

Columbia Slough Watershed Council General Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017
Time: 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Place: MCDD
1880 NE Elrod Dr, Portland, OR 97211

- 5:00 Welcome – Brief Introductions
- 5:10 Business Meeting
 - Approval of Minutes from December, 2016
- 5:30 Work session: Mission, Values, Vision discussion
- 6:15 Dinner
- 6:30 Racial Equity and Diversity-Staff
- 6:40 Executive Director
 - Stewardship staff update
 - Gala asks: Council Cellar: please bring wine. Please register!
- 7:00 Hot Topics and Announcements
- 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:

Stewardship Saturday	January 28	9:00 AM	Smith and Bybee Wetlands
Stewardship Saturday	February 04	9:00 AM	Wilkes Creek Headwaters
Slough Celebration	February 10	6:00 PM	Melody Ballroom
Seed to Supper Class #1	February 16	5:30 PM	Murdock Hall, St. Aidan's/Nadaka
Stewardship Saturday	February 18	9:00 AM	Kelley Point Park
Stewardship Saturday	February 25	9:00 AM	Johnson Lake
Nadaka Community	February 25	9:00 AM	Nadaka Nature Park
Planting Event			

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Program Updates

EVENTS AND OUTREACH

- Gala Updates: We've received over 80 donations for our silent auction/raffle; all valued at a total of \$8,000 (a 5% increase from recent years). We've been **very** fortunate to have our development intern, Karina Agbisit, working on this as well as our Videographer Volunteer, David Biggs, helping with our three award winners and special appeal videos.
- We had a recent meeting with McKinstry Co and are planning to host a large clean-up work-party with their staff members before and in coordination with Aquifer Adventure. We're also likely going to host Slough 101 and Wetlands 101 there and do additional presentations. Their business location boasts views of wetlands, alic springs and is a short walk from the Columbia Slough trail.
- A new partnership with Next Adventure is underway. We'll be partnering on our paddle team training (our volunteers will have a more in-depth water-safety training and receive discounts to classes), evening canoes, and our three large summer festivals. We're currently working through the final details and approvals.
- Explorando event committee planning will begin a month earlier this year (March) and take place at Hacienda CDC and Colwood Golf Course (where the event is being hosted due to WP construction).
- We're still working on forming a community engagement committee to guide our equity and inclusion work. Please help us recruit members who you think will add valuable expertise and guidance to our work.

STEWARDSHIP

- Hired new Stewardship Intern, Jacob Argueta! Jacob recently graduated from Portland State University with a degree in Environmental Science and Management. Both as a student and a citizen, Jacob is passionate about environmental conservation through community engagement.
- In the midst of hiring new Stewardship Director. Adele is still around to help with the transition.
- First Stewardship Saturday cancelled because of snow.
- Stewardship Saturday @ Columbia Children's arboretum - 1/21 Partners: Friends of Trees, PPR, Zoo Ecoteam

EDUCATION

- Applied for almost \$30K in funding from Gray Family Foundation!
- Planning involvement for 5th and 6th graders from Scott School in the opening of Cully Park in collaboration with Megan Hanson from BES, Anna Gordon from Living Cully, Nestor Campos from Verde, and PSU biologists who want to launch a second Critter Cruise this fall at Cully Park.
- Amira and Kirk continue NAYA after school work
- Met with Water Bureau Education to sync up our groundwater plans moving forward regarding middle and high school trips to the wells
- In January, we have served 303 youth in 16 groups, including 4 field trip programs and 12 classroom lessons. Because of the winter weather, lots of programs have been rescheduled to February and March.

VOLUNTEERS

Stewardship Saturdays are underway and we are actively recruiting business partners for the upcoming events. On January 21st we partnered with Friends of Trees and Portland Parks and Recreation for an event at the Columbia Children's Arboretum. 40 volunteers attended that day and we have a similar number registered for the January 28th event at Smith and Bybee wetlands.

NORTH PORTLAND

The North Portland Community Enhancement project has closed with Metro as of December 31st. We will continue some work that started in the last year including working with IRCO to identify and connect with immigrant communities within the watershed as well as participating in the next phase of Intertwines Equity Cohort beginning in the next couple of months.

NADAKA

- Applied for \$44,000 in funding from Oregon Community Foundation.
- Completed Nadaka Coordinator Time Allocation/Work Plan for 2017.
- MLK Day of Service at Nadaka was cancelled due to snow/incliment weather.
- Hosted HB Lee SUN Program at Nadaka this January.
- Currently working with AmeriCorps leaders in partnering schools to schedule field trips to Nadaka.
- Strategic Planning with City of Gresham employees and other partners about 2017 programs & events
- Attended the City of Gresham Great Business Green Coffee Hour at Mount Hood Community College

- Launched outreach for Seed to Supper Free Gardening Workshop offered in English, Spanish, and Russian