

## **CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

# **Meeting Special Summary**

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 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, Matthew Jones Marie LaManna,

Sue Marshall, Michelle Maynard.

**Members Absent:** Charlie Tumelty and Josh Seeds

**Staff Present:** Justin Maynard, Jeff Schnabel, Henry Schattenkerk, Julie Christian,

and Alice Millward

Public Present: Sandra Martin-Boehm\* (\*to be appointed new CWC)

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff as of 6:15pm on Oct. 6, 2021.

#### III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

## **Public Works - Clean Water Division:**

Jeff Schnabel, Infrastructure Manager discussed briefly the six-year capital program that was presented to the Council earlier today. He gave a brief overview of the three types of projects the Clean Water Capital and Infrastructure Program deal with on a routine basis. They are county projects, commercial projects, and subdivisions. It is critical that they are mapped as accurately as possible and that is where Henry Schattenkerk and Julie Christian come in. Due to Henry's excellent abilities, the county has gone from about 30% mapped stormwater infrastructure in 2004 to about 95% currently mapped. The new challenges facing the mapping team will be providing accurate ditch mapping which is now required in the permit.

Henry Schattenkerk, Clean Water Senior Engineering Technician gave an insightful and detailed presentation of Clean Water infrastructure and GIS mapping process as it goes from the least reliable preliminary engineering design plans to the more reliable as-builts recorded drawings and how they compare to reality. Since most of this presentation is visually, please access the audio and power point for more details.



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<u>Alice Millward, Clean Water Commission Staff Liaison</u>, gave a quick update on several matters.

- Due to different interpretations of the bylaws, Sandra Martin-Boehm's appointment has been delayed. The County Manager's office will soon be sending her confirmation to the Council. Discussion ensued regarding the verbiage in the bylaws. The current interpretation is not what the commission envisioned when they were written. This will be on the November agenda to review. Commissioner Addis will draft proposed language.
- Currently all three of the commissioners whose terms end in December will be stepping
  away from the commission. The press release was sent out by yesterday and the cut off
  is noon on Nov. 1. Alice outlined the process and Commissioners Addis, Jones and Girts
  volunteered to be a part of the selection panel with Alice and Justin.
- Next meeting the 2022 officers will be elected.
- She would like to revise the agenda to make it more streamlined and not so cluttered looking and wanted to see if anyone has an objection.
- It is time to start gathering information for the annual report and send it to Alice. (This includes work group meeting dates, volunteer hours/dates, and pictures.)

## 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, Seeds)
  - Commissioner Michelle Maynard reported the Brendan created a stakeholder letter for the creek renaming project. They would like to have any feedback or comments as soon as possible so that it can be sent out and hopefully have a meeting before the end of the year.
- Outreach & Education Group (Jones-chair, LaManna)
  - Commissioner Jones reported that he and Marie will be presenting the Salmon Safe initiative information to the Clark County Parks Board at their meeting on Oct. 12.
  - 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.
  - Staff doesn't need much assistance with the Canines for Clean Water or PoopSmart Clark programs.



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- Partnerships Group (Girts-chair, Marshall, replacement CWC)
  - Commissioner Girts reported they have not met recently, are willing to work with Research to help contact various organizations regarding the creek naming project.
  - This work group can work towards seeking out partnerships that could help leverage the 6-year and 20-year capital plans.
  - Commissioner Girts agreed to step in the role as the chair again. After Commissioner Martin-Boehm is officially appointed, they will plan to meet.

### IV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- Environmental Justice was briefly discussed. This may be a good topic for a work group
  to tackle or the CWC could devote a meeting or at least a portion of every meeting to it.
  Discussion ensued regarding the concepts Tanya Settles presented at the last meeting.
  Commissioner Addis asked each member to review the power point and look for three
  things that resonate with them and how DEI overlaps or intersects with the mission and
  strategic plan. It was decided that should be a standing item on the agenda.
- Commissioner LaManna commented that Eric Lambert gave an excellent presentation on stream friendly homes as part of the Camas Library's Nature Scaping program.

### VI. ADJOURN – 8:23 PM

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

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