



CITY OF OREGON CITY

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact ocplanning@orc.org for the meeting link.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Natural Resources Committee members have the opportunity to rearrange, remove, or add items on the agenda. Adding an item to the agenda requires the consensus of the Natural Resources Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens are allowed up to 3 minutes to present information relevant to the City but not listed as an item on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to waive limitations. Prior to speaking, citizens shall complete a comment form and deliver it to the Staff Member. The Natural Resources Committee does not generally engage in dialog with those making comments but may refer the issue to the City Manager.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Natural Resource Committee Minutes Approval

COMMUNICATIONS

2. Communication Items:
 - Bee City USA Information Update
 - Street Tree Inventory Update
 - Expiring Terms and Member Applications

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the City Recorder. When the Mayor/Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence into the microphone. Each speaker is given three (3) minutes to speak. To assist in tracking your speaking time, refer to the timer on the table.

As a general practice, the City Commission does not engage in discussion with those making comments.

Electronic presentations are permitted but shall be delivered to the City Recorder 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

ADA NOTICE

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Staff Report

625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
503-657-0891

To: Natural Resource Committee
From: Administrative Assistant Kay Neumann

Agenda Date: 10/11/2023

SUBJECT:

Natural Resource Committee Minutes Approval

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Natural Resource Committee approve the meeting minutes listed below and attached for your review.

BACKGROUND:

Please find multiple meeting minutes attached for review to be approved at the next meeting.

The City Recorder's office conducted an audit of all minutes for the City's public meetings and found there were a large number of minutes that were not drafted, were drafted but not approved, or were posted on-line and not approved. The City Recorder used the audit to create a tracking log of the disposition of each meeting. Based on this information staff will include minutes from previous meetings on each agenda until all drafted minutes are approved.

Minutes in this packet include:

1. 02/08/2017
2. 08/12/2020
3. 01/13/2021
4. 06/14/2023

NOTE: These can all be approved as a single motion and do not need to be approved individually. There may be additional sessions with multiple meeting minutes. The City is in the process of devising a plan to fill in the many meetings where minutes have not yet been transcribed.



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Item #1.

Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Neeley called the meeting to order.

2. Agenda Analysis

3. Presentations

3a. Willamette Falls Legacy Project Riverwalk Community Conversation

3b. Stormwater Management Plan Update Presentation

4. Public Comment

5. New Business / Discussion Items

6. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of NRC Minutes for June 13, August 10, and September 14 2016.

7. Communications

8. Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes - Draft Natural Resources Committee

Monday, August 12, 2020

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

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

Present: 6 - Chair Nancy Broshot, Committee Member Chris Weaver, Committee Member Doug Neeley, Committee Member Mike Hamilton, Committee Member Trent Warness, and Committee Member Devon Pilney

Absent: - ???

Staffers: 2 - Community Development Director Laura Terway and Senior Planner Pete Walter

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Presentation

Proposed Tri-City Water Resource Recover Outfall Project

Chris Storey, Assistant Director of WES, gave a presentation on the project. He discussed the WES service area, overview of the project, and proposed ballot measure.

Jeff Stallard, Engineering Supervisor for WES, explained what would happen if they did not reduce Inflow and Infiltration and what would happen if they did. He then discussed the outfall routing study, outfall alternatives evaluation, proposed outfall location and route, proposed tunneling technologies, portion of outfall extended into the water flow, proposed project alignment, and project steps for archeology on the site.

Mr. Storey noted that WES would restore Jon Storm Park to its original condition and provide for mitigation improvements. He explained the public involvement plan.

There was discussion regarding funding options, temperature of the discharge into the river, discharge flow into the river, coordinating with the Abernethy Bridge project for tree planting, I & I reduction, expansion of the treatment plant, additional technology, irrigation/re-use water, wipes going into the sewer system, NRC tour of the facility, fertilizer/bio-solid program, and citizen advisory group.

4. Public Comment – None

5. Old Business

Thimble Creek Upland Habitat Overlay District

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, discussed tree protection within the overlay district, existing tree protection regulations, map of the district, the County's tree regulations, debrief from the site visit, and direction.

The NRC shared general observations of the site visit including the need to protect the mature trees on the golf course but the vast majority of the trees were small. There was a gradual slope, potential for sags, and known landslides on the property.

Ms. Terway asked if they wanted to move forward with the overlay district and if it should be limited to certain species, location, or size or a combination of those.

It was suggested to apply the dimensions for Heritage Trees to this area to determine which trees should be protected to allow a larger contiguous forest ecosystem around Thimble Creek.

There was discussion regarding density transfer for these areas, amount of area to be protected, and future development.

Kim Southworth, property owner, thought too much of the area was protected. They didn't mind having a strip along the property border for valuable trees. They would like to develop the property as much as they could.

Wayne Hall, property owner, proposed preserving the trees by the spring as an alternative.

There was discussion regarding the purpose of the district which would not only protect the trees but also protect biodiversity. The Committee looked at maps of the area and discussed what was already protected and which areas were not protected.

There was consensus that the regulations already in place were good enough without creating an overlay district. There were trees on the golf course property and spring area that should be preserved and could be designated as Heritage Trees.

Draft Additional Permitting and Notification Policy for City Tree Removal

Ms. Terway presented on the draft policy. It included an internal review process, consideration of alternatives, and public notification. She gave 2019 statistics for the City's expenditures on trees, trees planted, trees pruned, and trees removed. The draft policy was for trees on City or Urban Renewal property and those within the right-of-way. The process did not apply to the public removal of City trees. She discussed

the tree eligibility based on size, exemptions, department documentation, department manager review, send to third party for further review, 14 day notice once the permit was submitted, trees greater than 50 inch d.b.h. would be put on the City Commission consent agenda and notice would be sent to the NRC, PRAC, and TAC, a fee-in-lieu was not allowed for trees over 50 inch d.b.h., wood would be reused if feasible for trees greater than 25 inches d.b.h., and staff would establish an annual budget to support the policy.

The Committee thought 50 inch d.b.h. was too high. There was consensus to change it to 40 inch d.b.h.

5. Approval of Minutes

The January 8, 2020 minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

6. Communications

Committee Member Neeley said the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council gave \$5,000 to Public Works every year to plant shade trees outside the City limits.

Committee Member Weaver reported on the first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Project Advisory Team.

7. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

8. Adjournment

Chair Broshot adjourned the meeting at 9:27 PM.



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Meeting Minutes - Draft Natural Resources Committee

Monday, January 13, 2021

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

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

Present: 7 - Chair Nancy Broshot, Committee Member Chris Weaver, Committee Member Carrie Young, Committee Member Mike Hamilton, Committee Member Brian Kvisler, Committee Member Samantha Wolf, and Committee Member Devon Pilney

Staffers: 1 - Senior Planner Pete Walter

2. Election of NRC Chair and Vice Chair

There was consensus to nominate Nancy Broshot for Chair and Mike Hamilton for Vice Chair.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

5. Old Business: Thimble Creek Heritage Tree Selection

Mr. Walter said no decision was needed on this item tonight. The City Commission supported the NRC to continue to work with the property owners to designate heritage trees/groves within the Thimble Creek Concept Plan area. He gave a background on the work to identify and protect eligible trees and potential heritage tree/grove designations.

Chair Broshot discussed site visits she had made with former Committee Member Warness and current Committee Member Hamilton. She explained the areas that were

already protected and the large trees outside of those areas that could be designated. She then showed pictures of the trees. The property owners were interested in designation.

There was discussion regarding future development, protection of the trees, and process for designation.

6. New Business: Review and Update of the NRC Workplan for Biennium 2021-2023

Mr. Walter reviewed the proposed NRC Workplan items. He explained how the activities related to the NRC's responsibilities and City Commission goals. He asked for feedback on the Workplan.

There was consensus for the NRC to look at the list and discuss it at the next meeting.

Opportunity for Natural Resources Committee Input on City Commission Goals and/or Budget (7/1/2021-6/30/2023)

Mr. Walter said the purpose of this discussion was to identify if the NRC would like to provide written suggested goals and/or budget requests for City Commission consideration for the 2021-2023 biennium. He discussed possible projects that could be forwarded.

There was discussion regarding conducting a street tree inventory and how knowing the number of trees helped with the TMDL report.

The NRC would look at staff's recommendations and discuss them at the next meeting.

7. Communications

Mr. Walter reported on OC2040, amending the design standards for right-of-way improvements, revising the Historic Review Board guidelines, and reviewing the annexation code. The new notification process for tree removals on City-owned land was now in place.

There was discussion regarding SDCs and opportunities to do a tree inventory.

Committee Member Wolf reported on the state creating an Arbor Month in April, Urban and Community Forestry awards, and Oregon Heritage Tree Hero awards.

8. Future Agenda Items

Staff and the Committee discussed future agenda items.

9. Adjournment

Chair Broshot adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.



CITY OF OREGON CITY NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact ocplanning@orccity.org for the meeting link.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Nancy Broshot, Samantha Wolf, Brian Kvisler, Emily Lisborg

STAFF: Pete Walter, Kendall Reid

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as-is.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested or offered.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Natural Resources Committee input on the Clackamette Park Master Plan

Pete presented a PowerPoint of the Clackamette Park Master Plan. A question was posed of if an RV waste disposal location would be available or provided for RVs travelling or passing through. The committee was concerned that if a resource was not provided, unplanned dumping would occur.

Emily suggested there be more trees in the SW area of the park to mitigate and protect against flooding, erosion, etc. The committee agreed.



Samantha suggested making efforts to retain as many Ash trees as possible or practical.

There was a question about ▲ in parking. The answer was an increase in family vehicle and RV parking and more efficient parking as part of the new plan.

Sam recommended adding space for mature trees in the parking and RV areas to provide shade to visitors. The committee agreed.

There was discussion to give due consideration to adding additional transit options/stops to encourage visitors even during full parking lot situations.

Committee applicant Dave Trotter joined the meeting.

Kendall offered information on the next Master Plan meeting coming up.

2. Pollinator Gardens Webpage

Pete announced and shared the new page on orccity.org.

Nancy suggested adding a note asking visitors to comment if any links are broken.

The first picture is a butterfly bush/invasive species. The committee suggested using a different image with a native plant.

Emily talked about the importance of native plants, avoiding invasive species, and avoiding pesticides. There was consideration for adding a “do’s and don’ts” list. There was consideration to add a resource section linking to local places where native plants and seeds can be purchased. Pete requested that resources be provided by Emily and committee members.

COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion occurred around heritage trees. Pete will bring this back to the next meeting.

NRC members will present to the City Commission on July 11, 2023. Samantha requested additional membership presence and asked Pete to send reminders.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Climate friendly and equitable communities

Climate action plan

Mediterranean Oak Borer tree threat recently detected in Oregon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

NRC APPLICANT INTERVIEW

The meeting was followed by a committee interview of potential committee member Dave Trotter.

The committee unanimously voted to support Mr. Trotter’s application to the committee.