

**FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL**  
**Meeting # 58, March 9, 2013, Fauntleroy Church**

**ATTENDEES**

Watershed volunteers: Judy Pickens, Steev Ward, Chris Nack, Cal Bannon, Craig Pedersen, Aimee Kinney.

Fauntleroy Park steward: Peggy Cummings

Fauntleroy Community Association & Fauntleroy Church: Phil Sweetland

Seattle Parks: Carol Baker

Seattle Public Utilities: Kathy Minsch

Facilitator: Judy Pickens

Scribe: Peggy Cummings

**NOTES**

**1. Introductions, roster updating**

**2. Minutes**

Approved as published.

**3. Treasurer's report**

Dennis Hinton reported in writing a balance of \$1,742.53 as of 3/01/13.

**4. In the media**

Nothing to report.

**5. Agency news**

Seattle Public Utilities: Kathy Minsch reported the following:

- The Duwamish superfund cleanup project is under way. The EPA's Duwamish River Cleanup and Source Control draft plan out for review includes action on water source pollution and cleanup.
- The "Puget Sound Starts Here" campaign begins phase two in April. It will include a Mariners game event on May 11. The campaign is looking for a broader audience using stories each month based on lifestyles; watch for them on social media for stories.

***Action item: Kathy will forward the Mariners flyer to Judy for distribution.***

- The "Don't Drip and Drive" campaign around Puget Sound is also starting. The "Fix That Leak" component will kick off in Ballard on April 1 for the month ([www.fixcarleaks.org](http://www.fixcarleaks.org)). Automotive Service Association Northwest is a business partner for it; member repair shops will do a free visual inspection for leaks and offer a 10% discount on repairs (up to \$50). Vocational students at area schools will also offer free auto-leak workshops to increase owner knowledge about leaks. Boeing is another major partner, enabling checks for leaks in its employee parking lots; cars found to be leaking will be tagged with repair information.

Seattle Parks: Carol Baker reported the following:

- On March 20, the High Point Family Center will host a mid-day workshop, "Living with Wildlife in West Seattle."
- A new brochure/map for the Longfellow Legacy Trail in the Delridge corridor is forthcoming.
- The Barton alley trail drainage problem should be solved by trails staff by May 1.
- The Cambridge trailhead drainage problem has been put on a work-party list of tasks.
- The pine trees along the north parking lot at Lincoln Park that are really dead will be cut to avoid spread of the disease they have. The park will host an Arbor Day event in April.
- Street trees along Lincoln Park are under consideration, from the north end of the north parking lot to the north entrance to the park at the Y. Residents along the other side of Fautleroy Way SW are working on a similar row of trees.

## **6. Kilbourne Ravine Project**

Judy gave a slide presentation showing the ravine with property boundaries, public and private, and outlined the outreach plan that she and Peggy have begun implementing. She emphasized that cooperation from the three landlords involved will be the most challenging to secure.

She has scheduled a coordination meeting with Rob Anderson (EarthCorps), Rory Donovan (Seattle Parks), and forest stewards Steve Hodson and Peggy for March 27.

***Action item: Judy will work with others on the executive committee to finalize and sign the contract with EarthCorps.***

Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering has offered to host a happy-hour kickoff meeting (at no charge) on June 6, timed to draw the most property owners and affected neighbors. EarthCorps is expected to begin work on Monday, June 10. Peggy and Judy will roam the crowd with project information at the Fautleroy Food festival on March 19, overlooking the site.

## **7. Upper-watershed projects/news**

Forest steward report: Peggy reported the following:

- Spring has come to Fautleroy Park! Indian plum, red currant, trillium, salmonberry, and swamp lanterns (aka skunk cabbage) are greeting visitors along the trails.
- The Green Seattle Partnership work party schedule is not yet set for the season.

- She and Judy discussed participating in the West Seattle Summerfest this year but booth requirements and cost make doing so impossible. She is looking into partnering with another organization such as Sustainable West Seattle.
- Through the community association's neighborhood survey, a citizen reported a major overhang of trees on 37th Ave. SW. Peggy found that said trees are in a finger of Fauntleroy Park that extends to the street near SW Cambridge. She forwarded the information to Carol for any action needed.

## **8. Fenton Glen foot traffic response**

Judy reported that, with Steve Hodson's generous help, a parent/child planting party installed about 20 native plants in the former flood plain in the lower glen – species more suited to the shade there. Each plant has a nametag so the children can watch theirs grow. Steve taped off the area and time will tell if we need to add signage to further discourage foot traffic across the stream near the grate. Volunteer Connie King and Judy continue their project to swap beautiful and beneficial natives for leggy/dying ornamentals in the upper glen.

## **9. Lower watershed projects/news**

Home-hatch report: Steev Ward reported that hundreds of fry from last fall's spawning in the lower creek are being caught in the lower smolt trap; Dennis transported some to the upper creek. He will install the upper trap as soon as they start seeing smolts. He observed that smolts may be a bit slow in leaving because they have fry to feast on as they head downstream.

***Action item: Aimee Kinney volunteered help check traps.***

Salmon in the schools: Phil Sweetland reported that Salmon Education Alliance continues to have problems with tanks throughout the county and that he is continuing to assist, as is volunteer Jack Lawless. He is working with a team of fifth graders at the West Seattle Elementary to plot water chemistry and fish mortality, with an eye toward having them give us a report at our May meeting. Understanding more about the impact of food and fish waste on ammonia, nitrite, pH, and nitrate is the goal, plus giving them the experience of tracking and analyzing data.

Judy noted that scheduling for 16 or so salmon releases will begin soon.

***Action item: Aimee volunteered to help as needed.***

## **10. Celebrate Lincoln Park**

Phil reported that FCA is planning a two-part celebration of Lincoln Park – an evening of presentations/information tables (April 23) and an afternoon of tours/activities in the

park (April 27). Objectives are to increase residents' level of knowledge about the park and to involve them in decisions about its future – a commitment FCA made to Seattle Parks after the zip line controversy.

***Action item: Aimee is a volunteer at the Seattle Aquarium and she will help arrange for a beach naturalist to be there April 27.***

#### **11. Upcoming events/good of the order**

- Fauntleroy Food Fest Tues., March 19, 6 pm, The Hall at Fauntleroy
- Living with Wildlife in West Seattle Wed., March 20, 11:00 am, High Point Family Center
- Whale Trail talk Thurs. evening, March 28 at C&P Coffee
- Celebrate Lincoln Park Tues., April 23, 7 pm, The Hall at Fauntleroy
- Nature activities in Lincoln Park Sat., April 27, 10:30 am-2:30 pm, south parking lot
- Recycle Roundup Sun., April 28, 9 am-3 pm in the church parking lot

**Next Meeting: 7 pm Thursday, May 9, @ Fauntleroy Church**