

# Shoal Creek Steering Committee Meeting

## October 7th, 2025

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### Quorum met, last meeting's minutes approved

Attendance:

Jessica Wilson  
Elizabeth Barnes  
Ivey Kaiser  
Linda McCoy  
Chris Randazzo  
Holland Jones

Maria Darr  
Krista Kelly  
Sierra DaSilva  
Daniel Kavelman  
Dan Lester  
Holland Jones  
Brent Bellinger  
Savannah Hernandez  
Jessica Young  
Brett Keister  
George Rojano

#### 1. Last meeting's [minutes](#) have been approved

Welcome George Rojano from Pease Park Conservancy; he is the Horticulture Coordinator

#### 2. Standing agenda item: Open the floor for all partners to share what you, your organization, or your community are currently working on that contribute to our Watershed Action Plan goals.

PPC is always removing invasives and point source pollution along the creek; currently working on a giant cane removal with their 2021 maintenance plan. Funds are iffy so this project is being pushed back to most likely next year.

### **3. Business Owners' Flood Forum Recap: Recap of Business Owners flood forum - organized by SCC and our committee's own Holland Jones.**

After the last big flood it was apparent that there's a lack of flood understanding and how to protect businesses from flood damage. The resources shared during the meeting are linked [here](#). (The bottom link includes the slides from the presentation)

Goal: highlight the official resources that WPD have to share about flood preparation.

There will be another forum during the Spring; busiest flood seasons are October and May.

### **4. WPD presentation re: microplastics, + update on low water levels in Shoal - WPD's Brent Bellinger**

- Microplastics are less than 5mm in length
- Largely derives from breakdown of large plastic or rubber
- Small size makes them appear like plankton to grazers
- Study location; Lake Austin and Ladybird Lake, focusing near creek outlets
- Three types of MPs
  - Road particles
  - Fragments
  - Fibers
- (Lake Austin) Tire/road particles were the most abundant microplastic present
  - Increase associated with the few tributaries that drain neighborhoods
- (Ladybird Lake) Tire/road particles were 4-10x greater
  - Influence of urban tributaries is very evident
- Spatial patterns suggest runoff control measures should be implemented

### **5. Bank stabilization project in Seiders Springs Greenbelt is complete ([photo](#)); WPD began revegetation via seeding, SCC to guide volunteers in sapling planting at the site later this fall**

- Bank now has a more gradual slope than it did previously
- SCC had a workday on October 5th and planted 8 Turks cap and 3 chili pequin, we will continue planting in this location to revegetate the bank

### **6. Recap of Foster lane cleanup/ongoing need to work with Walmart around shopping cart litter**

- 23 shopping carts collected at our last Foster Ln cleanup

- Gate is consistently broken which is most likely what contributes to so many carts getting to that section of the creek
- Walmart is the most recurring type of cart we consistently see in the creek

#### **7. Recap SCC's recent DIY Rain Garden workshop**

- SCC hosted our fourth GSI workshop in August
- In the past, most of the workshops have been general, but this one was specifically for people to install their own rain garden in their property
- Over 20 people attended and Tudor Cottage was packed; up to 70 people stopped by the table to get wildflower seeds and hear about SCC's work
- Jennie Ostertag was the presenter for this workshop; a local Landscape Designer who founded [BOLT Landscape Design](#).

#### **8. Share updated [Creekside Neighbors menu](#), and discuss ways to distribute it widely.**

- SCC is printing 1,000 copies of the menu through Creation Station and will be distributing physical copies at every future event

#### **9. Close; next meeting will be Tuesday January 20th, 2026, 1:30pm, remote**