

**Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council
Meeting Notes for October 19, 2016
Salem towne Breezeway Room**

Members present: **Ken Bierly (GGWC Chair)**, Linda Bierly (GGWC Secretary), West Salem Neighborhood Association representative **E.M. Easterly**, Salem towne representative **Jim Scott**, City of Salem representative **Keith Bondaug-Winn**

Staff: Lucas Hunt

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes – approved as written

Treasurer's Report – Lucas Hunt presented the Council Capacity Grant fiscal report. The report for funds held by the Mid- Willamette Valley Watershed Alliance is pending waiting contact with Ken Hetzel, Treasurer. Fiscal information about the Council Capacity grant is available by contacting Lucas Hunt lucas.hunt@polkswcd.com

Coordinator's Report – Eola Ridge Park Riparian Restoration Project is on track. Lucas has the Himalayan Blackberries sprayed. Friends of Trees will be planting native trees December 3 and February 11.

Council Capacity Grant Application is due November 14. Modifications may be made to Memorandums of Understanding for fiscal agency and granting agencies so the Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council and Rickreall Watershed Council will have equal standings in all grant and fiscal agency agreements. Council self-evaluation needs to be completed by the end of the biennium, June 30, 2017.

Pending small grant projects are Whitney Family property Turnage Brook riparian restoration downstream of Eola Ridge Park and riparian restoration along the unnamed stream north of Glen Creek Road NW along the west edge of Wallace Marine Park. Lucas will contact the Whitneys and the City of Salem to proceed with these projects.

Council Reports –

- **Polk SWCD** – Lucas Hunt for David Simmons - conservation easements are finished for the Cornerstone Project, Oregon White Oak and native Willamette Valley prairie habitats. The District is looking at broad conservation easements to create corridors of habitat around Baskett Slough. Mike Wilson, Grand Rhonde Tribe Natural Resource Director, will join the Polk SWCD Board of Directors to represent District 5. Claudia the Fish is back in storage after her restoration and a busy summer.
- **Audubon Society** – Jim Scott Audubon Nature Preserve will host a training session for team leaders for Friends of Trees Saturday, October 22. Jim has just completed a clean-up of the Audubon Nature Preserve to clear remains of homeless camps in the area. Butterfly gardens established to the front of the preserve are growing well. Wildflowers, milkweed and dahlias are growing. The Nature Preserve sustained no damage from the recent storm.
- **City of Salem** – Keith Bondaug-Winn Sam Kidd has retired and Nitin Joshi will be Keith's supervisor. Keith will also be liaison for Claggett Creek WSC as well as Glenn-Gibson WSC. The MS4 annual report is on line at the City of Salem web page for public comment. October 25 will be a Clean Rivers and Streams –

Stormwater Outreach Forum II 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Keizer Civic Center. Keith will contact Peter Fernandez to begin the process of developing a management plan for the Van Kleeck wetlands and riparian area.

- **West Salem Neighborhood Association – E.M. Easterly**

WSNA is working on land use actions around the development of Marine Drive NW and the extension to 2nd Street NW, zone changes along Glen Creek Road and a zone change on Arthur Street NW. The WSNA has responded to the zone change on Arthur Street NW with a request for a geotechnical inspection due to the high landslide risk in the area.

Next Meeting Information

- November 17, 2016
5:30pm -7:00pm in the Breezway Room at Salemtown

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bierly, Secretary
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