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### **Meeting Notes for August 20, 2015**

#### **Salem Electric Meeting Room**

**Members present:** Glenn Creek resident **Ken Bierly (GGWC Chair)**, Glenn Creek resident **Linda Bierly (GGWC Secretary)**, environmental groups representative **Jim Castle (GGWC Treasurer)**, West Salem Neighborhood Association representative **E.M. Easterly**, City of Salem Representative **Keith Bondaug-Winn**, West Salem resident **Nick Bondaug-Winn**

**Guests:** **Patricia Farrell, Eric Kowalski, Peter Dalrymple, Ken Hetsel**

**Staff:** **Lucas Hunt**

#### **Presentation: SRC Chapter 86-Trees on City Owned Property – Patricia Farrell, City of Salem Public Works Department**

Ms. Farrell explained proposed changes to SRC 86, the comment process and answered questions.

**Minutes** Without objection, the July 16, 2015 minutes are approved.

#### **Treasurer's report / Mid Willamette Watershed Alliance and GGCWSC: Jim Castle**

Jim presented reports on the OWEB Council support grant and the GGWC discretionary funds and HIP fund.

The 2013-15 OWEB Council Support grant agreement, including the budget, is on file at Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance, our fiscal agent. Current financial reports for GGWC funds are on file and available upon request from Treasurer **Jim Castle** [jimacastle@comcast.net](mailto:jimacastle@comcast.net)

Jim introduced Ken Hetsel, the new Treasurer for Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance

#### **Coordinator Report – Lucas Hunt**

**Finish work for 2013-2015:** Lucas is coordinating project work on the Audubon Erosion Control between Audubon and the watershed council. Wood for the erosion control structure will come from some of the trees on site cut for the street widening project, some will come from David Simmons' prune orchard. He will be working on contracting for log transportation and for log placement. Lucas is to meet Monday with ODOT staff regarding the Edgewater / Rosemont rain garden. He will also be in contact with City of Salem staff regarding rain gardens in this area. He has submitted the 2013-15 final report to the Polk county commissioners prior to submitting the report to OWEB.

**Development of a work plan for 2015-17:** tabled until the September meeting.

#### **Old Business**

Council Capacity Agreement with Polk SWDCD and Rickreall WC : Without objection, the council authorized Ken Bierly to sign the agreement for GGCWSC.

#### **New Business**

Membership in Network of Oregon Watershed Councils : No action

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**Council Reports:**

City of Salem – Keith will e-mail a proposed date for a field trip to the detention basin retrofit at Eola Ridge Park.

Polk SWCD – David Simmons reports that the Polk County Fair booth was successful. The Polk SWCD annual meeting is September 17.

Small grant team – there is funding for small grants for the coming biennium.

**Public Comment:** Ken Hetsel, Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance Treasurer announced his effort to form a regional volunteer core to work on sustainability projects.

Work Plan priorities

GGWC members have established the following work plan priorities:

- 1  Completion of the CREP TA grant - very high, current grant **Completed**
- 2  Wallace Marine Park Urban Rain Garden – **Completed**
- 3  Urban Rain Garden at the old West Salem City Hall – **Postponed indefinitely**
- 4  CREP follow-up – high **completed**
- 5  School based events – **completed** – November 14, 2014 visitation of 3<sup>rd</sup> class at Chapman Hill Elementary
- 6  Audubon Site - high, current grant **in progress**
- 7  Fall Leaf Haul – **2014 event** completed, but with very low turn-out – reconsideration in progress
- 8  Invasive Control in city parks – high **in progress**
- 9  Membership - board responsibility? **No current action**
- 10  New grant applications – high **in progress**
- 11  Tree planting event - high, current **completed**
- 12  Fish passage project at Orchard Heights Park – moderate **no current action**
- 13  Outreach partners - ongoing as projects demand **in progress**

A series of quarterly outcomes will be identified for each priority and presented to the Council

**Next Meeting Information**

- September 17, 2015  
5:30pm -7:00pm  
West Salem Electric board Room

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Bierly, Secretary  
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