



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Final Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

4:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Boyce called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Present: 3 - Bryon Boyce, Richard Craven and Ginger Redlinger

Absent: 2 - Douglas DeHart and Jerry Herrmann

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Adoption of Minutes

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Minutes for NRC August 12, 2014 Meeting

Mr. Craven made an edit to the minutes, instead of saying "scattering canyon project" change it to "a project in the vicinity of the scattering canyon."

The revised minutes were adopted by consensus.

3. Old Business

Discuss NRC Items for City Commission Retreat

Mr. Walter discussed the draft recommendations written by Mr. Craven. He explained the Natural Resources codes the City had currently. There was not an update of the Code scheduled. The NRC wanted to familiarize themselves with what was already in the Code and when the time came, they wanted to provide input on Code changes. Mr. Walter then discussed a potential dark skies policy.

Chair Boyce thought the most important recommendations to pass on were the funding for a volunteer coordinator and a natural resource position. He suggested they could be combined into one position.

Ms. Redlinger thought it could be a new position, or the City could revise a current position.

Mr. Craven suggested the Greater Oregon City Watershed Committee coordinate with Clackamas Community College on the Environmental Learning Center improvements.

Chair Boyce thought the dark skies policy should be brought forward and included in the City Code in the future.

Mr. Walter would include rationales for the recommendations and forward them to the NRC.

4. NRC Member Reports

Mr. Walter said Mr. DeHart wanted to discuss election of officers at the next meeting and to do more outreach to advertise the vacancies on the NRC.

Ms. Redlinger suggested having the Friends groups post the vacancies on their websites.

There was discussion regarding where else the vacancies were advertised.

Chair Boyce was writing a book, and he was supposed to collect emails of people who would be interested in hearing about it. The book was an ecological approach to ornamental plants.

5. Staff Updates

Mr. Walter reported that the master plan for the Blue Heron site was adopted. The next step would be developing an RFP for the River Walk. The City's Tree City USA submittal deadline for the third year was in December. He would be listing all NRC members as the de facto Tree Board. Heritage Tree Code updates would be sent to the Planning Commission for review in December.

There was discussion regarding the development timelines for the Blue Heron site.

6. Adjournment

Chair Boyce adjourned the meeting at 5:03 PM.