



WSNA Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order by chair at 6:00 PM

Reading of Equity Statement > Sara

AGENDA

- Any additions to agenda from the body
 - No additions to agenda
- Motion was made to accept the agenda by E.M and seconded by Steven motion passed.

Minutes Approval

- No additions, deletions, or changes to the minutes
- Motion was made to approve the November minutes by E.M and seconded by Micki motion passed

New Business

- Representative Paul Evans was in attendance.
 - He spoke about the upcoming bills he was introducing at legislation House bill 2781 and 2772.
 - Bill 2781 is the third attempt on trying to get it on the ballot and this bill is for creating a special bridge district.
 - He also passed along information that showed that Oregon is 6th in the country when it comes to domestic terrorism.
 - Paul was asked questions about a third bridge and he said that all 3 commissioners from Marion county are on board but it's not that way for Polk county commissioners.
 - He took Q&A from the audience and answered all of their questions.
- Joshua Brooking (Cherriots)
 - Gave a quick presentation on a bus stop improvement infrastructure project and explained in detail what that meant.

There was no opposition from the WSNA membership

- Councilors
 - The councilors provide an update on current activities such as:
 - Budget process is beginning a working session will take place the third Monday.
 - Work session on the unsheltered will take place new rules and regulations are coming down from the state
 - Councilors also brought up the proposal that the council is going to repeal parking mandates for new construction.
- Salem Police Department
 - Sgt. Kofoid provided an update on the Minto Brown incident.
 - A woman was jogging and was approached by a man and a struggle ensued the man ran away . The police closed the park and found him, and he was arrested.
 - Team of two officers were assigned to public works to help with count of the houseless
 - Hiring of new officers is very difficult currently police force is down about 10%
- E.M (Glenn-Gibson Watershed)
 - First, the history: In 1987 the Oregon legislature created Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) Purpose: Providing grants to help protect and restore healthy watersheds and natural habitats that support thriving communities and strong economies. The word "watershed" is sometimes used interchangeably with drainage basin or catchment. Ridges and hills that separate two watersheds are called the drainage divide. State law defines: "Watershed council" means a voluntary local organization, designated by a local government group convened by a county governing body, to address the goal of sustaining natural resource and watershed protection, restoration and enhancement within a watershed." In 1996 following the Willamette River flood a group of West Salem citizens and area business representatives met at the WS Library to create a local watershed council. In 1998 Polk County recognized the Glenn-Gibson WC. Subsequently an OWEB grant funded through the Polk Soil and Water District a part time coordinator serving three Polk County watershed councils. The City of Salem has been an active participant in council projects from the very beginning. The map that is being passed out focuses upon the Glenn-Gibson watersheds. (Hand out: 1997 map) Initial projects included a Water Quality assessment along Glenn Creek and becoming coordinator of a potential water reservoir site behind Orchard Heights fire station. Early activities included the planting of Oregon White Oaks, replacing agricultural grasses with native grasses and plants. This Oak Savannah remains an active GGWC project. (Hand out: OS pamphlet) The focus of the watershed council has expanded to include additional West Salem drainages. (Hand out: current watershed & West Salem maps) Over the last two decades the Council has actively participated in multiple projects. • Distributing stream side

homeowner riparian responsibility pamphlets. • Responded to development created turbidity in streams (Archer and Turnage Brooks) • Successfully advocating for the protection of the Oregon white oak. Kalapooya and Straub Schools • Worked to protect the riparian flood plain along the Willamette • Supported new development that protects waterways. Titan Hill (Wilark Brook), Van Kleeck (Gibson Creek) West Salem High School (Wilark Brook) • Supported tree planting and butterfly gardens in West Salem Parks Brush College, Ellen Lane, Eola Ridge • Funded a demonstration rain garden and established a rain garden in Wallace Marine Park • Working with and supporting West Salem teachers • Multi-year activities: Glen Creek Road side clean up and knock weed eradication Ongoing funding • OWEB project funding • Polk Soil and Water project funding • Salem Electric Habitat Improvement Program. I have application pages for anyone interested in participating. The council maintains a web site at glennigibsonwc.org/. I invite you to explore the site on-going and pending projects as well back issues of the quarterly news report that is now only published online. I am passing out copies of the final printed version. I invite you to join the GGWC. I am happy to answer any questions.

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM