



**Shoal Creek Watershed Action Plan Stakeholder Meeting
October 23rd, 2020 @12pm
Minutes**

- **Welcome & Housekeeping & Approve [Minutes from 5.27 Mtg](#) & [8.20 Mtg](#) (Chris - 5 mins)**
 - *Chris R made a motion to approve, Kasey F seconded it & All in favor - adopt minutes from both meetings*

- **Introductions & Review Agenda (Ivey - 5 mins)**

- **Nominations for new members: (Ivey - 5 mins)**
 - **Nick Boysen, Pease Park Conservancy** - *already said he was open to it, and accepted SCC's nomination as Secretary and member of the Steering Committee. - Members give their unanimous consent, added as a new member.*

- **Officer Elections: (Chris - 10 mins)**
 - **Nominees**

 - **Current Officers:**
 - **Chair, Chris Herrington** - *nominated again, no opposition, approved by unanimous consent.*

 - **Vice Chair** - *vacant, no nominations*

 - **Secretary** - *nominate Nick Boysen - no opposition. Approved by unanimous consent.*

- **Vote of [By-laws](#) edit (Nina- 5 mins)** - *postponed discussion till next meeting but feel free to read this in the meantime.*

- **Confirm everyone has a copy of [membership roles](#) & [By-laws](#) and ask for signed [Membership Agreements](#) to be submitted. Sign and return by 10/30. (Ivey - 5 mins)** - *SCC will send out documents & request signed agreements by 10/30.*

- **Funding: (Nina)** - *postponed till next meeting*
 - Stillwater update



- 319 grant update
- **Year 1 Goals & Implementation Plans (Pages 2 & 3) & discuss specific steering committee member contributions for each member/sector (Nina - 15 mins)**
- *Detailed breakdown of implementation of WAP into different phases, with each phase lasting 5 years. We are starting year 1 presently.*
 - *Year one activities - tackle sources of E. coli bacteria in the creek. Biggest barrier to water quality in the creek.*
 - *Phase 1 and Year 1 activities selected for low cost, high impact*
 - *Structural BMPs definition - "best management practices" or solutions to achieve goals in watershed plan. Anything we are going to build on the ground, like pet waste stations, rain gardens, grow zones etc.*
 - *Pet Waste Stations*
 - *Currently, there are 17 pet waste stations in the watershed*
 - *SCC has identified existing pet waste stations and priority areas for new stations*
 - *Goal to install 3 new stations during year 1. WPD has dedicated funding for up to 6 in year 1.*
 - *D'Anne - are there existing trash cans near proposed locations for new pet waste stations?*
 - *Chris Herrington - WPD has funds and can take on maintenance if there is already a PARD trash collection route in place. WPD can likely come up with funds for more than 6 pet waste stations, if more are needed in areas with existing PARD trash cans.*
 - *D'Anne shared that 60% of poop bags are left along trails and in parks (not thrown away) even when trash cans are present.*
 - *Incorporate into education, only using a bag is not enough, also need to use the trash can.*



- Linda - "No poop left behind" Hold a poop conference and find out why people don't follow through.
<https://meet.google.com/linkredirect?authuser=0&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.jeffco.us%2F416%2FMyth-of-the-Poop-Fairy>
- D'Anne mentioned that the PARD Park Rangers are already running some kind of similar education program. Need to learn more.
- **Grow zones**
 - The goal is to add 2 acres of Grow Zones to the watershed in the next year, on public and/or private land.
 - - Creekside Neighbors can help us identify homeowners interested in creating Grow Zones on their property. Linda - needs to be really easy to share the information, does it cost, what does it involve, timeline, requirements.
 - D'Anne - property owners could create a Grow Zone and dedicate the land to the city as parkland, comes off their property tax, would be open to the public and would need to allow the public to access it. This works best if the land is already adjacent to parkland already. Townhomes at 38th Street, could approach them, currently no conversation has been had between this property owner and the city.
 - Nina- bridge at the grove, east side of Shoal Creek, will connect to state land, with a facility on it and a big field, where the bridge will come out. Maybe the state would commit to a grow zone and reduce mowing? Contact Jeff Howard to discuss.
 - Linda - suggested that we meet with a group of neighbors in a highly polluted area and share resources for Grow Zones and/or rain gardens. Getting 1 or 2 pilot properties will help with the promotion and excitement of other neighbors.
- **Creekside Neighbors**
 - - opportunity to harness energy already there in watershed neighborhoods - stewardship.



- Which neighbors want to take a more active role - build toolkits top 3-5 items, that will help individuals slow the flow of water on their property. Best ways to reach people along the creek, communication methods to contact creekside neighbors.
- Linda - Should have a program - target the top ten houses/property owners and organize volunteers for homeowners to build rain gardens, etc.

- **Discuss efforts around creekside encampments (Ivey - 5 mins)**

- **TOOF Contract**
- **Trash bag program**

Max Moscoe - The Other Ones Foundation and workforce first program - homelessness service nonprofit. TOOF offers programs to people experiencing homelessness, like showers, opportunities to work in their community for a living wage and interact with case workers. 5-8 ppl in a Workforce First crew can move 1000lbs of trash in a day, very effective in creek cleanups. Contracted with the city, work with PARD and WPD. Went 13 times in the last year to clean up along Shoal Creek. Pulled out 10,000 lbs of trash in Shoal Creek. Paid 8k in earned income. Over 70 people who have moved through the program have moved into stable housing. Contracts would have extra support for TOOF, can send them to specific places not supported by existing contracts. Extra benefit - outreach to people in the area. Contact Max at max@toofound.org and visit www.toof.org.

- **Next Steering Committee meeting schedule (Chris & Ivey - 2 mins)**

- Look for Doodle Poll/Email about next meeting

- **Questions & final thoughts**

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