



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Final Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Boyce called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Present: 7 - Bryon Boyce, Erik Carr, Richard Craven, Jerry Herrmann, Bob Roth, Douglas DeHart and Sha Spady

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Citizen Comments on items not listed on agenda

There were no citizen comments on items not listed on the agenda.

3. General Business

3a. Review of NRC Workplan

The committee reviewed and discussed existing work plan and suggested priority modifications and new items including:

- *Railroad Trolley Bridge crossing Clackamas River, working with Metro to develop bicycle / pedestrian access via the bridge.*
- *Clackamas Integrated MP, recommend approval, adoption by City for distribution and use by applicable city departments.*
- *Invite Clackamas Cove developers to present at an upcoming meeting*
- *Complete Heritage Tree Ordinance at next meeting with new completeness review and review timeliness process, and clarification of jurisdictional consent if Clackamas County / ODOT / other governmentally owned property than City.*
- *Advocate for new environmental specialist / forestry position on City Staff. Clarify budget availability for the position and which department(s) the position would be under.*
- *Promote City partnership with Friends of Trees.*
- *Continue coordination with PRAC and strengthen working relationship with Parks and Recreation staff, improve natural area management policies that fall within PRAC purview.*
- *Hold full joint work session at least once a year with NRC / PRAC (per NRC bylaws).*
- *Forward draft Heritage Tree Ordinance to PRAC for comments.*
- *Coordinate better for Earth Day 2014 and choose an activity to take to the public, such as setting up at an NRC informational booth at Clackamette Park during OC Cleanup.*

Peter Walter described homework assignment for revisions to the work plan, due back to Pete June 20, 2013.

3b. Recommend Approval of Draft Street Tree List Revisions

Following discussion about some final revisions and species additions to include native trees and conifers in appropriate locations, the NRC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the updated street tree list to the City Commission with revisions suggested by Erik and Bryon to be incorporated completed by staff. Add Chinquapin.

4. NRC Member Reports

Sha Spady reported meeting with Main Street OC representatives to discuss the elevator lighting project. Sha updated the group on her research into lighting ordinances and light pollution, having spoken with a former representative of the International Dark Sky Association who made some useful suggestions about outdoor lighting regulation. Sha offered to provide a brief presentation to interested groups such as PC / CC and PRAC about the IDA codes and recommendations.

Bob Roth reported about the Southern Oregon Climate Action Network and efforts to introduce a bill for a carbon tax on goods, products and services in Salem.

Doug DeHart reported about a recent Oregonian Op-Ed piece about the proposed revision to the Portland Tree Protection code, and provided a copy of the article and it's rebuttal argument by Merryll Reddich.

Jerry Herrmann reported about offer by Parks to tour the EOT proposed tree canopy work. There was discussion and consensus to request a tour with Denise Kai to review the proposed work. Jerry updated the group about his organization for the NRC Fall Foliage Tour on October 5, 2013. Jerry is working with the city on securing a tour bus for the tour. Jerry requested that the NRC sponsor a workshop with ODFW to discuss ways to incorporate more natural landscaping into urban "groomscape" plantings, such as 7th Street and Molalla Avenue.

5. Staff Reports

Pete Walter reported on the status of the Transportation System Plan update and the South End Concept Plan.

6. Next schedule meeting date - July 10, 2013**7. Adjournment**

Chair Boyce adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.