



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Redlinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 6 - Douglas DeHart, Jerry Herrmann, Ginger Redlinger, Doug Neeley, Richard Craven and Bryon Boyce

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Presentations

Presentation: The Intertwine Alliance Oak-Prairie Work Group - by Ted Labbe (15 min)

Ted Labbe gave a presentation on the Intertwine Alliance Oak-Prairie Work Group. This was a group of 27 active partners who were developing a map of Oregon White Oak in this region and teaching stewardship of Oregon White Oaks to property owners. He discussed the historic context, habitat loss, continuum of habitats, biodiversity, and gave a cultural context. About 90% of the remaining Oregon White Oaks were on private property, and that was why education was so important. Stewardship and naturescaping would be taught through workshops which would begin in February 2016. They were looking for at least 45 private land owners in urban residential settings to participate. He discussed the curricula of the workshops and the benefits of these programs. He asked the NRC to help spread the word.

The NRC recommended he contact the neighborhood associations where the Oaks were located.

Overview of Oregon City's Geographic Information System - by Chris Dunlop, Oregon City GIS Coordinator (15 min)

Chris Dunlop, Oregon City GIS Coordinator, gave an overview of the City's Geographic Information System. He explained the tools on the City's website and how to use them including DOGAMI information, OC Web Maps, LIDAR mapping, Natural Resource Overlay District, aerial photos, and Army Corps of Engineer photos. The NRC looked at the Water Board Park maps.

Mr. Labbe discussed the available historic vegetation and historic building maps.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of NRC Meeting Minutes for June 10 and July 8, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Craven, seconded by Mr. Neeley, to approve the June 10 and July 8 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Douglas DeHart, Jerry Herrmann, Ginger Redlinger, Doug Neeley, Richard Craven, Bill Clark and Bryon Boyce

4. Agenda Analysis

Mr. Herrmann wanted to discuss the Clackamette Cove and give a water quality update. This item was added to the agenda.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Old Business

Preparation / Discussion for Work Session with City Commission on Nov. 10. (10 minutes)

Mr. Walter said the NRC would have a work session with the City Commission on November 10. He discussed ideas the NRC might want to cover, such as accomplishments over the past year and actions they might want the Commission to take.

There was consensus for the NRC to hold a work session on October 29 to decide what topics would be discussed on November 10. Some of the suggestions were: the NRC would like the bylaws adopted as they had last been revised, discuss the NRC recommendation process, and discuss if the NRC should answer to the Planning Department or some other department.

Letter of Support for Clackamas Community College Master Plan

Mr. Walter said Clackamas Community College had not applied for their master plan amendment yet and this item could wait until there was something to review. He would send the letter drafted by Mr. Craven to the NRC so they could look at it.

There was consensus to separate the letter into a letter 2 on the special items and a letter 3 for when the plan was submitted. Chair Redlinger asked for letter 2 to be brought back to the next NRC meeting.

Clackamette Cove Discussion

Mr. Herrmann discussed the grading on the east side of the Cove to retain the trees and he wanted to make sure the amendments to the Cove included the grading so the trees and habitat could be retained. Mr. Walter said the application had recently been submitted and it would be reviewed by the Planning Commission in December.

Mr. Craven would like to know how the application had changed. Chair Redlinger suggested the Committee review the application and discuss it at the next meeting.

Mr. Herrmann said the water quality of the Cove was serious due to the algae. The

Cove needed to be dredged so the water could flow better. He had talked to the Cove developers about the situation and was planning to get together with them soon.

7. New Business/Discussion Items

Beavercreek Road Concept Plan - Pete Walter (15 min)

Mr. Walter gave a presentation on the Beavercreek Road Concept Plan. The plan was adopted by the City Commission in 2008 and was appealed to LUBA by a resident of the hamlet of Beavercreek. The plan was remanded back to the City to resolve map discrepancies regarding industrial land. There were also objections to Metro's larger Urban Growth Boundary and Metro's employment capacity ordinance and urban reserve disputes which were resolved in 2014. The final concept plan would not be revised, but the recently updated public facilities plans and cost estimates for this area would be addressed in the City's revised findings. He discussed the concept plan goals, specific re-adoption items, 2007 community engagement, concept plan land use areas, and readoption process.

Discussion of NRC member responsibilities for commenting on NROD / Land Use reviews (10 minutes)

Mr. Walter explained how written comments were received in the Planning Department and gave some options for the NRC, especially when the decision making and public notice requirements for NRC meetings made timing difficult. He then discussed the Holcomb Apartments project which was under public comment currently. He would come back with more information on the application at the next meeting.

8. Staff and Member Communications

Mr. Clark attended the four county Cooperative Weed Management Association meeting along with Mr. Neeley. He thought Oregon City should become partners with the group.

Chair Redlinger attended Bird Fest at the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Neeley reported on the Weed Management Association meeting where new invasive species were discussed. He would like to put signs on the streams in the City.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Chair Redlinger adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.