



Technical Committee Meeting MINUTES

May 22, 2007

6:30-8:30pm

Council Office

Attendees: Alison Center, Paul Reed, Jim Mough, Erik Moberly, Brian Forge, Laurie Bernstein, Pam Reber. Allen Martin & Doug Garletts absent but were contacted about agenda & voting.

Round Robin of Recent Activities

Alison –Entering turtle data for East Regional Park project; starting observational monitoring of turtles at Garden Lake Park.

Paul Reed—Here to check in about 319 grant; brought NRCS hydrologic unit info for the Coast Fork; informed Tech Team of ELSWCD’s recruitment process for their knotweed program which now has 42+ landowners involved: made landowner list, sent out mailing, invited to meeting, started planning projects.

Jim Mough—Checking in after being out of the loop.

Erik Moberly—Busy with ODFW field work & April 28th Youth Fishing Event at Garden Lake. No Open House occurred concurring with Youth Fishing Event.

GARDEN LAKE: Erik briefed the Tech Committee about ODFW concerns about continuing to conduct this event in the future: poor water quality as algae is a problem this time of year, huge turn out put fishing dock at risk of sinking, etc. Mentioned pursuing bioswale in Stormwater section (to be discussed at Garden Lake Team Mtg).

MOSBY CREEK: The fish trap has been out of the water for a while due to low flows; Erik plans to conduct 2 weeks of habitat surveys which he will compare data to surveys done in 1990 by ODFW; Erik plans to conduct 2 weeks of snorkel surveys for Chinook salmon and Rainbow trout.

Brian—Making progress on kiosks with Larry Weaver: both kiosks cut and one put together. Larry is working on getting holes dug at Garden Lake where the first one will be placed. Hosted Kennedy Conservation Corps at Priory Farm in early May to thank them for their hard work on his project.

Laurie—Working with Pam to put together read-aheads for this meeting in the capacity of Action Planning: reviewing drafts, developing strategy, etc. Also has been working on GIS analysis of data on the Lower Coast Fork, including prioritizing reaches and linking

landowner data to these priority areas. Laurie is willing to continue to work in this capacity as individual projects move into landowner recruitment.

Pam—Garden Lake Park work is in maintenance phase with Creswell completing a lot of clean up of debris and mowing/weedeating around plantings. Trail mulching party had 15 people out in the rain! Interest from Emerald Valley is growing. Small grant team has been recent focus with a lot of detail with team management (I am new team leader) and getting details sorted out with Mt Pisgah proposal.

Action Planning Decisions:

Team Process:

The Technical Committee approved the following (from ‘Developing a Project 3.0’ developed by Laurie & Pam):

1. **Form a project team** or inform Council of your intent to pursue & develop proposal with advising experts as needed.
2. **Decide on operating norms** that foster good communication internally & externally: Landowner, Technical Committee members, Steering Committee, Coordinator, and local experts from partner agencies.
3. **Report back to Technical Committee** (and thus Steering Committee) quarterly.
4. **Maintain a central document or file** on the project.
 - Erik offered to make a template for this and send it out to the team.

Technical Committee Project Recommendations:

The committee decision process included project choices and a voting process. The team was presented with 3 existing/funded projects and 6 potential projects to discuss and vote on (see ‘Project Recommendations’ document). All 9 were explained, and *potential* partners for each project were brainstormed and are listed below. Voting process consisted of each member allowed 4 dot votes to put on the most important projects; members were encouraged to put their name on projects that they plan to work on.

Mosby Creek

- 8 votes
- Brian & Alison & Erik & Doug
- Partners: Mosby Creek Stakeholder group, ODFW, Weyerhaeuser, BLM
- Stakeholder group has identified two co-chairs, Nolene Wheeler and Dian Missar and they will be scheduling a meeting soon (June/July 2007)
- As noted above, ODFW will be conducting a stream habitat survey and a snorkel survey of Mosby Creek this summer/fall.

Hill Creek Fish Passage Improvement

- 6 votes
- Jim & Erik (Doug interested in helping with analysis)
- Partners: Creswell, ODFW, Water Resources (Water Master)

TMDL Implementation Planning

- 3 votes
- Pamela Wright directly involved
- Partners: Creswell, Cottage Grove, LCOG, DEQ, other Councils, local stakeholders.

Garden Lake Park Riparian Restoration Project

- 3 votes
- Erik & Pam & Ron Petitti are lead; Alison, Deb, Sheila Hale, Allen and Don have all been involved.
- Phase II will begin in the fall; summer goal is watering plants until irrigation system is installed and developing monitoring protocol.

Coast Fork Riparian Restoration

- 3 votes
- Laurie (Allen interested)
- Partners: Creswell, Lane County Waste Mgmt, Friends of Buford Park, Mt Pisgah

Western Pond Turtle Restoration Alison

- 3 votes
- Alison (Doug & Pam interested)
- Partners: Cottage Grove, USFS, BLM, State Parks, WPT Working Group, Lane County.
- Alison—sent comments into city to rezone the parks as parks, this will provoke Master Planning that will lead to turtle restoration planning; Willing to be a lead!

Camas Swale Wetland/Upland Prairie Enhancement

- 2 votes
- Allen (lead) & Jim Mough
- Partners at Creswell wastewater outfall site: Creswell, landowner
- Partners in Camas Swale subbasin generally Creswell, Lane County Waste Management, Bowers mitigation bank, DLDC, Corps, the Nature Conservancy, Eugene (temp trading—future)
- Other discussion on this topic:
 - --This folds into Eugene temperature mitigation banks; Washington County, Clean Water Services, buys riparian credits.
 - --Allen may be working on Bowers project in a professional capacity

Floodplain Restoration Phase II

- 2 votes
- Laurie & Brian interested; Doug peripherally involved as Corps rep
- Partners: Army Corps, Middle Fork Watershed Council, Willamette RiverKeeper, Friends of Buford Park and Mt Pisgah, Lane County Waste Mgmt, landowners who attended Open House series last June.

Monitoring Program

- 1 vote
- Doug (to possibly integrate/develop current fish & habitat monitoring into a larger plan, e.g. sub-basin analysis, macroinvertebrate monitoring, etc.)
- Partners: DEQ, ODFW, Long Tom WC, Creswell, Cottage Grove, all agencies.

Please note that we did not include the education program, **Watershed Preservation Project** (working with 4 schools to do restoration along the Coast Fork) in this voting, but that it is an active program being led by Stephanie Schroeder with Walama Restoration with support of the Coast Fork Ed/Outreach committee.

Strategy session & future meetings:

The Technical Committee decided to cancel the Strategy Session and instead conclude the Action Planning process with the completion of the document and the above recommendations for projects & process to the Steering Committee.

The Technical Committee is establishing a monthly meeting time: the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Council office. Next meeting will be June 20th.

Agenda for June 20th Meeting:

- Discuss small grants
- Review/discuss project work to date
- Begin to 'flush out' projects

****If you have started work on a project, please send a brief summary to Pam by June 13th for inclusion in the read-a-heads!**