



WMSWCD Board Meeting Minutes 06/21/2011

1. Meeting location and time

- a. Location: WMSWCD Conference Room, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Ste. 450, Portland
- b. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Introductions/Agenda Approval

- a. Those present:
 - i. Directors: Hartline, Lightcap, Miller, Patte, Peterson via phone and Sowder. Director Preeg Riggsby was present on the phone too for a short time, but had to disconnect because of bad reception; Associate Director W. Miller
 - ii. Staff: Mary Logalbo (Urban Conservationist); Dick Springer (District Manager); Erica Stokes (Executive Assistant)
 - iii. Guest: Mike Houck

3. Minutes and Treasurers Report

- a. **Minutes**
 - i. *WMSWCD 05/17/11 Board Meeting Minutes*¹

Director Patte made a motion to approve the minutes. Director Lightcap seconded the motion. The motion was approved (6-0), ayes, all.

- b. **Treasurer's Reports**
 - i. *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet- As of June 16, 2011*²
 - ii. *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget vs. Actual- July through June 16, 2011*³
 - iii. *WMSWCD-Profit and Loss Budget Performance July 1- June 16, 2011*⁴

4. Presentations

- a. **Mike Houck, Intertwine Alliance**
 - i. *Intertwine Alliance Presentation*⁵

Following the presentation, the Directors inquired about the role of SWCDs in the Alliance, and the potential usefulness of the Alliance's conservation strategy (under development) to the WM SWCD's strategic planning. Mary Logalbo and Scott Gall have been working on various pieces of the biodiversity atlas, as has Chair Hartline. Houck noted that the Alliance is interested in having a diversity of partners so all SWCDs that are interested are welcome. Ideally, once the atlas and conservation strategy draft is sent out for comments, WMSWCD will be able comment to ensure its usefulness to help inform the WMSWCD's work and strategic planning.
- b. **Mary Logalbo, Urban Conservationist**
 - i. *Board Presentation on 2011-12 Canopy Weeds Program*⁶

The first year's efforts will for the most part focus on Sauvie Island and properties adjacent to Forest Park, as part of the larger Forest Park Conservation Initiative. Following the presentation, Director Lightcap suggested that Mary add directors contact information to mail

campaigns so that citizens have access to the directors in their zone to ask for help with ivy and clematis removal. Associate Director Miller inquired as to how the success of the program would be measured. Mary will be asking for metrics, namely the number of trees cleared, and will be doing follow up monitoring. The board's assistance in ground truthing the location of the weeds would be welcome, as Director Hartline noted, many directors are quite familiar with the location of weeds in their zones and often have relationships with these landowners.

Mary suggested that the board approve the *Forest Park Conservancy's Funding Request* using \$7,000 from the Canopy Weed fund. It will be paid during this fiscal year so the Canopy Weed fund will actually have \$23,000 rather than the \$30,000 now listed. The board agreed and the approval will come with the adoption of the budget.

5. Staff & Directors Reports

a. Staff Reports

The staff submitted written *Staff Reports*⁷. Manager Springer also noted that staff would likely be working every other Friday in the summers to use up their accrued flex time given that work is a bit slower during these months.

b. Directors Reports

Director Lightcap noted that he acted as a counselor at the 20th anniversary of RAP Camp. There were less students than usual from the Portland area so he will be researching the number of outdoor educational opportunities that might be competing with the camp.

Director Patte informed the board of his new position as Climate Change Coordinator for USFWS. He is responsible for the Pacific Northwest, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. The focus is on communications, and knowledge to action such as vulnerability assessments and adaption planning for fish, wildlife, plants and ecosystems. He noted that there is a climate conference in Seattle in September that the technical staff should consider attending.

6. New Business

a. *Wild in the City* Funding Request

Bob Sallinger (Portland Audubon) submitted a funding request for the second publishing of the book. Based on funds left in contingency the board discussed financial support.

Director Lightcap made a motion to fund the request at the \$4,000 level. Director Patte seconded the motion. The motion was approved (6-0), ayes, all.

There next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19 at 6:00 PM.

This meeting may be canceled depending on the agenda. The board discussed using the August meeting to tour some project sites.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hartline at 8:00 PM.

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⁷ Staff Reports