

## ECWC meeting minutes 7-16-2018

Present were: Jon Wickersham (NCLC), Mark Barnes (CB City), Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, Ed Johnson, Barb Knop, Mike Manzulli (chair), Nadia Gardner, Scott Rekate, Bob Lundy (secretary), Brenna Visser (Astoria Daily A and CB Gazette), Trevor Mount (CB Public Works), Karen LaBonte (CB Public Works), Jerome Arnold (chair emeritus).

The agenda was approved.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

A request was made and approved that future minutes include City water numbers. Current numbers are attached to these minutes.

Caroline Probst is now attending North Coast Watershed Association meetings, which for the present are concentrating on visioning. They may hold alternate meetings in South County. Projects are not yet defined, but may include removal of Scotch broom from Jerome's Hill.

Karen presented the attached water report. Ed stated that the City's drinking water storage capacity equals only a four day supply. In response to a question, Mark reported that we never draw creek water this early in the season. Karen reported that considerable water is wasted as a result of vandalism to public restrooms.

GENA will meet tomorrow. A Friends of NeCus Park group is being organized. Friends of Trees has prepared a water conservation flyer that will be inserted into the next set of water bills. There will be a meeting with arborist Joe Balden about planting trees around town.

Mike was an early organizer of the community forests project for this area. It exists throughout the Northwest. Arch Cape is getting a coordinator.

Jon reports that the NCLC has applied for a grant to help purchase 460 acres of Ecola Creek headwaters land. [Not mentioned: ECAP submitted a letter of support for this application.]

There was a discussion of above-warning-level enterococcus numbers at the Chisana Creek and Gower Street outfalls, including what would be involved in daylighting Chisana Creek within the Tolovana Wayside. The City is in discussion with Oregon DEQ about warning signage. Bob will look into how effectively sunlight kills germs in unshaded stream water. [Nothing yet.]

The CB Parks & Community Services Committee will be revising the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve policies as scheduled. Public comment will be invited. Nadia noted that income from thinning can be used to support restoration, and counts as

matching funds for grants. Partial thinning was done several years ago. Barry Sims of Trout Mountain is now assessing the roads in the Reserve, and is expected to recommend which ones should be improved and which ones decommissioned, and that no more thinning take place. Some of the roads are putting significant soil into the creek. On the other hand, where we do not have roads we cannot bring trees out to market, though trees could still be felled, opening up space for more sun on those remaining and for planting to increase diversity, and the trees left to nurture the new growth, but this would have some cost with no offsetting income.

At least one beaver was recently seen swimming near North Laurel Street, and beaver tracks have been seen there. There has been no water in the creek by Jan's house in a month. Jan will seek advice from Neal Main.

We need to set a date in the near future for pulling/cutting tansy on the island by the Fir Street bridge.