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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 | **7:00 PM** | **Commission Chambers**

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Bill Clark and Matt Kuhl

Absent: 2 - Nancy Broshot and Jerry Herrmann

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

4. Old Business

There was no old business.

5. New Business/Discussion Items

Pete Walter, Planner, discussed possible joint meeting dates with PRAC in June and July.

There was discussion regarding the agenda items for that joint meeting. The items included invasive species removal, stormwater run off, and quality of the City parks that had significant natural areas, designating Heritage Trees in City parks and Mt. View Cemetery, funding for Heritage Tree designation aborist reports, funding for plaques for the Heritage Trees, and insecticides used in City parks.

Mr. Walter gave an update on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project Riverwalk design event that occurred on June 3. He distributed the restoration strategy for the site. He would ask Brian Vaughn to provide a presentation on the strategy to the NRC.

The NRC discussed the strategy. Chair Neeley noted that if the alcoves were intended to be refuges, that they should not be open to the public wading in those areas. There was also discussion regarding whether or not there should be Oak savannah habitat.

Mr. Walter would also work on having John Runyon come to the NRC to discuss the mitigation plan for the Cove project.

6. Communications

Chair Neeley said the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council was working on the Environmental Learning Center restoration and some students had been helping to salvage amphibians. They were releasing the amphibians downstream of the ELC so they could work their way back up.

Ms. Dahlsrud reported on Mr. Herrmann's walking tours which had been very successful. She also discussed transportation and parking issues for the Willamette Falls Legacy Project.

Mr. Walter said Mr. Herrmann wanted him to mention the ongoing discusion on lighting standards. There would be a presentation from PGE on street lighting at the next NRC meeting. He would work with Phil Lewis, Community Services Director, on the agenda for the joint meeting with PRAC. The Planning department was working with applicants on the Newell Creek Canyon trailhead parking area and a phased master plan for a hotel on 17th and Washington across from the Oregon City Interpretive Center.

7. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.

8. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.