

PRWC Board meeting

October 24, 2019

### Draft Meeting Notes

**Board Members Attending:** Kurt Fremont, Jenn Stebbings, Julie Masura, Mark Heckert, Allan Warren, Robby Wright, Laurie Larson-Pugh

**Absent:** Carrie Hernandez, Tom Kantz, Mark Palmer, Linda Burgess, Russ Ladley

Attendance: 11

(Note: there was train accident nearby that caused heavy traffic and a delay to the start of the meeting until a quorum and speaker arrived)

#### Introductions

Update from Julie M.: met with teachers about salmon rearing and curriculum and possibly hosting a teacher workshop next year. Erik McDonald will follow up; Chris Towe at PCD should be invited; also, Patty Carter at the hatchery foundation is connected with Puyallup school district.

Update from Mark H: Met with Congressman Heck's district representative and noted that his office is aware of the Puyallup Watershed Symposium and will be attending; Congressman Heck is also preparing a short welcome video for this year's event.

**Guest Speaker: Tiffany Odell – Pierce County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan updates** (PROS plan). Tiffany passed out a handout about the plan. The plan must be updated every 6 years. Public review draft is available, with comments due Nov.4<sup>th</sup>. March 1, 2020 deadline to submit updated plan to RCO, which makes the county eligible to apply for certain state grants. There is an online survey and open house. In 2016 impact fees were raised to about \$2,500 up from about \$400 in past years, paid one time when new homes are built. The plan is based on the funding, so it is not promising more than they can do. Funds come from unincorporated areas so funds are only spent there. Fiscal policy spells out how/where money can be spent – division of resources. Parks in our watershed in the plan for maintenance/improvement or new include: Plateau Park, Pipeline Trail, South Hill Community Trails, North Lake Tapps Park, Frontier Park. A demand and needs assessment was done. People want trails, open space, water access, more family activities. There is a chapter in the plan for an Open Space Plan – proposed to develop one across the region, not just parks lands. Visit: [www.piercecountywa.gov/PROS](http://www.piercecountywa.gov/PROS) for details or to comment by Nov.4.

**Meeting Minutes** – Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting notes – motion to approve and seconded; approved.

#### Executive Committee updates:

- No meeting this month
- We did discuss board membership terms expiring – 3 members expiring, Julie will be going off and recommends a colleague as her replacement, also 3 vacancies; XC to discuss further. We may also want to recruit 1 additional board member with a focus on a new area not currently represented on the board.

**Puyallup White River Local Integrating Organization update:**

The last LIO meeting was Sept.27<sup>th</sup> and it was well attended. We had watershed maps and small group discussions to help identify what is important to us in this watershed. We decided how to make decisions, approved the committee charter with minor changes, and developed a preliminary list of focus areas. See draft meeting notes. The next meeting is Nov.7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-10:30am at the Pierce Conservation District office. We will need to do an email vote of the board to approve the recommended priorities in November.

**Communications Committee update:**

The committee met on Monday, 9/21 to discuss abstract proposals and select who to invite to be speakers. Robby shared the draft agenda with selected speakers and the draft agenda for the salmon symposium. Joint online registration will be open in early November.

Krystal will follow up with Carrie on letter requesting sponsorship from Tacoma and Port. Puyallup Tribe is a sponsor again this year at \$1,500.

**Swan Creek Implementation Committee update:**

The committee met on Tuesday, 9/22 in the field at Swan Creek at Waller & 72<sup>nd</sup> St. at Pipeline Trail in Tacoma to see the culvert removal project and new bridge over pipeline. 64<sup>th</sup> St. erosion control project, under design and still needs funding was also discussed.

**2020 Retreat Planning:** we did not have time to discuss this. Krystal will send out some materials to the board for consideration.

**Roundtable and Partner updates:**

- WRIA 10 watershed priority projects to be discussed soon! Beaver restoration should be brought up.

Adjourned 5:06pm