Slough- Oregonian articles
  ● Sarah Miller, DEQ
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:
Regatta August 7 9:00am St Johns Launch
Subs on the Slough August 19 11:30AM Columbia Slough Trailhead
Moonlight Paddle August 20 9:00 PM Whitaker Ponds
Ladies Lunchtime Paddle August 25 10AM Upper Slough
Council BBQ and Tour August 29 5PM Blue Lake (departure point TBD.)

MISSION: TO FOSTER ACTION TO PROTECT, ENHANCE, RESTORE, AND REVITALIZE THE SLOUGH AND ITS WATERSHED
Columbia Slough Watershed Council  
Program Updates

EVENTS AND OUTREACH
● Upcoming Events:
  ○ Regatta: This year features St. Johns landfill tours by Jeremy Kirby, live bluegrass music, VIP paddles with the Port of Portland, Boeing and the Iraqi Society of Oregon. Anticipated attendance 400+
  ○ Aquifer Adventure: Planning underway with targeted outreach to Russian and Vietnamese communities, new passport design, launched volunteer recruitment.
● Community Outreach Events:
  ○ Mississippi Street Fair: 200+
  ○ St. Johns Farmers Market: 40+
  ○ Twilight Tuesdays @ the Zoo: 100+
  ○ Division/Clinton Street Fair: 200+
● General Updates:
  ○ Outreach & Events intern, Hiyab Russom Semere (she goes by “Jenny Jones”) hired and started 7/13. 20 hrs/week
  ○ Back-end website transition to be completed Aug 1. New web developer recruitment launches Aug 10

STEWARDSHIP
Stewardship Activities:
● Verde @ Whitaker Ponds - 6/7, 6/8, 6/20
  ○ Maintenance of planting area on north and south bank of east pond
  ○ Maintenance of turtle nesting habitat
● Stewardship with student with SOLVE @ Heron Pointe Wetland - 6/10
  ○ 50 students, 3 hours
  ○ Planted native plants, installed coffee bags around plants for protect
● Great Slough Clean Up @ St. John’s Boat Launch - 7/9
  ○ 20 volunteers, 3 hours
  ○ Volunteers paddled the slough and walked the banks to haul out over 10 bags of trash, 5 tires, a shopping cart, large wood boards, and more.
  ○ Partners: Metro, MCDD, Oregon Zoo Ecoteam
● Verde @ Fairview Creek/Conifer Park - 7/12, 7/14
  ○ Maintenance of planting area by mowing reed canary grass
  ○ Scheduled to return to treat blackberry and reed canary grass

EDUCATION:
● Paddles with PPR Nature Day Camp, Peninsula SUN, NAYA, BES Interns, PPR Jr GRUNT
● MESD Migrant Ed classroom programs and field trips to Nadaka
● Hiring a Slough School Educator for the 16-17 academic year
● Met with Water Bureau Education about Groundwater curriculum strengthening
● Starting an education steering committee! (~5-9 people identified and confirming)

NADAKA PARK
Public Events:
- Tadpole Tales-July 7th
- Bird Walk with Audubon -July 16th

Camps:
- Latino Network Day Camp at Nadaka – July 7th, 14th and 21st
- Audubon Community Camp at Nadaka – July 11th

Education:
- MESD Migrant Ed field trips to Nadaka July 11th and 12th
- HB Lee SUN Program each Wednesday starting July 13th
- Wilkes Elementary SUN Program each Wednesday starting July 13th
- Lesson at Barberry Village Apartments on Animal Adaptations July 14th
- Animal Adaptations Class Lesson for Human Solution’s Rockwood and The Pines Apartments July 18th & 19th; field trip for Human Solutions on July 22nd
- People, Places, and Things Field Trip to Nadaka July 20th –Focus on Plant ID

Stewardship:
- Event with Donaldina Cameron House in San Francisco, California -20 volunteers working for 3 hours in the Community Garden
Interns:
- Audubon Society's TALON (Teach, Advocate, Lead, Observe, & Nurture) Program
  - 4 youth, 5 days a week for 7.5 hours each day - 2 weeks in July
- SummerWorks Interns - 22 hours each week till end of August
  - Brandon Acosta - Spanish Speaker
  - Yelena Myazga - Russian Speaker
- STRYVE Team (Striving To Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere)
  - 8 youth from 10-4pm each Wednesday starting 7/6

City of Gresham's GREAT Business Picnic - July 27th
- Nadaka will be receiving certification as a GREAT Business at event.
  - The GREAT Business Program assists businesses in reducing waste, water and energy and certifies businesses throughout Gresham for their sustainable efforts.

VOLUNTEERS
- New volunteer coordinator
- Regatta volunteers lined up