

Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council

Purpose: to share information, reduce duplication of activities and to help address watershed management issues in the watershed and to provide a framework for coordination and cooperation among key interests.

Mission: to foster better understanding and stewardship of watershed resources

Vision: a balanced ecosystem that supports a healthy watershed and provides for an economic base and viable communities

GlennGibsonWC.org

Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council

Meeting Notes for March 27, 2017

Salemtowne Breezeway Room

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

Staff: **Lucas Hunt (coordinator)**

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes – February 21 minutes were approved as written

Treasurer's Report – Lucas Hunt distributed reports from the OWEB Council Capacity Grant and Eola Ridge Project Expenditures. These reports are on file and available upon request by contacting Lucas Hunt lucas.hunt@polkswcd.com

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 using the non-profit Friends of West Salem Watersheds to hold, track and report on these funds. The Chair will contact the MWWA to get a current balance of funds and will contact Salem Electric to arrange for the automatic funds transfer of the HIP funds to the new bank account.

Cordinator's Report – Lucas Hunt

Lucas distributed a log of his hours and reported on his activities.

He completed and submitted the OWEB Council Capacity Grant Merit phase application.

He has obtained a domain name for the new website and arranged for a volunteer to design and maintain the site. He uploaded photos and e-mailed to GGCWSC members and asked them to upload their project photos so these photos may be used in the new website.

Lucas has been working with a landowner along Glen Creek at the confluence of Goldcrest Brook with Glen Creek. The landowner is concerned about English Ivy, the utility crossing of Glen Creek and the possibility of a fish passage block. Lucas will be working with the landowner and the City of Salem to scope this project and to look for funding for restoration.

Lucas distributed the updated draft of the GGCWSC Strategic Program and Action Plan. GGCWSC members will have until April 17 to edit this draft and return to Lucas so he can organize the edits and priorities for our next meeting.

Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council

Purpose: to share information, reduce duplication of activities and to help address watershed management issues in the watershed and to provide a framework for coordination and cooperation among key interests.

Mission: to foster better understanding and stewardship of watershed resources

Vision: a balanced ecosystem that supports a healthy watershed and provides for an economic base and viable communities

GlennGibsonWC.org

New Business

Meeting dates and times: GGCWSC members decided that the regular meeting time for the GGCWSC will be the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30. Our next meeting will be May 2.

Land Use Comment on the proposed Marine Drive impacts – Ken Bierly will draft comments and send out for approval by members, then submit to SKATS by April 11.

Straub Environmental Center and the Oak Savanna – Straub Environmental Learning Center will have students participating in studies on the Oak Savanna in July.

Site Visit to Salemtowne dam and pond with ODFW / Karen Hans – Ms. Hans will come to a GGCWSC meeting at the Salemtowne dam site and present information about the current situation. This presentation was scheduled for April 24 but will be rescheduled for later in the summer.

Future meeting speakers – May 2, Keith Bondaug – Winn will present City of Salem hydromodification mapping capabilities to identify stream characteristics and link with GIS to be able to look at map points. Keith will locate the venue for this presentation.

Other future speakers will include Karen Hans, ODFW; the City of Salem stream team; Aaron Edelmann to speak about the Marine Drive alignment from Glen Creek Rd. NW north to Calico and the environmental impacts of the road construction.

Assignments for the month –

Coordinator – organize comments on the Strategic Program and Action Plan; work on the web page

Council Members – get photos uploaded, get comments to Lucas, Ken Bierly to make arrangements to change banking and get draft comments on Marine Drive to council members for approval and then to SKATS.

Council Reports:

- **Small Grant Team:** 1 grant to the Polk SWCD for Baskett Slough restoration project
- **Audubon Society and Wallace Marine Park Rain Garden:** The Nature Center project at Ankeny Slough is underway. Dorald has been planting at the rain garden. A weeding day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29.
- **City of Salem:** interviews for hiring 13 students for the stream team are underway. The city has entered into a MOU with Marion County to map and identify invasive species for early treatment.
- **West Salem Neighborhood Association:** WSNA Land Use committee is active, attention to community action and goals.

Announcements:

April 22 9:00am – 12:00 Noon SOLV event at Wallace Marine Park, trail maintenance, litter pick-up, English Ivy removal

Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council

Purpose: to share information, reduce duplication of activities and to help address watershed management issues in the watershed and to provide a framework for coordination and cooperation among key interests.

Mission: to foster better understanding and stewardship of watershed resources

Vision: a balanced ecosystem that supports a healthy watershed and provides for an economic base and viable communities

GlennGibsonWC.org

April 24, 25 & 26 OWEB meeting at Chemeketa Eola NW Viticulture Center

Next Meeting Information

- Tuesday, May 2, 2017
5:30pm -7:00pm location to be announced

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bierly, Secretary

Between meetings, call: 503-362-6860