

Community Engagement Committee

Skagit Watershed Council Sept 28th, 2023, 1-2:30pm, @ this [Zoom link](#)

Draft Minutes

Present: Holli Watne (SWC), Clare Spain + Holly Henderson + Lucy DeGrace (SFEG) Melissa Ciesielski (SITC), Stacy

Dahl + Sydney Benson (SLT), Taylor Scott + Cindy Pierce (SCD), Pete Hasse (MRC+), Wayne Watne

Special Guest: Julie Burgmeier

1. We approved the Aug 2023 notes
2. Roundtable of updates
 - a. Holli -SWC had a great annual lunch at Hillcrest Park last week. This was our first in-person lunch for the 3+ years that I've been working for SWC. I have started planning luminary programs, and I've been getting Sound Stewards to help make free luminary kits that will go out this January
 - b. Holly - SFEG is excited to have recently welcomed our two new AmeriCorps, and we have tons of upcoming events that we are looking forward to like salmon sightings and the wild & scenic film festival! (Tickets are on sale now) :)
 - c. Taylor - Festival of family farms next weekend. Watershed master class going on, please help spread the word! If you need the email of WSM we can send it, but its all online.
 - d. Sydney - Skagit Land Trust has two upcoming volunteer Work Parties in October!
Invasive removal at Barr Creek conservation area on 10/7 and Fidalgo Bay Conservation Area on 10/27
 - e. Stacy - Our fall 2nd grade field trips to Cumberland Creek have been cancelled.
Teachers were feeling it was too soon in the season for an outdoor field trip. We have decided to continue with spring field trips, so will be having them in May. Still working with the Kulshan Creek Youth Program with monthly field trips mostly in nature. Did go to Woodland Park Zoo this month & will head to the Trust's Marblemount property on 10/14 with Glacier Peak Institute.

3. CEC meeting update: next month's meeting has been canceled. Our next meeting is Nov 28th.
This is a hybrid meeting and will be our last meeting of the year. We will attempt to finalize our schedule for next year's CEC meetings.
4. Presentation by Julie Burgmeier from Skagit marketing on social media use. View a recording of the meeting here: <https://youtu.be/kK-uUXA9hKE>
5. Please send your unanswered questions or information about annual events to promote at <https://www.visitskagitvalley.com/> to Julie: julie@skagitmarketing.com

Next meeting: Nov 28th, 1-3pm, HYBRD – the last CEC meeting of 2023!

Upcoming events:

- [Festival of Family Farms](#), Oct 7th and 8th
- [Wild and Scenic Film Festival](#) @ Lincoln Theater (SFEG), Oct 12th, 6-8pm
- [Surge](#) (MoNA exhibit about local impacts of climate change), including an interactive display by PBNERR, Oct 14th to Jan 21st
- Last CEC meeting of the year – HYBRID – Nov 28th
- Storming the Sound @ Maple Hall in La Conner, January 25th
- Illuminight Winter Walk, downtown MV, January 26th