

## **Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council**

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## **Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council Meeting Notes for September 17, 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**, homeowners representative **Dorald Stoltz**, Salemtowne representative **Kenn Carter**

**Staff:** **Lucas Hunt** (not in attendance; attending the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

**Minutes** Without objection, the August 20, 2015 minutes are approved.

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

Jim has submitted the final fiscal report on the Council Support 2013-15 grant and OWEB has accepted the report and is in the process of reviewing the report. When the review is finished, the final payment will be released.

Jim presented reports GGWC discretionary funds and HIP fund.

The 2015-17 OWEB Council Support grant agreement, including the budget, is on file at OWEB. Questions regarding this grant may be addressed to Lucas Hunt at the Polk SWCD office pending final arrangements for the fiscal agency. Current financial reports for GGWC funds are on file and available upon request from Treasurer **Jim Castle** [jimacastle@comcast.net](mailto:jimacastle@comcast.net)

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

Lucas sent a written report. It is included as an attachment to the minutes

### **Old Business**

**Council Capacity Grant Status:** OWEB is ready to release funds from the 2015-17 Council Capacity Grant. Fiscal sponsorship arrangements are being finalized with Rickreall WSC.

**Upriver Event Status:** the film **Upriver** will air Sunday, September 20 in Riverfront Park. The event will begin at 3:00 pm and include music, food carts, a live fish tank courtesy of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Claudia the Salmon. Mayor Anna Peterson will speak, Meyer Memorial Trust will provide information regarding the Willamette River scorecard and at 7:00, the film **Upriver** will begin.

**Rosemont Rain Garden:** the project as proposed may not be feasible. Ken Bierly and Lucas will meet to determine the future of this project and the OWEB small grant that funded the project. Lucas and Keith Bondaug-Winn will continue to explore options for a project in this area (Edgewater / Willamette River). Keith has been working with Marvin Sannes, owner of the old West Salem City Hall regarding flooding in this area.

**SRC 86:** Ken Bierly submitted written testimony on SRC 86 for the City of Salem public hearing scheduled September 28. Linda Bierly moved that GGWC authorize Ken to speak at the public hearing on behalf of the GGWC regarding changes to this portion of the Salem Revised Code. E.M. Easterly seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion passes by consensus.

### **New Business**

Membership in Network of Oregon Watershed Councils : Ken will contact RWC regarding joint membership.

### **Council Reports:**

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City of Salem – Keith suggests a field trip to the detention basin retrofit at Eola Ridge Park to begin the October 15 meeting. All agree our meeting will begin at 5:30 at the detention basin south of Dan Avenue. Parking will be in the neighborhood above Dan Avenue.

The stream cleaning crew ends this week. The crew collected a lot of trash – 2.5 tons from one transit camp site at Mill Creek / Willamette River confluence.

Polk SWCD – David Simmons was not present. He is attending the Polk SWCD annual meeting.

Small grant team – there is one small grant application from Rickreall Watershed Council.

Audubon Society – Lucas has a bid from a horse logger for \$800.00/day; he expects to have a contract soon. Work is beginning on a fence. The City of Salem has completed the Eola widening project and will remove any wood not wanted by Audubon. Dorald, Lucas and Lee will meet next week to discuss progress on all these parts of the project.

West Salem Neighborhood Association – E.M. reports that the next meeting, September 21, the Wallace Road crossing at 2<sup>nd</sup> St. will be discussed. The annual meeting will be the first Monday in October 7:00 pm at Roth's.

Salemtowne – Kenn Carter is the new representative from Salemtowne. He reports that the parking lot for the Community Center is being repaved.

### 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

- October 15, 2015  
5:30pm -7:00pm begin at detention basin off of Dan Avenue. Map will be attached to the October agenda.

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

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