

**HMSC Management Committee Meeting
December 5, 2006, 3:00 PM
Guin Library Seminar Room**

Attending: George Boehlert (HMSC), Brett Dumbauld (USDA-ARS), Dave Fox (ODFW), Ken Hall (HMSC); Roy Lowe (USFWS), John Lupton (NOAA-PMEL), Hollis Lundeen (NOAA-NWFSC), Bruce Mate (MMP), Walt Nelson (EPA), Patrick O'Connor (OCCC), Jay Rasmussen (OSG), Gil Sylvia (COMES), Al Stoner (NOAA-AFSC), Jessica Waddell (CIMRS), Pete Zerr (Ship Operations)

Not represented: Guin Library, Hatfield Students Organization

Old Business

Master Planning at HMSC

George asked if there were any comments on the latest draft of HMSC Master Plan, which had been distributed electronically to the management committee prior to the meeting. Discussion followed, with comments and questions needing clarification noted. Committee members were asked to forward suggested text edits and additional comments to Ken Hall.

Several questions were raised about the HMSC campus map, the specific locations of proposed new buildings, and how areas designated as neither "Potential Open Space" nor "Potential Developable Space" on the map would be treated. It was explained that the Master Plan does not include specific site locations for projected development, but rather provides general policies and guidelines for future development, with continuous review by the proposed HMSC Master Planning Committee.

Input solicited from the City and Port of Newport and other community stakeholders has been integrated into the HMSC Master Plan, and will be further highlighted in the new Chapter 7 of the plan. A revised draft of the plan will be available in January, and will be presented to both the HMSC community and the wider community in meetings before the final plan is adopted.

New Business / Announcements

HMSC Community/Social Committee

The HMSC Holiday Party is on December 19th. Planning for the party and the holiday charity drive has been done by a small ad-hoc committee.

There is currently no standing committee to plan or consider ideas in support "HMSC community" events or programs.

SeaFest

Ken Hall reported that planning will begin in January for the return of SeaFest in 2007. The date is set for Saturday, June 23rd. As in previous years, agencies and OSU units at HMSC are requested to contribute funds to the operating budget and support the participation of personnel

on the SeaFest planning committees. A 6-month AmeriCorps volunteer position (offering a stipend and housing at HMSC) has been created to recruit a qualified person to provide coordination assistance and outreach to the community for SeaFest.

Estuary Trail Status

Ken reported that HMSC's proposal to create a cobble beach "dynamic revetment" to stabilize the eroding shoreline along the northeastern edge of the HMSC campus is under review by the Oregon Department of State Lands, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the City of Newport. Text amendments to the City of Newport's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance related to the proposal will be considered by the local planning commission and City Council in January. If approved, a conditional use permit will be granted, allowing the project to begin in February.

HMSC Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Committee started meeting in September and continues to attract new members and topics for discussion. The committee will be sponsoring occasional speakers and is considering other educational and demonstration projects to strengthen HMSC's position and visibility as a community leader on sustainability issues.

Roundtable updates