



Meeting Summary

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

WebEx Video Conference Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

I. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present: Brendan Addis, Michelle Girts, Matthew Jones, Marie LaManna, Justin Maynard, Michelle Maynard, and Charlie Tumelty.

Members Absent: Sue Marshall and Josh Seeds

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 6:23pm on May 5, 2021. The current notification process has been clarified. Staff updated the website and agenda with additional verbiage which will better explain the public comment and request to “attend virtual meetings” process.

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Public Works - Clean Water Division

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

- The 2019 current permit requires Clark County to track the effectiveness of a public 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 one of the targeted populations is multifamily housing and veterinarians. As part of this study, they will be doing several educational projects at Pacific Park’s dog park as well as several other locations such as Lucky Paws Park in Brush Prairie.
- Last weekend was the Clark Public Utilities Earth Day Fest which was virtual this year. As part of Clean Water’s sponsorship of this event, we paid for Will Hornyak to tell several living streams stories.
- As of the end of the LCFRB grant program, 274 of the watershed signs were installed. The Explore Your Watershed Story Map on the Stormwater Partners website has been very popular and has received significant user traffic. Now Clean Water is working towards replacing signs on the East and North Forks of the Lewis river, which weren’t covered under the grant.
- The new 2021 Stream Health Report is coming along nicely. It is compiling the past 5-10 years of stream data. Marlee has made maps for it and it will hopefully be ready for presentation by June.



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- The other LCFRB grant which focused Storm Water Facilities Maintenance received a one-year extension due to scheduling delays due to Covid. The videos are complete and were under budget so the extra funds will go towards translating the videos into Spanish and possibly Russia to continue to diversify our message. Eric is currently focusing on the printed materials and the educational piece for landscape professionals and contractors.
- Eric has been working closely with the Oregon-based Clean Rivers Coalition. One of the more public facing educational endeavors is the Clean Water public service ads on Channel 12. They are currently also working on the “Follow the Water” campaign which features videos of the Columbia river. CRC is also working on developing videos in conjunction with Oregon State University Extension Office / Master Gardeners program regarding the best management practices for pesticides.
- On May 20th the Clark County Conversation District will be holding their series on manure management which address agricultural best practices for keeping animals away from streams.
- The Small Acreage Expo will be virtual again this year. Eric will assist teaching the Living on the Land class for about 15 students. (Normally, there are about 100 students for this series and around 30 in each class.)
- We are participating in the Clean Water Coalition’s new student video contest geared to high school students. There will be \$500 cash prizes which were donated and there are five categories. On June 14th the videos will be open for voting in the People Choice Award category. The participant with the most likes and comments will win.
- The Don’t Drip and Drive program is on hold due to Covid until in-person outreach and educational workshops are feasible.
- The county’s Healthy Committee has highlighted the explore your watershed story map as part of their featured healthy activities. County employees can utilize the story map, walk along one of the identified trails and submit a selfie for a chance to win a Clean Water water bottle.
- Due to Covid, there still won’t be any in-person events and so they are being very creative in finding new ways to reach people. Regarding the issue of masks being improperly disposed and ending up in the waterways and negatively affection wildlife and the environment, Eric has not seen any educational materials yet. It was agreed that an educational campaign focusing on snipping the disposable mask bands would be impactful, especially if this situation continues long term.

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

- The initial interviews for the Clean Water Manager position will be in the upcoming weeks.
- Rod Swanson will be presenting at the Public Hearing on May 18th for the Code and Stormwater Manual Update as required by the NPDES permit which will be during the Council meeting that day.
- Initial Budget requests/recommendations for 2022 have been submitted to Ahmad and the Finance team to start preparing for annual budget process.



- May 1st is the date that the Schriber reforestation project and grant kicked off. The Heritage project is steaming ahead. We have a lot of grant, project and monitoring work going on right now. Public Works is working on our APPW recertification.
- At the July 7th meeting, we've scheduled Henry Schattenkirk, CW's GIS / Mapping Infrastructure Guru.
- The county and L&I still haven't changed their policy yet regarding meetings, masks or exposure, so we will continue as we are through regarding meeting virtually until at least this Fall and probably into 2022.

Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach

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

- **Research Group** (M. Maynard-chair, Addis, Tumelty, Josh)
 - Commissioner Michelle Maynard reported the research group haven't met. They have started a word document and have added various creek possibilities. So far, they have identified several water bodies which could potentially qualify in the creek renaming project. They are China Ditch and Shanghai Creek. Currently they want to find out if these names are offensive to people of Asian descent. Alice will send Brendan contact information of someone who may be able to help them through this process.
- **Outreach & Education Group** (Jones-chair, LaManna, Sue-PT)
 - Commissioner Jones indicated that they met May 5th and discusses the Salmon Safe initiative. They haven't heard back from anyone at county parks yet but will continue to try to contact various people.
 - They are interested in assisting in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) aspects of the educational and outreach commitment. They will be contacting Elaine Placido at Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership (LCEP) to discuss how they have address this so successfully in their program.
 - The group is interested in looking into the WDFW National Volunteer of the Year, River Junkies who is a local nonprofit who focuses on creating annual river clean ups.
 - Education and Outreach Group is planning to work with Eric on his Canines for Clean Water behavioral change efforts whenever they are needed.
- **Partnerships Group** (J. Maynard-chair, Girts, Marshall)
 - Commissioner J Maynard reported they met on March 20 and are looking at what kinds of grants are available through organizations such as Trout and Ducks Unlimited for various CW capital projects.
 - Partnerships can work towards seeking out partnerships that could leverage the 6-year and 20-year capital plans.
 - They are interested in assisting Research Group regarding the naming project and could help with the presentations when it is that phase of the project.



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IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- None

VI. ADJOURN – 07:30 PM

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