



Meeting Summary

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

WebEx Video Conference Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm. Roll Call made.

Members Present: Brendan Addis, Michelle Girts, Matthew Jones Marie LaManna, Sandra Martin-Boehm, Michelle Maynard, and Josh Seeds.

Members Absent: Sue Marshall and Charlie Tumelty

Staff Present: Justin Maynard, Eric Lambert, and Alice Millward

Public Present: none

Commissioner M. Maynard moved, and Commissioner LaManna seconded to approve the rescheduled regular July 13, 2021, meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None. No requests for access, comments and/or questions were received by staff as of 6:15pm on Nov. 3, 2021.

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

Public Works - Clean Water Division

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

- The Pet Waste Behavior Change Pilot Program recently wrapped up. The preliminary results are very interesting, and they are working through the trends. Staff believes that the very high numbers (112) of poop they found in Sept. were due to the heavy rains which knocked down vegetation which made the poop easier to find. The October numbers were back in the low range (12) previously experienced. The signs along the trail were damaged and/or stolen and will not be replaced. The need for more garbage cans was noted. Staff will also send mailers to neighbors and current residents. They will also count the number of dogs versus poop piles.
- The new Stream Health Report will be presented in Spring 2022.
- Eric is nearly finished the Storm Water Facilities Maintenance project. To continue to expand our message, the educational materials (videos and printed materials) have been translated into Spanish and Russian. Eric is planning to have the 10/14/2022 training in person. The videos and links to PDFs are all mobile phone friendly. The virtual tours have been delayed while the webpage is being formatted.



CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

- The Clean Rivers Coalition's videos and website – "Connect the Drops" campaign which feature videos of the Columbia River. Lara Media will also be presenting at the SW Partners Symposium their findings.
- Storm Water Partners are already working on the 2022 student watershed video contest.
- The Storm Water Partners will be having their virtual symposium the second week of November and the CWC will be invited. Please let Eric know if you have any topics you'd like to see addressed at the symposium.
- Eric will give tomorrow a presentation to the Clark County Green School. On Oct. 12, the teacher kick-off training will occur.
- They plan to start back up the Don't Drip and Drive campaign. A new person has been hired and we anticipate it will be much more active in this final year of the grant. Eric is continuing to work with the Conservation District on their PoopSmart Clark campaign. This is targeting the East Fork of the Lewis River. Clean Water's role is supportive in nature by providing monitoring work.

Justin Maynard, Clean Water Division Manager gave a brief update on several large projects Clean Water is working on:

- We recently had a drone fly over and film the of the Heritage Farm project and Schriber Reforestation. We plan to show the progress of these interesting projects over time. The Interim County Engineer, Rob Klug, wants to show the public what Public Works is doing.
- The Schriber Reforestation near LaCenter is about six acres in area and has recently been partially planted.
- We will have a Council Workshop on Nov. 16, for the 6-Year Capital plan. We want to make sure that ours aligns with the TIP and the Parks Capital planning timelines. Justin wants to continue the 20-year capital planning Jeff Schnabel has started.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant operations transition is an ongoing process and is moving in the right direction.

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

- The Council to officially approved the appointment of Sandra Martin-Boehm yesterday.
- She would like to officially like to thank the three commissioners whose terms end in December. They have provided excellent leadership and insight over their terms. It has been a pleasure working with them.
- The notice for new CW Commissioners just closed Monday. We will be starting the evaluation process and plan to schedule virtual interviews with the candidates prior to Thanksgiving. Commissioners Addis, Girts and Jones have agreed to help with the panel. Alice will be sending out a doodle poll shortly.



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 that Commissioner Addis had made a lot of progress. The stakeholder/resource letter has been sent to three different organizations in the Portland metro area. There are currently at least 15 Chinese American individuals from several organizations who want to participate in the creek renaming project. Commissioners Addis, Jones and Girts will be a part of the initial meeting. Alice will set up a Webex video meeting. After we gain their insight, we can assess how to move forward – whether that’s contacting neighborhood organizations, businesses, and the local governments or a different avenue. Justin will talk to Eva Haney about this project.

- **Outreach & Education Group** (Jones-chair, LaManna)
 - Commissioner Jones reported that he, Justin Maynard, and Commissioner LaManna presented the Salmon Safe initiative information to the Clark County Parks Board at their October meeting. He has also met with Dan Kent, the Executive Director of Safe Salmon program. They follow up with Rocky, the Parks Manager because of the additional information they have and the positive grant status this program affords.

- **Partnerships Group** (Girts-chair, Marshall, Martin-Boehm)
 - Commissioner Girts reported they have recently talked on the phone and are gearing up for 2022 when they have another member to their group.
 - They would be happy to work with Research when contacting the various agencies regarding the creek naming project if needed.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Amend the Bylaws:

- Commissioner Addis gave an overview of the midterm selection issue where the County Manager’s office interpreted the intent differently than the CWC’s. He explained the difference between the current language and the proposed changes which more clearly indicates that if there are suitable candidates’ applications on file, there does not need to be a public notice of vacancy. The two underlined sentences traded places and the red italicized portion is the added clarifying verbiage. Discussion ensued.



Current Bylaws:

Commissioner Appointments – Members of the commission shall be appointed by the County Manager to a three-year term. A public notice of vacancies will be issued approximately 90 days prior to an expected vacancy. The notice will direct candidates to submit an application to the Clean Water Division Manager for consideration. If a mid-term opening occurs, public notice of the vacancy will be issued within 30 days of the resignation. All commission applications will be kept on file for one year by the Clean Water Manager and can be considered for any commissioner openings that become available.

Proposed Changes:

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- Commissioner Seeds moved, and Commissioner M. Maynard seconded to amend the bylaws. Motion passed.

2021 Annual Report:

- All commissioners are reminded to have their information to Alice by the first week in December so that she can start to compile Annual Report.

Election of 2022 Officers:

- **Chair:** Commissioner Jones nominated Brendan Addis and Commissioner M. Maynard seconded. Unanimously elected.
- **Vice Chair:** Commissioner Addis nominated Matt Jones and Commissioner Michelle Girts seconded. Unanimously elected.

DEI / Environmental Justice:

- The commissioners discussed additional coursework and training and the need for tangible results. Commissioner Jones is willing to reach out to PSU's Gender, Race and Nations faculty to see if they are willing to help provide this service to the community.
- The commissioners are looking at this intersection of environmental justice and stormwater from all angles (socioeconomic, race, gender, urban, rural, occupations, cultural traditions, etc.). It was expressed that census data overlaid with the current GIS map will hopefully give the CWC a clearer picture of the areas of concentration they could target.
- The Title VI coordinator for Public Works may be a contact who might be able to assist with understanding what is currently being done in developing surface water



treatment in regards to environmental justice. The Clark County Employee Diversity and Inclusion Group (CCEDIG) may be to provide additional resources. Alice is on this committee and will check.

- Another means of getting the message to the community is through the NACCA (Clark County Neighborhood Association)
- Future Meetings: CWC will discuss the disparate downstream impacts of stormwater and potentially developing goals and objects.

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- Justin Maynard informed the commission that Ecology is already starting the planning process for the next cycle of permits which will start in 2025. There are several ad hoc groups and Rod Swanson is heavily involved.
- Commissioner Jones would like to see who (if anyone) is designated as the county's tribal liaison.

VI. ADJOURN – 8:29 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>.