

City of Oregon City
Meeting Minutes
Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 7:00 PM, Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

4 – Matt Kuhl, Trent Warness, Doug Neeley, Nancy Broshot were present and Pete Walter, Planner, represented staff.

2. Agenda Analysis

Agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of NRC Minutes for December 12th, 2018.

**Doug Neeley moved to approve the December 12th, 2018 minutes as presented.
Seconded by Matt Kuhl. Motion passed.**

Trent Warness: Aye

Nancy Broshot: Aye

Doug Neeley: Aye

Matt Kuhl: Aye

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Old Business

- a. Review of NRC 2019-2021 Workplan

Pete Walter, Planner, discussed the NRC 2019 –2021 Activity Planning Sheet and the process that will be used to evaluate activities with respect to availability of resources and likelihood of success within the 2019 – 2020 biennium.

Mr. Neeley inquired about Activity 2a under NRC Responsibility #1, simplifying the nomination process. He suggested that the NRC Chair or Vice-Chair attend the City Commission's meeting on September 18th to answer questions. Mr. Walter mentioned the Planning Commission had questions regarding how the changes relate to the other tree codes.

There was a discussion about the possible uses of a \$300 fund and the Tree Mitigation Fund, specifically for promoting the Heritage Tree Program.

Mr. Neeley discussed concerns with Activity 5 under NRC Responsibility #1, supporting habitat projects in and around the Cove by seeking additional funding through Superfund. He suggested bringing in John Runyon.

Mr. Walter provided updates on wetland delineations with respect to Planning Commissions, including Canemah Wetlands and the Filbert Run.

Mr. Neeley suggested that the Planning department and Parks and Recreation department discuss the vegetation issue for the corridor when developing plan for Filbert Run Park.

Mr. Walter mentioned that two grants- one from the Transportation and Growth Management Program of ODOT, and a Technical Assistance Grant from Department of Land Conservation and Development- would benefit from the committee's support. He explained both grants are allowed to be combined in regards to scope and process. He talked about the application's focus on equity and resiliency.

There was discussion about the process of the Comprehensive Plan and NRC's involvement. Mr. Neeley suggested adding it as a goal to the Workplan and Ms. Broshot agreed.

There was agreement that members would review work plan and make suggestions to Mr. Walter from home.

6. New Business/Discussion Items

- a. Support for Technical Assistance Grant Request to update the Oregon City Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Broshot recommended three grammatical edits for TA Grant Letter.

Ms. Broshot moved to approve TA Grant Letter with the suggested edits. Seconded by Mr. Warness. Motion passed, all in favor.

Trent Warness: Aye

Nancy Broshot: Aye

Doug Neeley: Aye

Matt Kuhl: Aye

Pete Walter, Planner, indicated Michael Hamilton was in favor of letter via email.

7. Communications

Mr. Neeley spoke about the advances with the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council and their partnership's application for a 6-year grant from the Oregon Water Enhancement Board. He reported on two grant items concerning the Abernethy Creek and Tributaries: one being the potential partnership with Port Blakely to donate woody material for Newell Creek project and the other concerning Upper Abernethy Creek and managing water flow.

There was discussion about the recent news concerning trees being removed near the pool tax lot. Mr. Walter explained that arborists removed two trees without getting permits and why mitigation due to liability was necessary. Ms. Broshot expressed disapproval of process and reported that community members were upset. Mr. Walter confirmed that white oaks will be planted in accordance with recent code change.

Mr. Walter reported that the Department of Forestry is making the ginkgo seedlings, from the Hiroshima Trees Plant Application, available to municipalities.

Mr. Walter reported that a Type 2 Natural Resource Overlay District Verification Application was received from the property owned by Ron Saunders and prepared by AKS Forestry and Engineering. He explained the application was deemed incomplete and once complete there will be a public notice.

Mr. Walter gave updates on the Newell Creek Canyon project.

8. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Walter stated committee's intention to have John Runyon speak and he will contact the folks from Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides about giving a presentation.

Mr. Warness indicated he wanted to hear about the Legacy Project.

Mr. Neeley indicated he wanted to hear an update of the Cove Project.

Mr. Neeley added the agenda item of having annual joint meetings with Parks and Recreation. He suggested that both groups meet to discuss the Trails Master Plan and the nomination of trees for the heritage list on public land.

Mr. Walker reviewed the next meeting's agenda, and added an item to update committee on Filbert Run's plan.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.