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Meeting Minutes - Final
Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, July 9, 2014 **7:00 PM** **Commission Chambers**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

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

Present: 4 - Bryon Boyce, Richard Craven, Douglas DeHart and Ginger Redlinger

Absent: 3 - Bob Roth, Sha Spady and Jerry Herrmann

Staffers: 2 - Tony Konkol and Pete Walter

Work Session - Work Plan and NRC Goals (7:00 P.M.)

14-417 NRC Workplan

Tony Konkol, Community Development Director, and Pete Walter, Planner, reviewed the draft of the NRC goals and work plan. There was agreement at the last meeting to not put in the work plan things that were ongoing or activities the NRC was already doing in the Bylaws, but things that would be achievable in the next year or two and aligning them with the City Commission's goals and priorities.

There was discussion regarding how the responsibilities and goals fit in with the work plan. The NRC wanted more specific activities put in the work plan. Ongoing projects, such as heritage tree and land use applications, should not be included in the work plan, but short term projects should be included. Things like Code revisions were not planned to be done in the near future, and did not need to be listed. Mr. Craven suggested having a check list of these types of items to keep track of to make sure they were not forgotten.

There was consensus to change the word "goals" to "responsibilities" to be consistent with the Bylaws. There would be activities listed under each responsiblity. Under Responsibility 1, the activities were: an NRC tour, creation of a brochure on urban stream quality, and Arbor Day program. Under Responsibility 3, the NRC confirmed the review of the Willamette Falls Legacy project and the review of Clackamette Cove should be listed. Under Responsibilty 5, the NRC included the Glenn Oak, Filbert Run, and Newell Creek parks coordination with PRAC. Under Responsibility 4, the NRC agreed to add provide recommendations to the City Commission by the end of November 2014 for specific natural resource related policy, Code, programmatic, and staffing considerations in the next biennium. Another to activity to add to Responsibility 5 was to work to identify potential restoration project areas and funding sources to complete the work.

Ms. Redlinger volunteered to reformat the document with the changes discussed.

Regular Meeting (8:00 P.M.)

Chair Boyce adjourned the Work Session at 8:00 PM. Chair Boyce called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

2. Citizen Comment

There were no citizen comments.

3. Adoption of Minutes

14-414 Adoption of April 9, 2014 NRC Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Craven, seconded by Ms. Redlinger, to approve the April 9, 2014 NRC minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bryon Boyce, Richard Craven, Douglas DeHart and Ginger Redlinger

4. Old Business

14-413 Natural Resources Committee Advisory Recommendation on Clackamas Cove Beaver / Tree Management

Mr. Walter said there had been no signatures on the letter and the draft watermark was not taken off of the document before it was sent to the City Commission. He reformated the document and it was ready to be signed that night. Members of the NRC would present the document to the Urban Renewal Commission in August.

There was discussion regarding sending the letter to the Urban Renewal Commission about Clackamette Cove and also sending it to PRAC about City-wide guidelines and best practices. It was suggested to have a joint letter with the NRC and PRAC written to the Urban Renewal Commission.

There was consensus to revise the letter and send it to PRAC first. The NRC would present the information at a PRAC meeting and discuss it with them before going to the Urban Renewal Commission. Staff would contact Scott Archer, Community Services Director, to coordinate putting it on a PRAC meeting agenda.

14-417 NRC Workplan

Chair Boyce said during the Work Session earlier that night the goals were placed into the framework created by Mr. Roth. A final draft would be brought back to the next NRC meeting for approval.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. NRC Member Reports

Mr. DeHart reported on the State's Fish Passage Task Force tour of the Willamette Falls Lamprey ramps and fishways. Several Lampreys were being caught and tagged for future study.

Chair Boyce reported on natural area hikes he had been leading.

7. Staff Communications

Mr. Walter explained an upcoming applciation for a rock armored outfall ditch that needed to be placed partially in the buffer area of an intermittent stream channel off of Leland Road. The design for the Canemah Bluffs trail and overlook improvements project was complete. There would be a review of the geologic hazards for the overlook area on the bluff, trail restoration work, bridge crossings over wetlands, and wetland delineations. The City Commission held a Work Session on the Linn, Leland, Meyers Road Corridor Plan. The first Planning Commission hearing on the plan would be held on July 14. There was a joint Planning Commission and City Commission Work Session on the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan update. There was also an interim sewer moratorium policy for certain basins in the City.

Mr. Konkol reported on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. There would be public tours of the site on July 26. The parnters group was still negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding on the first public investment project for the Willamette Falls site, the Riverwalk. The land use application would be going to the Planning Commission in the fall. A Friends group was being formed for the project as well.

There were two vacancies on the NRC, as Ms. Spady and Mr. Roth had resigned. The NRC thanked Ms. Spady and Mr. Roth for their service. Mr. Walter would advertise for the vacancies.

Mr. Konkol invited the NRC to the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

Bob La Salle, resident of Oregon City, suggested an article be written for the City newsletter about the efforts to help the Lamprey. Mr. DeHart would work on writing the article.

8. Future Agenda Items for August 13, 2014

Mr. Walter reviewed what would be on the August 13 meeting agenda.

9. Adjournment

Chair Boyce adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM.