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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 4 - Bill Clark, Jerry Herrmann, Nancy Broshot and Doug Neeley

Absent: 4 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Trent Warness and Matt Kuhl

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

Committee Member Herrmann asked for a discussion on a river tour for the NRC and PRAC. There was consensus to add that to the agenda.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Old Business

5. New Business/Discussion Items

5a. Discussion about amendments to OCMC 17.49 Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD)

Chair Neeley wanted a change made to the process so that applications in the Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD) came to the NRC for recommendations to developers similar to the process that was done for developers going to neighborhood associations.

Pete Walter, Planner, explained the current procedures for applications that were in the code. The NRC was not a decision making body, but an advisory body, and if this opportunity was extended to the NRC, it would also need to be extended to the other advisory committees. From a timing perspective, the 120 days process for an application was problematic. It would need to be outside of the 120 days process. This code amendment would need to go to the Planning Commission for approval. He encouraged the NRC to go to an upcoming Planning Commission Work Session to discuss the amendment.

There was discussion regarding the process for proposing the amendment and what

was required in the pre-application period.

Chair Neeley thought the Planning Commission had too much to discuss at their Work Sessions and would like to have the Planning Director talk to the NRC about it first.

Mr. Walter then reviewed the proposed code amendments to the Natural Resources Overlay District Chapter which primarily had to do with requirements for fences and trees.

The Committee discussed the amendments and made suggestions for changes.

River Tour with PRAC Discussion

Committee Member Herrmann discussed his proposal for a river tour this fall with the NRC, PRAC, and the Oregon City Parks Foundation.

There was interest in the tour and Committee Member Herrmann would look into the cost.

6. Communications

Mr. Walter announced the open houses and Planning Commission Work Sessions that had been added for more public input on the code amendments.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair Neeley suggested a future discussion on how to engage neighborhood associations in a process of recommending names for streams in the City.

There was discussion regarding setting up a joint NRC and PRAC meeting and the use of funds from a recent settlement.

A motion was made by Committee Member Herrmann, seconded by Committee Member Broshot, to support PRAC's recommendation to use all of the funds from a recent settlement for tree removal to go to Water Board Park and to adopt the same language that had been used by PRAC. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bill Clark, Jerry Herrmann, Nancy Broshot and Doug Neeley

8. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.