



Special Meeting Summary

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

(Originally scheduled for 7/7/2021)

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

WebEx Video Conference Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

I. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present: Brendan Addis, Michelle Girts, Marie LaManna, Sue Marshall Justin Maynard, and Michelle Maynard.

Members Absent: Matthew Jones (e), Charlie Tumelty (e), and Josh Seeds

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

Public Present: none

Commissioner Marshall moved and Commissioner Girts seconded to approve the regular March 3, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed.

Commissioner Marshall moved and Commissioner J. Maynard seconded to approve the Special March 31, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed.

Commissioner Addis moved and Commissioner M. Maynard seconded to approve the regular May 5, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff as of 6:00pm on July 13, 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 Manager's Report – Jeff Schnabel, Interim Manager:

- After two years since Dean Boening left, the new Clean Water Division Manager has been recently announced and it will be CWC Justin Maynard. Jeff thanked staff and the CW commissioners for their dedication and professionalism through this long difficult time during the pandemic and transition. He will be returning to managing the Monitoring and Infrastructure division within Clean Water. He welcomed Justin .

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 tabling projects at Pacific Park's dog



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park as well as several other locations along the pilot program trail. They have taken an initial assessment of number of poop piles found and will continue to monitor with various types of educational outreach planned. There will be signs placed the first ¼ mile.

- 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. Clean Water monitoring staff, Marlee Milosovich, has made maps for it and it will hopefully be ready for presentation by the end of the month and before her leave.
- Eric is chipping away and making progress on the other LCFRB grant which focused Storm Water Facilities Maintenance. The videos are complete and were under budget so the extra funds will go towards translating the videos into Spanish and possibly Russian to continue to diversity our message. Eric is currently focusing on the printed materials and the educational piece for landscape professionals and contractors. The educational materials (videos and printed materials have been translated into Spanish and Russian)
- 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 have selected a contractor for their "Follow the Drops" 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 and natural yard care practices.
- The Clean Water Coalition's new student video contest geared to high school students received 85 entries. There will be \$500 cash prizes which were donated and a total of 6 winners in 10 categories including the People's Choice Award category. The winning videos will be played at the Vancouver Movies at the Park on 7/30 at Ft. Vancouver. You can go to Stormwater Partner's website to see winning videos.
- 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.

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

- The new Clean Water Manager starts next Monday and we're very excited to have him on board.
- Rod Swanson presented at the June 2nd Public Hearing for the Code and Stormwater Manual Update as required by the NPDES permit which was approved during the Council meeting that day.



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- Initial Budget requests/recommendations for 2022 have been submitted to Ahmad and the Finance team to start preparing for annual budget process.
- We received notice that Subhash's 2020 grant request for the 68th to The Schriber reforestation project and grant kicked off on May 1st. The Heritage project is steaming ahead. We have a lot of grant, project and monitoring work going on right now. We will not be applying for any more grants this year. We don't have the bandwidth and/or personnel to manage them.
- We've scheduled Henry Schattenkirk, CW's GIS / Mapping Infrastructure Guru to present at the September CWC meeting. I'm looking into having a DEI presentation at the October Special meeting.
- Jeff has encouraged having DEI presentations at our monthly staff meetings.
- Scott Melville our Code Compliance person has seen a lot of issues lately and his numbers are much higher than normal.
- 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 most likely 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 had a meeting on June 25th to work on the Creek Renaming project and identify Asian / Chinese associations which we can work in collaboration with. 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. They'll try to give a presentation at a future meeting.
- **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.



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- **Partnerships Group** (J. Maynard-chair, Girts, Marshall)
 - Commissioner J Maynard reported they have not met recently, but will be willing to work with Research to contact the various agencies regarding the naming project.
 - Partnerships can work towards seeking out partnerships that could leverage the 6-year and 20-year capital plans.
 - Commissioner Girts agreed to step in the role as the chair again and the new person will be assigned to this group.

IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- Justin Maynard will be starting July 19th as the new Clean Water Manager.
- Matt Jones has been accepted to the Lower Columbia Estuary Program's Board (LCEP).
- Brendan has taken a job at the Clark County Conservation District.
- The commission decided to use the candidates currently on file since they are not
- Commissioners wondered when they will meet again in person since the state has eased restrictions.
- Commissioner Girts was curious to learn more about what the county / Clean Water is doing specifically with regards to climate change (for example flow management, species declines/impacts and water quality).

VI. ADJOURN – 07:49 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>.