

# Chemeketa Park Mutual Water Company

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Board of Directors Meeting, May 14, 2020

## I. Call to Order

David

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: David Casper, Vincent Mackewicz, Josh Rupert, Dana Hartzell, Rob Anderson, Rich Buxton, Mara Milinic, Lisa Ridenour, and several members of the community; all joined via Zoom.

## II. Review and adopt minutes

David

Josh made a motion to approve the April minutes without changes. Vincent seconded; motion approved.

## III. Public Comment

Board

Linda Wallace made a recommendation on the placement of the community board (which we hope to obtain this coming fiscal year). She recommends placing it near the fence under the tree to your left as you enter the playground. That way it is not creating shade for the native garden plants. When this project is ready to be purchased, we will put it up for comment.

Resident would like to see the stairs replaced/extended from Apache to the Clubhouse. The Board is actually getting two quotes for this project at present. There was a question as to whether Walla Walla was ever sealed. Rich will look into this.

Resident asked if Apache trail would ever be repaired. It was explained that the reason the bridge is closed is because it is not structurally safe. There have been discussions about the repair of the bridge. It is on the radar.

## IV. Financial Report

### a) Expenditures, budget, past due accounts

Lisa

Major expenses for April were: \$3,800 to Furlo & Furlo for playground gate; \$2,110 to SCC Tax Collector for property taxes; and \$650 for park maintenance. There are currently 6 delinquent accounts greater than 90 days past due; total amount due is \$14,086. Of these accounts, 2 have water shut off; 2 have notices; and 2 are on payment plans.

### b) Annual financial report

Lisa

Received a couple of additional requests from our accountant for the annual statements and tax returns.

### c) Proposals for hiring a management company

Josh / David

Dave and Josh has a phone conversation with a representative from a property management company, Common Interest Management Services, that specializes in working with mutual water companies. The Board will continue to explore if this is the right approach for CPMWC in the long term.

### d) Planning for the annual meeting

Board

The Annual Meeting takes place Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. As of this writing, the plan is to have the meeting outdoors at the playground, following social distancing and mask regulations. There will not be a potluck this year due to COVID-19 regulations. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please give your signed proxy to a neighbor or friend so you have a voice in the voting.

## V. Firewise program update

Chipping of the piles was delayed because the FireSafe Council is short-handed. They have bids out and the actual chipping should happen by May 26<sup>th</sup>. Chemeketa Park's second chipping date is June 13<sup>th</sup>, which is the last day to register your piles. There is a Community Work Day scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Work will be done on upper Comanche Trail. The more help, the better in clearing brush. Meet at 10:00 a.m. Don't forget to log your hours.

Chemeketa Firewise has secured a \$1,600 grant from the FireSafe Council. Our mail carrier and neighbor, Lia, made a great map of the park. A couple of Firewise members then walked around the entire park and determined where evacuation signs should be placed, and which direction residents should go in case of emergency. Evacuation signs will attach to the street sign poles. There is one more pole needed at Bunny's Corner to hold the evacuation sign. Firewise Chemeketa will order a couple of extra signs (right and left). They will also need an "Area of Refuge" sign for the

playground, and one more sign to keep traffic off Edwards. That sign will state, "In emergency, road reserved for first responders". Size would be 24x30 or 24x36. If there is a surplus after all signs have been ordered, there was discussion about placing a sign at the entrance specifically for truck drivers stating, "Narrow road, no turn arounds".

There are a few scenarios which will be explained to all residents when the evacuation plan is completed. When emergency personnel are responding into the park for any type of emergency or public assist, they generally use Edwards Rd. If there is a fire *inside* the park and some residents need to evacuate, we **should not** use Edwards as the exit route, as that is the entrance for first responders. However, if there was a large mass evacuation of the entire mountain area, Edwards can be used as an escape route, as first responders would not be coming into the park.

## **VI. Water Report**

### **a) Water Operations Report**

**Miles**

Total treated water production for April (30 days) was 869,334 gallons, with no additional water from the Montevina Pipeline. The average daily usage per hookup is 193 gallons. The average raw water turbidity for water entering the plant was 2.33 NTU and the average finished water turbidity was 0.044 NTU (.300 NTU is the maximum turbidity allowed by the state). Rain total for the month was 3.37 inches. Average filter flow rate – 27 gpm; chlorine usage – 27 gals; alum usage – 50 lbs.

Still need to move up the SCADA system (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition – which is the plant automation system) and put this in place for emergency. Miles will look into bringing that item to the forefront and report back in June.

### **b) Los Gatos Creek backup system status**

**Miles**

No update this month.

### **c) Water conservation guide**

**Dana / Miles**

Will work on this over the summer.

### **d) Generator installation**

**Dan / Miles**

No update this month.

### **e) Short well project planning**

**Vincent / Dan**

Vincent has contacted two well drillers and is scheduling an onsite appointment. More next month.

## **VII. Roads**

### **a) Roads update**

**Board**

Roads are good.

## **VIII. Playground / Clubhouse / Community**

### **a) Replacing the clubhouse back door**

**Rich / Lisa**

Back door is still being worked on. Requesting estimates from two sources for replacing/updating steps from Apache to the Clubhouse .

## **IX. Adjourn**

**David**

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Chemeketa Park Clubhouse, unless Santa Clara County is still in a Shelter-in-Place order. In that case, the meeting will take place virtually with information to be shared at that time. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **WHAT'S COMING UP IN CHEMEKETA PARK:**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** – **Annual Membership Meeting** - The Annual Meeting provides a snapshot of the year past and a look at projects moving forward for our water system, roads, and the community playground. The Board is proposing a rate change. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please give your signed proxy to a neighbor, a friend, or a Board Member so you have a voice in the voting. As of this writing, the plan is to have the meeting outdoors at the playground, following distancing regulations. Masks are highly encouraged. There will not be a potluck this year due to COVID-19 regulations.

**May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** – **Community Volunteer Day** – The Firewise group and neighbors will be working to clear brush along the Upper Comanche evacuation route. Please come and join your neighbors, even for an hour. It all helps. The NFPA's Firewise USA program teaches communities how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action to prevent losses. Don't forget to log all volunteer hours on the Firewise website. Go to Chemeketapark.org; under "your neighborhood" then click "Firewise". Here is the to log your hours [link](#)

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Last day to register your brush pile for the chipping program. To register your piles to go Chemeketapark.org; under "your neighborhood" then click "chipping application". Here is the link to register your pile [link](#)

### **SR 17 Shaded Fuel Break Project: (May 26-29, 2020):**

#### **Work Plan for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday 29<sup>th</sup> (no work on Memorial Day):**

There will be SOUTHBOUND lane closures Tuesday to Friday, 9:00AM to 4:00PM for vegetation removal work. Tuesday only work will occur from Main Street Bridge, along the Santa Cruz Avenue on ramp. Tuesday through Friday work will be extending south past The Cats Restaurant to Bear Creek Road. On Thursday, erosion control measures will also be implemented on the slopes from Idylwild Road to Madrone Drive (Redwoods Estates exit).

#### **Impacts:**

- As the project nears completion, lane closures in the area of The Cats Restaurant and the Santa Cruz Avenue on ramp to southbound 17 may contribute to additional congestion in Los Gatos, and extended delays on Highway 17 between Lark Avenue and Bear Creek Road, especially in the afternoon.
- Over the next few weeks, crews will be working along SR-17 and in adjacent communities. Traffic in the project area will be intermittently impacted so please plan for extended travel times during lane closures. **If possible, please plan your SR-17 trips before 9:00AM and after 4:00PM.**
- Rain will cancel lane closures though work may continue in adjacent areas.
- The project team is working to minimize traffic impacts and will provide weekly updates to residents and highway drivers. Stay informed of delays and alternate routes.
- Check project status and sign up for weekly updates on [Firesafe17.com](https://www.firesafe17.com). Traffic information can also be found on [511.org](https://www.511.org).