

## **CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

# Meeting Summary Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**WebEx Video Conference Due to Covid-19 Pandemic** 

### I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. Roll Call made.

Members Present: Brendan Addis, Michelle Girts, Matthew Jones, Marie LaManna,

Sue Marshall, Justin Maynard, Michelle Maynard and Josh Seeds.

Members Absent: Christy Dunbar

Staff Present: Jeff Schnabel, Eric Lambert, and Alice Millward

Public Present: none

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff as of 5pm September 2, 2020.

## III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

## Public Works - Clean Water Division

Clean Water Division Outreach - Eric Lambert, Clean Water Outreach Specialist.

- Due to the pandemic, there haven't been the normal opportunities for education and outreach (i.e., public events). However, they have still been very busy. Currently over 95% of the watershed signs have been installed. The number of views deliverable for the Explore Watershed story map website has been achieved. Today they are launching the campaign "Clean water starts with me." Eric has been working with Rainy Rau from the city of Vancouver on teacher resource packets for the pandemic version of the student watershed monitoring project.
- They just received a one-year extension for the Storm Water Maintenance grant due scheduling during the pandemic for the filming of the videos. They'll be working with 360 Labs for filming opportunities with landscape professionals and HOA group training when able.
- As part of our diversity engagement and reaching out to impacted communities, Eric
  is working on having training materials, videos, and/or training classes translated
  into Spanish, especially since many of the employees performing the maintenance
  work speak Spanish as their primary language. Other environmental justice
  components include LatinX targeting in the permit behavior change study
  information.
- Don't Drip and Drive is on hold due to Covid and the grant has been extended for two years.



# **CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

 The new permit requires Clark County to track the effectiveness of a behavioral change. We will be focusing on the Canines for Clean Water to target pet waste issues. They will be utilizing a community-based marketing model and are working with the cities of Camas, Battle Ground and Washougal. The plan will be implemented by the end of February

Clean Water Division Interim Manager – <u>Jeff Schnabel</u> was formally introduced. He became the new Interim effective June 1 and expects to be in the position through the beginning of 2021. He gave an overview of the Clean Water division, the organizational chart and his background.

## Alice Millward, Clean Water Commission Staff Liaison, gave update on several matters.

- Clean Water is still working hard in a socially distant manner and have modified work processes
- Alice reminded the Commission that the Fall Special meeting has been set for October 7.
   She gathered feedback on future presentation options which include short presentations on vegetation management and the role legacy lands plays. The commission would like to have this meeting focus on drafting their strategic plan. The CWC would like Devan Rosterfer from Ecology to come back to a future meeting and discuss her new work on Burnt Bridge Creek and Lacamas
- She reminded commissioners Addis, Dunbar and Seeds that their terms are up at the end of this year. The bylaws require that they notify staff by September 30 if they intend to renew or not.
- Something to keep in mind is the need to start working on the Annual Report.

## Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach

All three Working Groups reported on their progress and member assignments.

- Research Group (M. Maynard, Addis, Dunbar)
  - o Commissioner Michelle Maynard reported the research group will be meeting next week. They haven't had much ability to meet over the summer.
- Outreach & Education Group (LaManna, Jones)
  - Commissioner LaManna indicated that the NACCA meetings have been virtual while they work on their bylaws. Dr. Melnick from the Dept. of Health spoke at one recently.
- Partnerships Group (Girts, Marshall, J. Maynard and Seeds)
  - Commissioner Girts reported the group did not meet over the summer. They will try to have a virtual meeting this fall and will ask Alice to assist with it.
  - Heritage Farms: Commissioner Marshall said that they are working on their strategic plan with the Parks Dept. Currently, there are no real updates on the project.

## IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

 Clean Water Capital Projects – Jeff Schnabel discussed the ongoing 6-year capital infrastructure planning process and the need for a longer term 20-year capital planning



# **CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

document. He has a very short window (one month) to create this. He would like to have one or two commissioners sit in on the two to three meetings to give direct input. He will send it on September 21 to the commission for group comment/input before it is finalized the following week. Jeff will present it at the October 7 special meeting. Commissioners Justin Maynard and Sue Marshall volunteered to assist.

- <u>Shoreline Management Plan:</u> There are revisions and will be having a public hearing. The CWC is encouraged to provide their input. There will be a Council Hearing to adapt.
- Several commissioners noted that they have seen multiple Clean Water Outreach commercials on channel 12 and have noticed the new watershed signs. Great job staff!
- The Commission continued their work on the Clean Water Commission's strategic planning process by defining their Mission and Vision.
  - Mission: "The CWC's mission is to collaborate with Clark County residents, government entities, businesses, and non-profit organizations to enhance water quality, improve flow, and protect the ecological integrity of our watersheds."
  - Vision: "A Clark County with self-sustaining and healthy watersheds that benefit the county's human communities, wildlife, and environment."

### **VI.** ADJOURN – 08:25 PM

Summary provided by: Alice Millward, Clark County Staff Liaison / 564.397.5267

Audio recordings of this and most previous Clean Water Commission meetings are available through the county website at: https://www`.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clean-water-commission.