

City of Oregon City
Meeting Minutes
Natural Resources Committee

September 12, 2012

7:00 PM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

1. **Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call** – not on meeting recording, Pete Walter expressed that other members were running late and that the agenda would be moved around. The Committee is assumed to have convened at approximately 7:00 PM.

Members present based on video: Bryon Boyce, Richard Craven, Bob Roth, Marlo Smith

Jerry Herrmann arrived at 7:30 PM

Members not present: Erik Carr

Staff Present: Mayor Doug Neeley; Pete Walter, AICP, Associate Planner; Tony Konkol, Oregon City Planning Division, Community Development Director

2. **Approval of Minutes** – June 2012, not approved. Tabled for review.

3. **Public Comments** – none

5. **New Business/Discussion Items**

- a 12-106 Election of Vice-Chair of the Natural Resources Committee

Staff: Planner Pete Walter and Community Development Director Tony Konkol

Brief discussion of what would be required of Vice-Chair and which members may express interest. Tabled until new member is seated.

- b 12-105 Natural Resource Committee Applicant Interviews

Staff: Planner Pete Walter

Attachments: 2012 Interview Questions

Sha Spady NRC Application 08-22-12

Douglas DeHart NRC Application 11-18-2011

Each applicant gave a presentation on their background and interests. The committee asked relevant questions. Committee discussed strengths and challenges of each candidate.

Bob Roth moved to recommend Sha Spady to fill vacancy. Motion was seconded by Jerry Herrmann.

All in favor: Bryon Boyce, Richard Craven, Bob Roth, Marlo Smith, Jerry Herrmann

All opposed: none.

Result: Motion carries.

Mayor Doug Neeley stated he plans to make appointment the following week.

c 12-104

Heritage Tree Nomination for Black Walnut in Alley at 713 Polk Street

Staff: Planner Pete Walter and Community Development Director Tony Konkol

Attachments: Staff Memo and Recommendation

Attachment 1: Heritage Tree Nomination

Attachment 2: Street Tree Removal Application

Attachment 3: Tree Risk Assessment

Reviewed Staff Memo and Attachments. Discussed state and status of tree. Heard testimony from the adjacent property owner and the husband of the filer of the Heritage Tree Nomination. Erik Carr sent in letter which will be included in the City Commission report.

Marlo Smith moved that the NRC recommend based on the staff report that the City Commission not designate this tree as a Heritage Tree. Motion was seconded by Richard Craven.

All in favor: Bryon Boyce, Richard Craven, Bob Roth, Marlo Smith

All opposed: Jerry Herman

Result: Motion carries.

6. Communications

- a** Member Richard Craven presented a PowerPoint illustrating the history of Clackamette Cove. Discussed concerns: access, water quality, and erosion issues. Advocated careful review before any further dredging or alteration. Tony Konkol discussed using city funding to address issues.
- b** Member Bryon Boyce reports oldest railroad bridge is heavily undercut. Union Pacific has been notified that they must repair. They have not assessed at the time of this meeting. Member Jerry Herrmann discussed a similar situation in 2002 and its resolution.
- c** Planner Pete Walter discussed South End Concept Plan update. Community Advisory Committee being formed. Mr. Walter asked that a member of the NRC consider serving on this steering committee. Discussed what this would entail.
- d** Member Bob Roth continued discussing volunteer coordinator position from August 2012 meeting. Mayor Neeley recommended submitting for budgeting position at beginning of new year. Mr. Roth recommended that this position not be restricted to serving a single department. NRC agreed to have plan ready for January.

7. Future Agenda Items

- a** Formation of a task force re: Clackamette Cove issues. Tony Konkol reminded NRC members that there is \$20,000.00 for remediation. Pete Walter recommended reviewing METRO grant funding process to fund project. Discussed potential players in this project.

- b** Sustainability presentation by Clackamas County/Susan Zolko by the end of the year.
- c** NRC tour of Blue Heron.
- 8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.**