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Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council Meeting Notes for August 17, 2016 Salem Towne Breezeway Room

Members present: **Ken Bierly (GGWC Chair)**, **Linda Bierly (GGWC Secretary)**, homeowners representative **Dorald Stoltz**, West Salem Neighborhood Association representative **E.M. Easterly**, interested citizens and residents of the watershed **Tom Ferron** and **Don Yon**

Staff: Lucas Hunt

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes the July 21, 2016 minutes are approved.

Treasurer's report - Lucas Hunt

Current financial reports for GGWC OWEB council support grant funds are on file and available upon request from Lucas Hunt lucas.hunt@polkswcd.com

GGWC HIP fund and Friends of West Salem Watersheds fund reports are on file with Ken Hetzel, the Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance Treasurer. His e-mail address is salemneighborshelpingneighbors@gmail.com

Coordinator Report – Lucas Hunt

- Eola Ridge Park Progress – second spraying of blackberries are complete, blackberries are starting to sprout again, retreatment is scheduled for the Fall. Planting is scheduled for the winter and contracted with Friends of Trees
- Brush College Park Invasive Species Work Day with Grande Ronde youth crew – Youth from the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde Youth Crew worked 8/8/2016 and 8/9/2016 removing English Ivy from Brush College Park.
- Lucas reported working with two landowners in the GG watershed. One landowner needed assistance identifying native plants. The second landowner is restoring 600 feet of riparian corridor along Richards Creek and about 1.5 acres of upland to create open Oregon white Oak woodland.

Old Business

- Council Consolidation Issue Discussion Continuation – discussion, no decision.

New Business

- Oak Savanna – Council members reviewed and edited an informational flyer, decided to contact the City of Salem about providing signage for the Oak Savanna and discussed naming the Oak Savanna project after Wilbur Bluhm, the horticulturist that has provided technical assistance and guidance throughout the planning and development stages of the project.

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Council Reports:

- City of Salem – no report, no representative present
- Polk SWCD – no report, no representative present
- Small grant team – no meeting.
- Audubon Society – no report, no representative present
- West Salem Neighborhood Association – E.M. Easterly reported on the WSNA’s involvement in changes to the comprehensive plan and transportation planning issues that will affect the Willamette River floodplain and tributary streams. For more information www.cityofsalem.net/westsalempln

Next Meeting Information

- September 21, 2016
5:30pm -7:00pm in the Breezway Room at Salemtown
Speaker will be Tory Banford, City of Salem Urban Renewal Department speaking about the 2nd Street underpass to Wallace Road and the connection of 2nd Street to Marine Drive including the impacts to the Union Street RR bridge and Wallace Marine Park. For more information www.cityofsalem.net/westsalempln

Please note change of regular meeting date to the 3rd Wednesday of the month!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bierly, Secretary
Between meetings, call:
503-362-6860

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