



Fairbanks
Stormwater
Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

4/11/2024

Agenda items 1-5:

In Attendance Corey Whitley (TVWA), Christy Everett (TVWA) Melissa Riordan (DOT), John O'Brien (COF), Chris Darrah (Shannon & Wilson), Melissa Spicer (Stantec), Dan Adamczak (DOT), Robert "Danny" Wallace (CoNP), Mayor Welch (CoNP), Chandra Clack (CoNP), Bob Forcier (UAF), Kris Riley (UAF), Ella Kuhn (UAF-ECP) Fischer Ridge (UAF-ECP)

Public Comment None.

Today's draft agenda was approved by Chair and the January 11, 2024, meeting minutes were approved by Committee.

6) Old Business

We are still operating our MS4 Permit under administrative extension by the state of Alaska. Our new permit may be issued soon now that US EPA issued the Final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for six PFAS. It was suggested by some members that the new MS4 permit issuance was delayed/is timed to consider the new PFAS rules. Chris Darrah gave a brief update on the new rule.

7) New Business

2023 Storm Drain Art (SDA) Posters have been printed by TVWA/COF and are ready for display at Barnette Elementary School (team effort: Cory, Melissa, and John)!

2024 Storm Drain Art Contest

Storm Drain Art Contest, June 1, 2024. Update: we have a single design submitted, so far! Please continue to promote this event through social media, word of mouth and posting the attractive flyer created by DOT. Traffic control plan is slated to be prepared by Exclusive Paving and city PW to provide the traffic control devices. Artist stipend of \$150 per individual artist/artist team is approved by TVWA. Artists will need to purchase their own art supplies this year using the stipend.

Bob Forcier to reach out to the UAF Art Department to make sure they know that this event is available to University Students. Everyone please do your part in recruiting storm drain artists for this year's event!

2024 School Stormwater Presentations

COF and DOT have fulfilled most of this year's Public Education Requirements (these are separate from our Public Outreach Requirements) and have had a lot of fun doing it! We may need to do a couple more class presentations above what is still scheduled. We are at 13 presentations, we need 15. We may be able to include two presentations Cynthia Nelson gave to UAF students. Melissa Riordan is looking in



to that and will provide documentation to include in the 2024 Annual Report. John O'Brien gave a summary of the FSWAC-led, fun, hands-on activities enjoyed by our stormwater students.

Stream Clean-up Day [20th Anniversary Edition!] Saturday, June 8 is the date! Now is the time to ramp up our social media promotion for this event! This year we will be staging the event at the DNR park along University Avenue, just downstream from the "Boatel". It's very important that we have everyone attend the safety briefing AND sign-in AND sign-out so that everyone participating can do so safely and be accounted for at the day's end.

How to better advertise? Ideas we've discussed and should now implement: social media, news articles, and radio spots. We want to make this event special for the 20th anniversary. Fairbanks Daily News Miner was contacted today (4.11.24) in case they can write an article highlighting this long-standing community event. We will continue to promote stream cleanup with radio spots to be recorded on May 12.

Public Outreach 2024 We are required by our permit to do at least 3/year. So far we've participated in two Public Outreach Events: Interior Alaska/Golden Heart Waste Management Recycling Symposium [attended by Melissa Riordan, Melissa Spicer and John O'Brien on January 19, 2024] and the Sustainable Living Expo at the JP Jones Community Center [attended by Cory Whiteley on March 6, 2024]. At these events we hand out information flyers on events, storm water best practices, stormwater conservation-themed swag and we talk to the public about stormwater conservation. Our third public outreach event will be the Midnight Sun Festival and a booth staffed by TVWA, on June 22, 2024.

Melissa at DOT reported she noticed a marked improvement along the paved river walk near Carlson Center: a lot less dog waste along the path. This could be an indicator that the FSWAC's Scoop the Poop Campaign Spear-headed by TVWA is actually working! Thank you TVWA! Keep up the good work! Other problem dog poop areas were brought to the attention of UAF (Trail behind Georgston Botanical Garden was bad a few breakups ago). Bob Forcier will investigate the current situation. Thanks Bob!

The FSWAC Chair and Fischer Ridge put in a plug for the Fort Wainwright Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 26th at the Ft. Wainwright Education Center (Building 4391 Neely Rd). All are welcome. Please email Ida Petersen for further details ida.r.petersen.civ@army.mil

2024 Swag Order

Order for the remaining 2024 swag items and Stream Cleanup Day T-shirts is still pending. A request was made to Fountainhead Development Inc. for funding, but they declined. They suggested to try ESI but ESI requires 90 days advance notice for funding requests. Let's try them next year. The FNSB is not participating or contributing. They are waiving landfill tipping fees but that is the extent of their support for Stream Cleanup this year. We are waiting to hear back about a possible donation from Stantec. Melissa will check on that. DOT has pledged 500 dollars (Thank you!) as has Shannon & Wilson (Thank you!). Please make checks payable to TVWA (please send out best mailing address, Cory/Christy). When I have a drop deadline for placing the order I will report back to the sub-committee.



8) Adjourn meeting ended at 11:40am