

Ecola Creek Watershed Council meeting minutes 5/16/2016 (draft)

Present were: Brooke Stanley, Scott Rekate, Barb Knop, Yvonne Whitney, Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, Leslie Ryan, Lisa Kerr, Bob Lundy, Allegra Lundy, Mark Morgans, Richard Bertellotti, Mike Manzulli, John Wickersham, Dan Grassick.

Bob delivered about 25 updated stewardship brochures to Brooke.

1. Everyone introduced him- or herself.

2. It was announced that Leslie Ryan will be resigning as Vice Chair, so we will need to select a new Vice Chair at the next meeting.

Mike attended a meeting of the Northwest Community Forest Coalition, which is dedicated to protecting community-owned forests and the quality of drinking water coming from them, as well as getting revenue from them.

3. The minutes were approved as amended.

4. We agreed that it would be a good idea to apply for a Small Grant to pay someone to conduct training for landscapers about disposal of cuttings and other subjects. Daylighting Chisana Creek will be too large a project for a Small Grant.

5. There was a large turnout for Broombuster, including Matteo. There was little broom at Les Shirley, but a lot at NeCus'. John reported that about a dozen sheep are helping to suppress the broom on an NCLC property. Some Japanese knotweed was noticed at Les Shirley, and its location will be reported to Cruz, who will have the County poison it. Yvonne reports that Policeman's Helmet is moving south past her property. We discussed having another Broombuster, this time for the Forest Reserve, and maybe extending it to two dates next year. It was suggested that we take clippers and a saw when we go out for a walk. Richard was thanked for clearing Spruce Street of broom.

We tentatively agreed to plan on removing tansy from the island by the Fir Street bridge on June 8.

The burrito bags at the end of Larch Street are getting well established.

At the most recent GENA [or Parks Committee?] meeting, Melissa Keyser suggested getting a Resource Assistance for Rural Environments volunteer, but Katie said that Seaside's experience with having one supervised by a mid-level person had not been successful. Since Brant declined to be the RARE volunteer's direct supervisor, this suggestion was not accepted.

Friends of Trees planted about three dozen native plants as a part of 12 Days of Earth Day; they are doing well.

Adopt a Landscape in coordination with ODOT is going well.

The Water Conservation group would work with the Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District; activities would include outreach to hotels. No regular meeting date is established yet. Mark mentioned that at a recent hotel stay he was

offered \$5 to pass on daily linen change; this sounded like a good thing to suggest to local hotels.

Around March, City crews refurbished trails in the Forest Reserve, and mowed where it was needed. They reroaked around the intakes to the water treatment plant. They will mow again shortly before the Reserve is closed for fire danger. Scott reported a tree across a road in the Reserve, which will be cut to restore access.

At the Parks Committee meeting, Bob Neroni inquired about setting up a tabletop demonstration site for aquaculture at NeCus' park. It would be a closed-loop system, growing produce and trout with little water usage and solar power for net-zero energy usage. This was not encouraged.

Land adjacent to Ecola State Park is up for auction, closing on May 26. The asking price is reported to be \$3.1M, but it sounds like they would take less. Various possible kinds of buyers were suggested, some more alarming than others, but the City has made it clear that we would not make water available. (For information from the agent, Realty Marketing/Northwest, see <http://www.rmnw-auctions.com/property/1602-100-101-ecola-point-cannon-beach/>)

The North Coast Watershed Association has identified potential project sites for next year. With grant money, they have acquired more data loggers, and they are working with DEQ. Scott will contact Jerome about taking over monitoring of some of his data loggers. Brooke and Mike are updating the NCWA work plan. The Large Wood Debris Placement reports are up to date. Fundraisers have raised \$1400 from a Buoy Beer event and over \$700 from an event at Ft. George Brewery. Brooke would like to get a part-time helper, supported by soft money.

6. On May 19, 7:00 at Ft. George, there will be a presentation on The Iconic Bumble Bee: The decline of our native pollinators.

On May 20 and 21, there will be a Bioblitz at Lewis & Clark national Park. (The day after the meeting, Brooke sent out a flyer about this event.)

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