

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Public Service Center, 6th Floor Training Room
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Jim Carlson, Troy Maxcy, Don Moe, David Morgan, Nancy Olmsted, Brian Peck, Susan Rasmussen, Art Stubbs, Virginia van Breemen

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

None

Clark County Staff

Kevin Gray, Earl Rowell, Bobbi Trusty, Ron Wierenga

Public

Peggy Deardorff, Ryan Deardorff

Quorum

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Agenda and material review

1. Agenda
2. April 4, 2012, Meeting Notes
3. 2012 Capital Construction Update
4. Draft Estimated Cost of Annual Maintenance of Clark County's Stormwater System

Approval

The April 4, 2012, notes were approved as submitted.

Clean Water Commissioners: Communications with the Public

Mr. Carlson spoke with Jaime Howsley from the Clark County Building Industry Association (BIA). Mr. Carlson asked if the CWC would be willing to have a brainstorming meeting and put together a future presentation by the BIA. It was agreed this would be a good cross advisory and industry event.

Ms. Olmsted attended the 2012 Living Futures Conference in Portland. The panel discussions were focused on key ways to create sustainable communities. One of the key issues was stormwater and stormwater management. She was impressed with the amount of information she received and feels that Clark County is right on track.

Ms. Rasmussen spoke with a person on the telephone that raised berries and had questions about laser leveling and the legality of it. Ms. Rasmussen referred the caller to talk with Mr. Rowell as she was uncertain on how to advise her.

Public Comments

Ms. Deardorff asked the CWC if they would be willing to be filmed for a project she and her son are doing to try and get the community involved with Lacamas Lake. She also requested copies of fliers for clean water education. She stated that they want to do a film project that is fun, educational and fiction/fantasy. They would like to have the film completed and shown in a theater on Earth Day. Ms. Deardorff provided an agenda outlining her intentions (attached).

The CWC, Mr. Wierenga, and Mr. Gray agreed to support her efforts as this fits in the county's mission of education and outreach to the community.

Action Items

Septic System Discussion and Recommendation

After discussion the Clean Water Commission (CWC) determined the current septic system inspection program in unincorporated Clark County is adequate and, although tremendously important to protecting water quality, is outside of CWC's scope of work. No proposed action or recommendation was made.

Clean Water Program Update

Mr. Wierenga explained that the Clean Water Program (CWP) has completed a draft to estimate the annual cost for operations and maintenance activity. He explained that the CWP has a responsibility to maintain one of the largest municipal stormwater systems in Washington, and, as an NPDES Phase I Permittee, must inspect and maintain all of the public stormwater systems as well as inspect all private facilities. Maintenance is one of the most significant costs within the program, and one of the most important functions to improve stormwater.

Mr. Wierenga ran through the highlights of the draft cost analysis, providing an overview of the research, data and the model used to create them. He asked the CWC to review the information over the next month. At the June meeting there will be a discussion and opportunity for recommendations from the CWC.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbi Trusty

Action Items

- Review the Operation and Maintenance: Annual Cost Estimating and Modeling to prepare for discussion at the next meeting.

Reminder

In July, the Clean Water Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, **July 11**, 2012 at 6:30 PM (there is **no** July 4, 2012 CWC meeting).

The Lacamas Lake Project

Mission: To educate our community (and possibly others) in a fun and inspiring way to get involved in maintaining and cleaning up our Watersheds, with a particular focus on Lacamas Lake.

Agenda:

- **Make contacts with Local government for support and resources.**
 - a. County: Clean Water Commission, Watershed Stewards Program, and Volunteer Lake Water Monitoring through Vancouver Water Resource ctr.
 - b. City: Find out who's responsible for the Lake and ask for support in volunteer work, etc. (GP Mill?)
- **Get Permissions to Film.**
 - a. Characters in Meetings, for Montage Sequence: City Town Meeting, CWC Meeting, Training at Water Resource Ctr.?
 - b. Lacamas Shores HOA, Lakeside Chalet, Private homes on both sides of Lacamas.
 - c. Downtown Camas: Lutz Hardware, Library, others that may be in Downtown scene.
 - d. Releases for Extras and featured extras.
- **Find out about Distributing Flyers.**
 - a. Do we need to make our own or can City/County supply them?
 - b. Get Volunteers to help distribute flyers (Ryan's classmates/friends?, Watershed Stewards?, Family and Friends?).
- **Research possible Lake Clean up Options/Funding/Permission.**
- **Take Fall Classes to become a Watershed Steward (Film some of the training?)**
- **Film Project, "The Water Nymph of Lacamas Lake."**

(With help from Leaf Drop Studios and Tequilawoo Productions.)

Synopsis: Two young children find out there's more in their small town lake than too much algae when they encounter a mysterious girl, a Water Nymph as they come to find out, who is dying along with the lake. The children and their mother set out on a mission to "Save the Lake," as well as the unearthly creature, supernaturally bound to it. Their mission to save the lake shows the power in educating a community and how getting involved can make a huge impact in saving our watersheds and lakes for future generations to enjoy.
- **Have a special viewing Earth Day 2013 of The Water Nymph of Lacamas Lake.**
 - a. See if a theater is willing to play it (Liberty?).
 - b. Free or Proceeds go to funding Lacamas Lake Clean Up (?).