

Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed Council

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

3:30-5:30 PM

Lakewood Community Center
9112 Lakewood Dr. SW
Lakewood WA 98499



Meeting Notes

Attendance: 16

Welcome & Introductions – Janet Spingath, Chair

City of Lakewood Shoreline Master Plan Updates – presentation (AI improvised as the scheduled speakers were not able to attend)

- Lakewood's draft SMP update public hearing in tonight at 5:30pm at Lake City Hall, followed by Planning Commission meeting.
- SMP = Shoreline Master Program – required by state Dept. of Ecology for jurisdictions with waterways of a certain size.
- CCWC Stewardship Committee members have been reviewing the draft plan and commenting on it. They are concerned that the Restoration Plan component was not being included in the update and testified at last month's public hearing encouraging them to also update the restoration component. SMP is supposed to be reviewed periodically for effectiveness, but that is not being done.
- Update: invited speakers were not able to attend today's meeting. They will be at the public hearing at 5:30pm tonight.
- AI's tips: provide short simple comments in writing and orally. Bring copies.
- AI recommends – audit existing plan for effectiveness; organize an annual conference on shoreline restoration; annually update the plan.
- Planning Commissioners are citizen volunteers, and they may or may not have an ecological background.
- Lakewood has 2 current planners, no long-range planners.
- Shoreline Management Act was created in response to legal case that led to the state not allowing fresh or saltwater development.
- Audubon's comments to Lakewood regarding restoration plan include formalizing the current working relationships.
- AI shared PCD's streamside assessment workshop. Need to connect with PCD to engage private property owners. PCD is hiring Shorelines staff soon. This is for the shore-friendly program, and there is a Lakewise program, as well.
- Proposal to compose a letter from CCWC to Lakewood, which would be due by June.

- Focus on 3 components: restoration (include current Stewardship comm. project sites) education and outreach. Is there an acquisition component?

Partner Updates

- Lakewood: Alum treatment going forward on Waughop Lake to address algae blooms. Permit has been applied for today. Working on invasive aquatic species (milfoil) on American Lake – proposal to form a lake management district. Lakewood was successful in receiving grants for alum treatment and milfoil. Possibility of dredging Waughop Lake remains, but it is cost prohibitive. Alum is a short-term fix. STEM fair at Clover Park coming up.
- TPCHD: Minimal monitoring planned on swimming beaches and toxic algae; marine beach monitoring at 9 beaches. Has an unpaid internship program in the summer, must be a requirement for college graduation – water quality sampling.
- WDFW: Kelly Still is new area habitat biologist.
- WSU Master Gardeners: Kelly Stave – has kit to check out for kids K-6. Kits cover plants, trees, seeds, flowers, and observation materials mini-kit. Free to check out. A Master Gardener volunteer can also aid, if you like.
- Pierce County Parks: enforcement is a challenge, and communication with landowners requires council approval before it can be sent.

Officers and At-Large Executive Committee Members Election - vote

Oral vote held on slate of candidates:

- Chair: Renee Buck
- Vice Chair: Cindy Haverkamp
- At large: Terry Hurd
- At large: Ione Clagett
- Treasurer: Al Schmauder
- Stewardship Chair: Al Schmauder
- Communications Chair: Janet Spingath

All terms are for 1 year, effective immediately.

Review January meeting minutes – approved

Review proposed 2019 Meetings Schedule – approved

Back to elections: Secretary position is still vacant. Does anyone want to serve as the Secretary? Janet nominated Krystal, Al seconded. Nomination tabled. Krystal will check with supervisor about serving in this role.

Committee Reports

- Communications
 - Pursuing creating a 'speaker's bureau' by reaching out to Lakewood Toastmaster's
 - Rack cards distributed, need more locations
 - Renee going to Children's water festival with groundwater model in March
 - Meets on 2nd Thursday of the month in the afternoon

- Stewardship
 - See written report attached
 - Audubon: continuing environmental education outreach along Clover Creek in Lakewood to nearby property owners. Spring workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2019. Postcard and mailer to be sent out. Targeting the same 1st 500 people that they outreached to in the fall. We can put info out to the CCWC list, website, social media
- Executive
 - See written report attached

Final Questions

- Terry – Lakewood Water District is running water transmission lines to three communities in the Nisqually watershed; code enforcement is through the PPW now
- Lindsey – Lost Lake, 7-acre lake, 7 acres of land in Lakewood privately owned, could be a good site for acquisition
- Small grants program should be announced on Friday 2/22. Deadline will be March 25th. Krystal will send out a standalone announcement.

Adjourn

2/20 Tonight:

[Lakewood Shoreline Master Plan Periodic Update Open House](#) 5:30-6:30pm at Lakewood City Hall

Next CCWC Meeting:

Wednesday, March 20th 3:30-5:30pm at Lakewood Community Center

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