

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

**Date: Monday, August 29, 2016**

**Time: 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

**Place: Lakehouse at Blue Lake, NE Blue Lake Rd, Fairview, OR 97024**

4:30 Carpool from Blue Lake House

4:45 arrive at Nadaka Nature Park, tour with Monica

5:45 Knife River Tour

6:30 Salish and Fujitsu Ponds Tour

(Staff leave to set up at Blue Lake)

7PM Blue Lake Lake House business meeting

### **Business Meeting**

- Approval of Minutes from July, 2016
- Finance Committee - Financial Reports June-Chuck Harrison
- Elections: Secretary, Executive Committee at large position
- Board work plan approval

### **Announcements**

- Volunteer Coordinator update
- Karen: Aquifer Adventure
- **A full closure of NE Cornfoot Road** to motorized traffic is *anticipated* to begin September 26<sup>th</sup> and will continue for approximately 45 days (November 9<sup>th</sup>). This could be delayed to early October. Detour routes will be established, and pedestrian and bike path access will remain open.

7:15 Food

7:30 Presentation on Blue Lake Master Plan

### **CSWC Committees**

A good goal would be for all board members to be involved in at least one committee and all committees to have at least one board member participating. Here are the committees and a brief description:

- Finance Committee
  - Staff: Corrina
  - Review monthly finances
  - Review and assist in crafting of budget
  - make recommendations to board regarding budget, finances
- Fundraising Committee
  - Staff: Corrina/Karen
  - Assist in raising of unrestricted funds
  - Provide support to individual donor asks, events, etc
- Education Committee
  - Staff: Jennifer
  - Assist in planning, coordination, and guidance for education program
- Tech Team
  - Staff: Adele and Corrina

- Guide Restoration planning and prioritization
- Work together to build larger projects and collaboration, share information, and troubleshoot project challenges
- Equity Committee
  - Staff: Corrina, others?
  - Guide staff and council, keep accountable to equity plan
  - Assist Exec. Committee in board and leadership recruitment
- Executive Committee
  - Staff: Corrina
  - Review issues for board discussion
  - Prepare policy decisions and plans

**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:**

Aquifer Adventure	September 17	12:00 PM	NE 166th and Airport Way
Evening Canoe the Slough	September 29	5:00 PM	Whitaker Ponds
Fall Bird Walk	October 15	8:00 AM	Smith and Bybee Wetlands

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AND REVITALIZE THE SLOUGH AND ITS WATERSHED***

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Program Updates***

**EVENTS AND OUTREACH**

- Event updates:
  - Regatta saw 494 participants, 56 volunteers, and 20+ volunteers and partners. The event planning process strengthened our relationship with the site managers and potential stewardship programs will develop to assist in the landfill's ongoing restoration efforts.
  - 14 participants learned about our groundwater system at Subs on the Slough
- Outreach Events Attended: Sunday Parkways NE, Alberta Street Fair, Nadaka Nature Park Festival
- Administration: Annual report and program highlights finalized and live on website.
- Upcoming Events: Ladies Lunchtime Paddle, Bat Night, Evening Canoe the Slough
  - Aquifer Adventure: Planning underway with targeted outreach to Russian and Vietnamese communities, new passport design, launched volunteer recruitment. **BOARD VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR AQUIFER ADVENTURE.**

**VOLUNTEERS**

- New volunteer coordinator
- Aquifer Adventure volunteers lined up

**STEWARDSHIP**

- Verde @ Whitaker Ponds - 8/1, 8/17
  - Removal of invasives and daylighting native plants around office and park
  - Began treatment of grassy area south of east pond to eventually reforest with native plants

- Verde @ Columbia Children's Arboretum - 8/2
  - Treated and removed holly and blackberry on island and perimeter
- Tech Team
  - We have held 3 monthly meetings thus far and have begun to identify goals and areas of concern for our five year restoration action plan with partners and stakeholders in the watershed
- Lewis and Clark service day @ Whitaker Ponds - 8/27
  - Students will come out to help remove invasives and pick up trash

## NADAKA

- Public Events:
  - Tadpole Tales- 8/4
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Nadaka Community Festival 8/20 ~ 300- 325 attendees
    - STRYVE, TALON, SummerWorks Interns, Festival Committee, and community volunteers did setup, take down, and oversaw crafts, games, and educational activities. Total number of “volunteers” was ~ 32. We had 23 partnering organizations/businesses and 19 Community Booths. Volunteer to cook, hot dogs, soda, & chips were donated by Albertsons. Water was donated by Earth H2O & Rockwood Water People’s Utility. Entertainment included: Aztec Dancers, Natalia Hougen- Ukrainian Folk Singer, & Terry Baber- NW Panman, & live Education Birds from Audubon Society of Portland.
- Outreach:
 

Rockwood Farmers Market- 7/31 & 8/ 14, East County Caring Community- 8/4, Rosewood National Night Out- 8/4, CSWC Regatta- 8/7, Live Interview on MetroEast’s Community Hotline- Broadcasted on TV Live- 8/10, Reverse Networking Fair for SummerWorks Interns at PSU- 8/16
- Education:
  - HB Lee SUN Program Wednesday 8/4, Wilkes Elementary SUN Program Wednesday 8/4 Lesson on Owls & Owl Pellet Dissection with Human Solution’s Rockwood and The Pines Apartments 8/22 & 8/23; field trip for Human Solutions on 8/25, People, Places, and Things Classroom Lesson- Focus on Animal Adaptations 8/31
- Interns: - Assisted with Festival Planning & pre-festival setup, stewardship in garden, front 2-acres, and forest in preparation for the Festival.
- 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 August
- 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 & Thursday during August

## EDUCATION

- Paddles with NAYA Rise Up Summer Program and PPR Nature Day Camp, and field programming for Community Cycling Center Bike Camp
- Held first Education Steering Committee with representatives from Verde, Portland Water Bureau, Portland Parks, a CSWC volunteer and former PPS administrator, and MESD Outdoor School. Currently seeking teachers, parents, and more community members to serve on steering committee.
- Interviewed candidates for 16-17 Slough School Educator and selected Amira El-Cherbini.
  - {Amira is a long time Columbia Slough watershed resident and has volunteered with CSWC in the past! She has worked with Harvey Scott SUN, Metro Nature University, Friends of Baltimore Woods, and Audubon. Also, she is into kayaking! She will allow us to offer more programming across the watershed and develop relationships with after school programs in CSW communities.}
- Wrote and posted the Fall 2016 Education Intern Position Description, applications are due 9/6
- Planning for 16-17 academic year with SERVE teachers from Boise Eliot Humboldt, Sitton, Fairview, and Woodland schools

- Collaborating with Megan Hanson from BES and Yoko Silk from PPR
- Reaching out to Gresham High School and De La Salle HS to increase high school programming
- Coming up on *Slough School*:
  - Amira starts!
  - School starts!
  - Hiring the Education Intern!