

Shoal Creek Steering Committee Meeting

April 23rd, 2024

Quorum met, last meeting's minutes approved

Committee members in attendance (6): Holland Jones (Whole Earth Provisions), Jessica Wilson (CoA, WPD), Chris Randazzo (Garza EMC), Linda McCoy (Neighbor/Waterloo Education), Elizabeth Barnes (CoA PARD), Ivey Kaiser (SCC).

Others in attendance (9): Ada Forbes (SCC), Jacob Eickstead (Neighbor), Josh Conrad (Neighbor), Savannah Hernandez (TCEQ Project Manager), Daniel Kavelman (SCC), Tom Rowlinson (CoA PARD), Maria Darr (SCC), Krista Kelly (SCC), Sierra DaSilva (SCC).

Watershed Updates

- Two new pet waste stations in the watershed (Northwest District Park)
 - 6 total pet waste stations
- Working with PARD and WPD to define the boundaries of the new grow zone at Seiders Springs
 - Boundaries are still getting finalized
 - Ivey and Sierra met with PARD last week in Seider Springs to discuss
- New rain gardens going in along SCB
 - 3 new rain gardens along Shoal Creek Blvd
 - First rain garden is completed and ready to be planted April 28th
 - Twin Oaks and Greenlawn are currently in construction
- New sign at Woodview rain garden!

Introducing Ada

- Ada is the new SCC Development Coordinator

Rain Garden Concerns

- Erosion fabric over the newest rain garden along Shoal Creek Blvd
- Inlet construction is still in process
- Woodview Ave rain garden inlet is half full of sediment and needs regular attention (once a month it is dug out)

Overview of new SCC volunteer dashboard

- Maria updates the dashboard monthly
- Total volunteer events, hours contributed, pounds of litter removed and number of plants planted annually
- Volunteer dashboard is good to describe the impact on the entire watershed throughout the years
- Dan Lester reports planting on his own creekside property
- SCC has introduced seed ball kits as part of the creekside neighbors program; promoting publicly accessible land, but offering individual's own property as a seed ball dispersing option
- Duncan Park reopening celebration was on April 13th; seed ball kits were handed out

Update on Steck Avenue parkland easement coordination with North Shoal Creek neighbors (Josh Conrad, Jacob Eickstead with WPD and Tom Rowlinson with PARD)

- Josh Conrad is on the board of the Neighborhood Association in the Steck Avenue neighborhood
- Working on a project to add a park between Steck Avenue and Anderson Ln (follows along KVUE)
- Already being used informally as a walking trail by community members; owned by KVUE
- Working with property owners to see if they will sell or donate parts of the land
- Flexible with any real estate documents to move forward with this project (easement, deed, grants, etc)
- Tom Rowlinson with PARD is planning to contact the real estate agent
- Working on reaching out to more contacts with the KVUE property

Steering committee membership

- PPC representation on the committee changing (Alicia; Native Horticulture Coordinator)
 - Alicia has offered to be the new secretary
- Membership is low; need to nominate new members
- Seeking folks with science background but also people who have an active interest in Shoal Creek (academic rep, business rep, gov. rep, other nonprofit reps, etc.)
 - Send in names by email
 - Feel free to invite any new potential members to the next committee meeting; reach out the Ivey and Sierra to let them know
 - Committee members are committed to attend 3 out of the 4 quarterly meetings
- Open officer position: committee co-chair
 - Nominate a new committee co-chair and vote at the next meeting in July

Upcoming events

- **State of Shoal Creek Breakfast**

- Celebrating 10 years of SCC
- May 8th from 8-10am at Cirrus Logic
- Catered breakfast and coffee by the Grove Wine Bar
- To be discussed
 - Important milestones from the last 10 years
 - Visions and plans for the future
 - Internship program
 - Panel interview
- Go to shoalcreekevent.com for more information
- **Residential GSI workshop** (May 18th from 10am-12pm)
 - Discussing rain gardens and other types of GSI infrastructure that people can build in their backyard
 - Held at Tudor Cottage in Pease Park
 - For more information go to [here](#)
- **Shopping Cart Corral** (July 27th from 8-10am)
 - Reaching out to potential sponsors for the event and to work towards future shopping cart theft prevention
 - Please let any companies who might want to get involved know so that they can reach out
 - For more information go [here](#)

Next meeting July 23rd

- Vote for new committee members