

CCWC Draft Meeting Notes

October 16, 2019

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24 attendees

Introductions

Guest Presentations –

1. Lua Pritchard – Asia Pacific Cultural Center – youth education and stewardship projects in Clover Creek watershed. Lua invited the council to invite their youth to come out with us on future stewardship projects. 18 youth were involved from many Asian and South Pacific nations -there are 47 nations – 28 countries represented. Workshops were conducted. A challenge was to schedule the clean up days last year, and they plan to schedule them in 2020. Over 800 children/families were reached at summer event, at Ethnic Fest (over 5,000 attendees), Guam Day on August 11 (1,000 people). Booth on watersheds at Tacoma Dome planned to see 10,000 people. Lua invited people to partner with them, invite them to come to their events and invite them to our events.
2. Ashley Taulbee, Meg Kennelly – the Humane Society – responsible pet waste disposal. Attended several outreach events like Dog-a-thon at Fort Steilacoom Park, DeCoursey Park and others. Created an education poster and a brochure. Purchased pet waste doggy bag dispensers and distributed for free to owners at events. Two zip codes were identified as pet resource deserts (98418 and 98404) in Tacoma. There is a lack of education and knowledge about the need to pick up pet waste. Dispensers continue to be shared.

Kelly and Renee: WSU Master Gardener Training offered to both master gardeners and members of the public coming up next spring. Two-day workshop to be held in Tacoma this time. Tacoma may have a grant available to help owners. Rain gardens can infiltrate stormwater effectively. Tacoma is looking at regional rain garden facilities to get more bang for the buck. LID is encouraged but not required. Treatment is required but not infiltration. LID may be economically affordable, but maintenance and lifespan may be an issue.

Partner Updates:

WSU Master Gardeners – no coordinator hired yet.

Pierce Conservation District – Orca Recovery Day is this Saturday 10/19; www.betterground.org; Nov.13 Chambers/Clover 101 workshop is scheduled in University Place.

Noxious Weed Board – Butterfly bush brochures. WA Invasive Species App you can mark the site in the app and learn about why it's bad.

JBLM – no updates

WDFW – Fish ladder is open now; not tracking Chinook. They are seeing Coho in the system now. Kelly has been doing outreach and is hoping to work with one of the active drainage districts.

Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee – Kelly is going to present about potential salmon restoration projects in the watershed.

TPCHD – still have two toxic algae advisory for Bresemann Forest and Spanaway Lake.

Lakewood – American Lake Management District was approved by voters and established. Advisory committee formed, and first meeting is next month. Treatment for milfoil on the lake was done in August and September. People on septic systems on American Lake will be required to connect in 10 years. Low interest loans are available; incentive to connect by charging the connection charges monthly. Waughop Lake – plan to do alum treatment in 2020. Harry Todd Park – septic system problems being addressed.

Tacoma – watershed management plan – baseline conditions report including pollutant sources and treatment facilities. Applying for a grant.

Pierce County – Parks, Recreation, Open Space Plan is being updated; online open house, comments due in mid-November.

Spanaway Lake – several meetings held recently to understand the sources of phosphorus. Grant request in to PCD. Friends of Spanaway Lake would like to use iron to treat lake instead of alum. Seeking matching funds for Ecology grant through fundraising.

Lakes High School – FFA has gotten started, needs to establish an advisory council. Onsite raised bed garden system. Working with Lakewold Gardens to develop a mandala garden.

CPTC – planning for future restoration on Flett Creek property, dependent on enrollment.

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Meeting Minutes approved

Committee Updates:

- Communications Committee: Fall newsletter was published. There are 301 people on the list, let's aim for 400. Janet is the chair.
- Stewardship Committee: no water in creek! Planning Orca Recovery Day event on 10/19 at Springbrook Park in Lakewood on Clover Creek. Al is chair.
- Executive Committee: draft agenda for the Watershed Issues Forum shared; speakers confirmed

Idea: Watershed council social in December at Topside in Steilacoom on Wednesday, December 19th starting at 3:30pm.

Other updates:

WREC – project suggestions needed – send to Renee, Kris or Kelly

PCD – Stream Team monitors did habitat assessments recently

Garbage in Lost Lake

This is a great opportunity to connect with APCC