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Meeting Notes for January 18, 2016

Salemtowne Breezeway Room

Members present: **Ken Bierly (GGWC Chair)**, **Linda Bierly (GGWC Secretary)**, City of Salem representative **Keith Bondaug-Winn**, homeowners representative **Dorald Stoltz**, Polk SWCD representative, **David Simmons (GGWC Vice chair)**, West Salem Neighborhood Association representative, **E.M. Easterly**.

Staff: **Lucas Hunt (coordinator)**

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes – approved as written

Treasurer's Report – The use of Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance as fiscal agent for Salem Electric HIP funds and Friends of West Salem Watersheds funds was discussed. Since the council has been unable to obtain regular monthly reports of status of funds, the council agreed to have the chair pursue alternative arrangements for the handling of the funds. The chair will contact the MWWA to get a current balance of funds.

Lucas provided a monthly report on the status of the Council Capacity grant and the Eola Ridge grant from Cascade Pacific RC&D.

Cordinator's Report – Lucas Hunt

Eola Ridge Park Riparian Restoration Project had a successful workday November 17. Friends of Trees will be planting native trees along the riparian area February 11. Friends of Trees has done additional non-native species removal and need to have piles of ivy removed.

Council Capacity Grant Application Merit phase is due March 6, 2017

Old Business

- Council self-evaluation was completed as a group exercise. Lucas will send out the results in the next day or so.

New Business

- Meeting dates and times are proposed to change to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The chair will contact the Salemtowne members to make sure the Breezeway Room is available.
- The chair will schedule a planning meeting to update the work plan for 2017-2019. Potential projects were identified that included the Spingnath property, planting along the stream through Wallace Marine Park, potential park development near Arthur Street, Gibson Creek Natural Area and others.

Council Reports

- **Audubon Society – Jim Scott** –
- **City of Salem – Keith Bondaug-Winn** - The City is developing a management plan for the vanKleek property now called the Gibson Creek Natural Area. The city is prioritizing detention facilities for retrofitting throughout the City.
- **West Salem Neighborhood Association –E.M. Easterly**
WSNA is appealing the land use approval of the subdivision off Michigan City Road.

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Next Meeting Information

- February 21, 2017

5:30pm -7:00pm in the Breezway Room at Salemtown

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bierly, Secretary

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