



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - Bryon Boyce, Erik Carr, Richard Craven, Jerry Herrmann and Bob Roth

Absent: 2 - Douglas DeHart and Sha Spady

Staffers: 2 - Pete Walter and Kelly Moosbrugger

2. Presentation - Willamette Falls Legacy Project - Public Involvement

Kelly Moosbrugger, Assistant Planner, gave a presentation on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project including an introductory video, history of the site, four interconnected core values, vision, and master plan rezoning process. She then took input on the Committee's vision for the site.

The Committee asked questions about what was on the site, history of the site, and the current bid for purchase of the property. They answered the question: what did they envision on the site by the year 2035?

Ms. Moosbrugger passed out comment cards to the Committee for further feedback.

3. Adoption of Minutes

[13-466](#)

NRC June 12, 2013 Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Herrmann, seconded by Mr. Craven, to approve the June 12, 2013 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Bryon Boyce, Erik Carr, Richard Craven, Jerry Herrmann and Bob Roth

4. General Business

4a. [13-465](#)

Revisions to NRC Workplan for 2013-2014

Mr. Walter had put all of the NRC comments in a chart arranged by predominant themes. The top three issues were: review of existing codes and rules affecting tree management, improve coordination and working relationships with the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee, other advisory groups, and staff regarding natural resources management and policies, and improve communication and notice of development of actions affecting natural resources. He suggested refining the top issues and making the priorities into goals and action items and staff would periodically report back on how they were doing.

There was discussion regarding what the NRC priorities should be.

Mr. Carr suggested a better communication and coordination plan.

Mr. Herrmann suggested changing number three to review specific projects and practices relating to development actions.

Mr. Walter reviewed the other issues that were on the work plan suggestions.

There was discussion regarding need for a public information staff position and what was meant by tree management.

Mr. Walter would revise the work plan and bring it back to the next Committee meeting.

4b. [13-462](#)

Heritage Tree Code Amendments (July 10 Draft)

Mr. Walter reviewed the amendments to the Heritage Tree Code and compared the changes to the previous draft.

There was discussion regarding the completeness review process being done by the NRC. Mr. Walter would ask the City Attorney if the NRC could make comments on the adequacy of the application individually. The process needed to be clear and simple.

Mr. Walter would get feedback from the City Attorney and the Code would be brought back to the next meeting for approval. He would send all of the original red lines to the Committee as part of the final recommendation packet. It would then go to the Planning Commission and City Commission. It might also require a Measure 56 notice.

There was discussion regarding making it clear that If the tree was on public property, the City would put a plaque down, and if it was on private property, the City might charge a fee for the plaques, but there shall be a plaque furnished and it shall be posted.

5. NRC Member Reports

Mr. Herrmann asked about the transportation for the October 5 Heritage Tree Tour. Mr. Walter said there was \$400 for a tour bus and it would be advertised as a NRC sponsored trip. Mr. Herrmann wanted to work with staff on selecting sites for a fall foliage tour.

Mr. Roth stated the State legislature passed a carbon tax study bill to examine impacts and benefits of a carbon tax on goods and services in Oregon.

Chair Boyce announced a fundraiser at Wichita Bar and Grill on August 25 for the Clackamas River Basin Council.

Mr. Craven reported on a tour of the Spady property and the restoration work being done.

6. Staff Reports

Mr. Walter announced the End of the Oregon Trail field trip on July 12. John Lewis, Public Works Director, had emailed about Public Works responsibilities for

landscaping and maintenance. He gave an update on the McLoughlin Phase 2 improvement project, South End Concept Plan, Sign Code update, Planning Commission recommendations for the street tree list, the NRC recommendation for approval of the Integrated Pest Management Plan, Oregon State University Urban Forestry Needs Assessment, and gave an overview of current land use applications. He then discussed a Natural Resource Overlay District application from Royal Flush Plumbing.

There was discussion regarding using insecticides on trees to reduce bumblebees and how it should have been handled, flood plain mitigation plan for the Jughandle Project at I-205 / OR 213 Intersection, and the need for work plan outcomes.

Mr. Walter suggested tying in the top three work plan items into a new matrix and adding action items under those and ranking them. He would send it to the Committee before the next meeting so the Committee could provide feedback at the next meeting.

7. Next scheduled meeting date - August 14, 2013

Chair Boyce said the next scheduled meeting was on August 14.

8. Adjournment

Chair Boyce adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM.