



Meeting Summary

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 6:30 pm

HYBRID Webex Video Conference and PSC Conference Room 698

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm. Roll Call was made.

Members Present: Acting Chair Matthew Jones, Michelle Girts, Rodger Hauge, Jeff Kessenich, Marie LaManna, Josh Seeds, and Bob Trost.

Member(s) Absent: Brendan Addis and Sandra Martin-Boehm

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

Public Present: none

Review and Approval of Meeting Summary:

Commissioner Trost moved, and Commissioner LaManna seconded to approve the regular Sept. 7, 2022, meeting summary as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Trost moved, and Commissioner LaManna seconded to approve the special Oct. 5, 2022, meeting summary as written. Motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for access, comments or questions were received as of 6:00 pm by staff.

III. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATION / ACTION

2023-28 Capital Plan - Jeff Schnabel: gave a presentation for the six-year capital plan which is on the Council agenda to be adopted at the Nov. 15, 2022, meeting. The pie chart shows the 30 projects and two ongoing capital programs as part of the \$13.4 million six-year plan. Jeff explained the prioritization methods for projects which includes severity of disruption, impacts on stormwater and water quality and safety concerns. Jeff tries to leverage grants as much as possible so that clean water funds are most effectively utilized. He is happy to send the full project matrix for anyone who is interested. Jeff would be very happy to receive any questions or feedback. Please see attached pdf for more detailed information.

Interim Manager Report: Brent Davis, discussed some of the changes for administration staff due to upcoming reorganizations. This will be one of his primary focuses for the remainder of the year.



Education and Outreach report: Eric Lambert, Senior Outreach Specialist,

- Eric participated via videoconference. He just finished leading tours after the rescheduled ribbon cutting ceremony for the Gordy Jolma Family Natural Area. This critical creek frontage area along Salmon Creek property acquisition was partially funded by Clean Water when Clark County Legacy Lands purchased the Cedars golf course earlier this year.
- He is finalizing the data on the new phase of the permit's behavior change project – the Canines for Clean Water along two trails. Cougar Creek saw positive impacts from the outreach but there wasn't any measurable change at Daybreak trail.
- The Stormwater Partners annual symposium will be held on November 17 at the Lacamas Lake Lodge. It will be a hybrid event. Eric will send out invitations soon. The keynote presentation will feature the Clean Rivers Coalition's Logic Model. Eric will also be co-presenting the value-added aspects of the "Follow the Water" campaign that have utilized this logic model and data.
- Stormwater Partners are currently working to educate professional carpet cleaners following a model created by the city of Gresham.
- The Don't Drip and Drive program is nearing its end in December and the final workshops will be on Dec. 4. There is discussion to see how the remaining funds can be fully utilized but may need to be returned to the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.
- The new watershed signs have been purchased and soon will be installed along the North Fork and East Fork of the Lewis River by the county and the state. The signs were also distributed to WSDOT for their installation jurisdictions.

Staff Liaison Report: Alice Millward, Program Assistant, gave an overview of Public Works and Clean Water:

- Annual Report for 2022: Reminder to please compile your community engagement dates, activities, and educational development. Pictures of water activities and natural settings – preferably Clark County.
- There were 11 candidates who applied to be on the Commission. The extended efforts and rewritten press release which went out on the County's Flash Alert Network had a positive impact. Alice also disseminated information to as many diverse groups as possible including the NACC. Alice identifying local organizations and will be working to more inclusive in our communication efforts about the opportunity to serve in the future. She will work on updating the selection matrix to address some of the potential bias but won't have it ready in time.
 - After some discussion, the Commission decided to have the entire complete a ranked choice and the selection committee would interview the top six.
 - Commissioners Trost, Kessenich and Martin-Boehm volunteered to be on the selection panel with Alice and Brent. Alice will forward the confidential applications to all members to complete and return by as soon as possible.
- She thanked Commissioners LaManna and Girts for their insight and leadership over the past six to seven years they have served on the commission.



Working Group Updates: Research, Partnerships and Outreach:

Reports tabled for this meeting.

Bylaws Group: Alice and Commissioner LaManna have been working on it and hope to have a draft by the end of the year.

Outreach Group: Commissioner LaManna reported that they are working on expanding the new commissioner training, history and terminology of the commission and industry. This will be discussed in greater detail during the engagement section.

Partnership Group: Commissioner Girts reported that they have not met but are working on three-pronged approach and will bring up at the next meeting once it is finalized.

Research Group: Commissioner Seeds reported that they are looking in 2023 to bring questions to be researched to the commission and staff: such as sampling of water above and below stormwater facility outfalls or creek outfalls. Would Council support doing more than just the legal minimum requirements of the permit or more? What's the guiding staff priorities on various topics such as land development, planning and aquifers and how can the research group help.

Creek: Commissioner Addis reported that he presented to the Clark County Historical Preservation Committee about the project. They were very interested in the project especially since the Historical Museum is also involved. After more research is done, they are eager to look for grants and other funding options. More to come on this topic.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The CWC table the discussion regarding how to tie DEI efforts in with environmental justice, the commissions' mission statement, strategic plan, underserved communities, the GIS demographics, what the county is doing through their employee DEI group for this meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS / COMMISSION DISCUSSION TIME

- **Election of 2023 Chair and Vice Chair:** Tabled until February so that new Commissioners can decide the leadership moving forward.
- **Engagement Plan:** Commissioner Trost and Hauge had volunteered to help develop methods for improving Commissioner engagement. They have devised a plan for training for new Commissioners and refreshers for current members which will go over stormwater and clean water basics. This will help lay the groundwork so that the Commissioners will be able to take on a greater role and provide better feedback to staff and the county. Commissioner Trost will be handling the "big picture" aspects and Commissioner Hauge will be focusing on the specifics. This training can be used as a resource manual. Alice asked that they provide their presentation / curriculum and soon as possible for review.

To better facilitate this transition and training of new Commissioners. They propose that the regular Commission meetings be held on the even months (February, April,



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June, August, October, and December). In January, they propose that first Wednesday meeting time be set aside for training and if needed, it can be extended into February.

****Commissioner Trost moved and Commissioner Girts seconded that there would be a minimum schedule of six meetings a year with a January orientation training with no action agenda items. The tentative schedule would be the first Wednesday in February. The new Commission will approve the final schedule and make formal adoption in the bylaws at the February 2023 meeting. **Motion unanimously passed.***

- General Discussion: none

VI. ADJOURN – 8:46 PM

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

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