



Special Meeting Summary

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

WebEx Video Conference Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm. Roll Call made.

Members Present: Brendan Addis, Christy Dunbar Michelle Girts, Matthew Jones, Marie LaManna, Justin Maynard, Michelle Maynard and Josh Seeds.

Members Absent: Sue Marshall

Staff Present: Jeff Schnabel and Alice Millward

Public Present: none

The March 4, 2020 and May 6, 2020 meeting summaries were approved as written. The September 2, 202 meeting approved as amended. *Commissioner Girts moved and Commissioner M. Maynard seconded the above noted summaries. Motion passed unanimously.*

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff as of 5pm on October 7, 2020.

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Public Works - Clean Water Division

Clean Water Proposed 6-year and 20-year Draft Capital Plan Presentation:

Jeff Schnabel, Clean Water Division Interim Manager briefly highlighted the 6-year capital plan, since the commission is already familiar with it from previous years. It will be presented to the Council for approval on Nov. 4, 2020. Jeff thanked all the staff and the two Clean Water Commissioners, Justin Maynard and Sue Marshall, for all of their insights and inputs into the 20-year draft.

Jeff presented the current draft of the 20-year capital plan for Clean Water which was given to the Council earlier today as part of a work session. It identifies some of the long term and/or expensive programmatic and projects goals that will need to be addressed in the future. The way to envision the relationship between the 20-year and the 6-year is the 20-year is the menu and the 6-year plan is the meal order which comes from it.

Some of the key strategies and considerations are strategic investment, sustainability, leveraging and partnerships, population growth, climate changes, and environmental



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justice. The current 20-year draft plan is broken into project types, similar to the 6-year plan, as well as repair of aging infrastructure, conveyance system inspection and repair, drainage improvements, flooding mitigation, and an enhanced street sweeping program. Discussion ensued regarding some of the opportunities and needs with a focus on the aging infrastructure. Two unexpected pipe breaks within the past 18 months have cost the county approximately \$750,000 in unbudgeted repairs. Next steps will focus on working with the update for the Growth Management Act plan and continue to work on it in the upcoming year.

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 in place.
- She wished everyone Happy New Water Year which started on October 1.
- The monitoring group had to have 8 new monitoring sites set up for the Lower Columbia Urban Streams monitoring project for the permit by October 1.
- Staff are busy working on various grant projects which includes one for approximately \$500,000 that Clean Water Engineer Subhash Poudyal is submitting next week to Ecology on the water quality retrofit for NE Highway 99th (68th to 78th St). In the meeting packet were some basics about this project and a draft of a letter of support if the CWC was so inclined. Discussion ensued regarding this project and wording of the draft letter to have it be more in line with the commission's mission. *Commissioner Addis moved and Commissioner Girts seconded that the CWC support this grant project on Cougar Creek. Motion unanimously approved.* Commissioners Addis and LaManna will wordsmith the support letter for Chair Addis' signature later this week.
- Commissioners Addis and Seeds have indicated that they would like to continue serving on the CWC. Commissioner Dunbar said that she will not be renew her term which ends this year. The CW Manager will be recommending that we only actively seek replacement of the one position.
- She reminded the Commission that November meeting will be the 2021 Officer Elections.

Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach

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

- **Research Group** (M. Maynard, Addis, Dunbar)
 - Commissioner Michelle Maynard reported the research group did not meet in September. Commissioner Addis did send a draft of their research group partnership document and would invite the commission to review and discuss and possibly the next meeting.
- **Outreach & Education Group** (LaManna, Jones)
 - Commissioner LaManna indicated that they have not met and much of their work has been put on hold due to Covid-19. They are looking for a project they can assist with – possibly the new canines for clean water behavioral change program.



- **Partnerships Group** (Girls, Marshall, J. Maynard and Seeds)
 - Commissioner Girls reported the group did meet. They would like to have a virtual meeting this to discuss the Research Group's report and the strategic plan. They will ask Alice to assist with it.

IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- 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, Vision, Values, SWOT Analysis, possible Long-Term Goals, and Action Plan.
 - **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."
 - **Values:** Stewardship, Cooperation and Transparency.
 - **SWOT Analysis:**
 - **Strength** - Multi-disciplinary individuals who care, with public representation from the community and watersheds across the county.
 - **Weakness** - Limited meeting times, bureaucratic timelines and constraints, limited influence, and overall lack of public interest
 - **Opportunity** – Raising public awareness, creating partnerships, supporting funding opportunities and providing advisory input to leadership. CW initiatives
 - **Threat** - Changing regulatory environment, public opinion/awareness, and financial limitations.
 - **Long-Term Goals:**
 - Identify areas of need and promote collaboration in water quality programs for Clark County.
 - Advance public outreach and serve as community liaisons on watershed quality issues and ecosystem impacts.
 - Provide helpful advice to county leadership to improve and protect surface water and ecological health.
 - Identify and support funding opportunities to promote healthy watersheds in Clark County
 - Advise staff on improving systems and programs to meet permit requirements and other water quality goals in a functional and effective manner.
 - **Yearly-Objectives:** will be listed as part of the objectives and/or action plan for the upcoming year. Listed below are examples.
 - Complete strategic plan/road map for commission.
 - Advisory report from research team completed, summer 2020.



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Commissioners LaManna and J. Maynard volunteered to continue working on the goals and yearly objectives and will try to have a copy to Alice by October 26 so she can distribute.

- The Commission will dedicate the November meeting as a work session to finalize the Clean Water Commission's strategic plan and focus on the draft of the 2020 Annual Report. Commissioners were encouraged to find their watershed signs and take a picture (if safe) by it and to submit any photos for the Annual Report to Alice.

VI. ADJOURN – 08:26 PM

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

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<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/clean-water-commission>.