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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - Trent Warness, Matt Kuhl, Nancy Broshot, Doug Neeley and Dorothy Dahlsrud

Absent: 1 - Jerry Herrmann

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

4. Old Business

5. New Business / Discussion Items

5a. Proposed Amendments to OCMC Chapters 12.08 - Public and Street Trees, 17.41 Tree Protection, and 17.49 Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD)

Pete Walter, Planner, reviewed the proposed amendments to OCMC Chapters 12.08 Public and Street Trees, 17.41 Tree Protection, and 17.49 Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD). These included limitations for new fences in the NROD, clarifications to street tree planting and maintenance, street tree species selection, and street tree removal, and guidelines for trees on private property, especially regarding removal and replacement. These amendments would be taken to the Planning Commission at their next meeting.

There was discussion about including PGE in the review of street tree plans for new developments, mitigation for removal of trees on private property, incentives for preserving trees, and changing the Heritage Tree Code to remove the requirement for an arborist report.

6. Communications

Mr. Walter shared information about the process for including four wetlands into the Natural Resources Overlay District to be done in early 2019. The NRC would give a

presentation to the City Commission on October 17. He then gave an update on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project.

There was consensus to hold a Work Session before the next regular meeting.

Committee Member Warness had discussed the proposed Housing Code amendments with the public.

There was discussion regarding these amendments and tree removal for an ancillary unit.

Chair Neeley reported on the activities of the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council.

There was discussion regarding the Abernethy Creek bank stabilization.

Committee Member Dahlsrud reported on the activities of the Oregon City Parks Foundation.

7. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

8. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.