

North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council

Feb 18th 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees

Eric Shawn (FoNCP)

Pat Russell (Citizen Advocate)

Dick Shook (FoKellogg/Mt Scott Creeks)

Steve Berliner (FoKellogg/Mt Scott Creeks)

Brett Arvidson (OLSD)

Marshall Johnson (TWC)

Jeff Lesh (NCPRD)

Chris Runyard (Tsunami Crew)

Nicole West (City of Mil)

Tonia Burns (NCPRD)

John Nagy (WES)

Susan Shawn (CC Urban Green)

II. Action Item: Adoption of Jan 2010 Meeting Minutes (E Shawn)

- a. Pat motions to adopt Jan 2010 meeting minutes with his recommended changes. Steve seconds. Board adopts minutes with Pat's recommended changes.
- b. There will be no guest speaker this month-but Eric will continue soliciting Todd Alsbury to join us. Board briefly discusses Asbury's role as a Fish Biologist with ODFW. Marshall also gave Susan Barns (ODFW-previously involved with FoNCP) and open invitation to join us.

III. Action Item: Lottery Funds Initiative (Susan)

- a. Susan outlines the initiative. For years, 15% of State Lottery Funds have been designated for "parks, fish, and wildlife" and is about to expire. OWEB receives half of this money, which it allocates directly to watershed councils through their Council Support Grants and project-based Grant Programs. The other half is designated to State Parks. There is a campaign to put an initiative on the Oregon ballot to renew this commitment. 60,000 signatures are needed. Susan recommends that we whole-heartedly endorse this campaign. NCUWC would benefit by appearing on their website and other Initiative campaign materials.
- b. Tonia informs that funding is only designated to State Parks-and that local parks deserve a larger share. Susan adds that 3.2million in lottery funds has gone locally, to NCP. But Pat clarifies these are local discretionary funds that could go toward many needs (i.e. public safety) and are not dedicated exclusively toward parks. Tonia is generally in support of the initiative but would like to see a larger benefit for local parks. Steve commends the NCPRD perspective and notes that, ex officio reps do not hold voting power.
- c. Susan makes a motion that NCUWC endorse the Oregonians for Water, Parks, and Wildlife. If anyone would like to actively collect signatures-feel free to do so personally. Marshall seconds. The motion passes with full consensus. Susan will take care of the endorsement form-and will add a comment that NCUWC would like to see more local share on the parks portion of this initiative.

IV. Discussion Item: Board Membership, Expansion, and Goals (Eric)

- a. Eric refers to the packet provided. Land use and industry data was derived from the surface water districts. With this, do we feel that there was enough information to have serious discussion board make-up in our next meeting?
- b. Rob Kappa asked Susan to announce that he has some students that might make a good youth/student component to the council.

- c. Group discusses consulting with neighboring councils on their board structures and the processes which drove their board development. Steve will put together the draft of a questionnaire to send out for Communications Committee review and approval. We will use it to interview JCWC, GOCWC, CSWC, CRBWC and report back to the group in the March meeting. Steve recommends; 10 min for results and 10 min for discussion and continue the conversation in April. [\[Note: This discussion item has been moved to the April agenda.\]](#)
- d. Group briefly discusses possible players from the business/industry/commerce world. John suggests that NCUWC could act similarly as JCWC; solicit some influential, more high rollers to sit on an Advisory Group that only meets less frequently but provides that diverse perspective.
- e. Marshall mentions that some councils even have a standing "Membership Committee" to manage this process.
- f. Board determines that clear goals must be in place before we are able to solicit broader membership to the board. We need to be able to accurately describe what future members are signing up for and make good use of their time. Board decides to have the discussion and vote on goals in March. [\[Note: This decision item is on the March agenda.\]](#)

V. Discussion Item: Restoration Committee Update (Marshall/Nicole)

- a. Nicole explains that Carl Poston did an excellent job of getting Coalition members to the Feb 9th Presentation to Gladstone City Council. City Council seemed receptive to the Coalition's work to begin planning for modification of the dam/pond elements in the Meldrum Bar Park Natural Area. Nicole will represent the Council in their Coalition meeting on March 17th. [\[Note: An update by Nicole is on the March agenda.\]](#)
- b. Brett adds that the City of Lake Oswego is looking to cross the river and Meldrum Bar Park with a waterline that would intake from the Clackamas, **leading to potentially huge mitigation opportunities**. This could be a great opportunity to get rid of the dam. If somebody is looking at getting rid of that dam this might be a great opportunity!! This will be brought to the attention of the Rinearson Coalition. [\[Note: An update by Brett is on the March agenda.\]](#)
- c. Board discusses at length the best approach for getting a seat at the table for this conversation/potential project. Options include; contacting the City Manager with a formal letter, continuing to work with Brett as an informal liaison, inquire if there is a stakeholder group for this project and request to be added, etc. Brett will have a meeting with them in the next two weeks, will get more updates, and inform them about potential projects within Meldrum Bar at this time. He thinks it's best to keep it informal for now and will let us know if there is a public involvement process.
- d. Marshall informs that we've been invited to become a member of the OWEB Small Grant Review Team. Being on the team is not necessary to receive a grant but mean we could apply directly. Time commitment is 30 min or so per application-which come in on a rolling basis. Needed skills include someone who likes paperwork, has good attention to detail, and experience with grant writing. Tonia, Marshall, Nicole, and Eric express interest. [\[Note: This is a decision item on the March agenda.\]](#)
- e. Metro invited NCUWC to submit full grant applications for both of our projects. The main issue is that there are three total projects in our small watershed-our two and one from NCPRD. NCPRD project largely generates funding for Jeff's position. He would be paid to plant trees in the riparian area just in riparian zones in Camas Creek and Mt Scott Creek. Metro will not fund all of them. We need to discuss our options to combine our projects into one, drop one project and go only for the Turning Point Church project or partner with NCPRD on a Church/Land Trust/NCP project.

- f. Tonia/NCPRD is ready to partner on the project and highlights the benefits of partnership; matching funds. Discussion unfolds regarding the potential of partnering with NCPRD. Marshall has significant reservations that the Council gives up autonomy and should lead projects. He believes this is essential for getting funding support toward a staff person. Others comment that we're working for the greater ecological good of the watershed-lets do what needs to be done to get the money.
- g. Eric calls for a consensus vote on merging these projects. After discussion, there is full consensus support to combine NCPRD's project at NCP and NCUWC's project at the Turning Point Church. [\[Note: An update report is on the March agenda.\]](#)
- h. Jeff adds that the Restoration Committee continues researching the process of prioritizing projects and will advance this project prioritization in conjunction with the development of this project list. [\[Note: An update report is on the March agenda.\]](#)

VI. Communications Committee Update (Susan)

- a. Committee ions Committee decided to develop a quarterly e-newsletter. The content will be due to Jeff or Susan by April 15th for mid-may distribution. We will use it to announce and promote a tour of the watershed which would be in the early or mid-part of June. Go to the source in Happy Valley down to Kellogg Dam in Milwaukie. The Committee is requesting a minimum of 15 email address of individual who you think would want to receive our newsletter. The first newsletter will focus on introducing the council, our goals, projects, etc [\[Note: An update is on the March agenda.\]](#)
- b. Committee Structure will be formally approved by the board in our next meeting. [\[Note: on the March agenda.\]](#)
- c. Susan seeks and receives Board approval to develop a NCUWC facebook page.
- d. NCUWC webpage has a functioning blog! Its goal is to be a forum for what's going on in the watershed-not to formally express the goals of the council. Everyone is invited to participate.

VII. Jurisdictional Updates (Ex Officio Reps)

- a. John/WES sent a letter to the folk at Roots/Webster. Also John met with Matt Clark of JCWC-who wants to clarify that there are many levels of fiscal agent sponsorship, he did not mean to scare us off, just wanted to make sure that we make clear the roles and responsibilities in that relationship.
- b. Army Corps solicited Milwaukie's Kellogg-for-Coho Initiative Project Manager (A Campbell) with interest in completing feasibility studies they abandoned in 2006. They have \$300K to spend over the next two years and have assigned a project manager. [\[Note: Update on March agenda.\]](#)
- c. OLSD is sending out a customer survey to all 70,000 of their customers asking what people want to see in a surface water program. In general, people want to see multi-use projects. Not just roads, or manicured parks-but projects that integrate lots of elements. Treatment plant project is moving ahead; they are doing the land use approvals and have the development permits underway for the site. There will be a Nature in Neighborhoods Grant going out for the project. They are partnering with NCPRD on work in Riverville Park, including support for enhancement of the natural area.
- d. NCUWC is continuing to plant and their program is presenting at the next DAB meeting (March 11th, Milwaukie Center, 5:30pm). It's not important the council fills the room with supporters but could be significant for one person to make a clear statement (gives Mart as an example).

VIII. Meeting Adjourn at 8:06pm