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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 3 - Jerry Herrmann, Doug Neeley and Bill Clark

Absent: 3 - Douglas DeHart, Ginger Redlinger and Richard Craven

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Approval of the Minutes

2a. Adoption of Minutes for the Natural Resources Committee for November 12, 2014, January 14, 2015 and February 11, 2015.

Mr. Neeley said in the minutes there was a request for a presentation on the Natural Resources Overlay. He wanted to make sure that would be done.

A motion was made by Mr. Neeley, seconded by Mr. Boyce, to postpone the approval of the minutes until there was a majority of the members present who attended the meetings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Jerry Herrmann, Bryon Boyce, Doug Neeley and Bill Clark

3. Agenda Analysis

Mr. Herrmann wanted to discuss a letter he and Mr. Boyce drafted to Mayor Holladay and the City Commission. Mr. Boyce added a discussion regarding the Oregon City Parks Foundation.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Old Business

5a. Discussion of Oregon City Municipal Codes regarding Natural Resources Committee and Citizen Involvement Committee.

Pete Walter, Planner, gave an update on the Oregon City Municipal Codes regarding the Natural Resources Committee and Citizen Involvement Committee. The changes were approved by the CIC, and the City Attorney was reviewing it. Staff was still waiting for City Commission direction as it related to the Natural Resources Committee which had not been changed yet. He reviewed the Code relating to the NRC. The

ambiguity in the Code had to do with what a significant impact on a natural resource was and which natural resources and policies required comment. The changes to the CIC Code could be used as a model for the NRC.

Mr. Neeley suggested bringing this back to the next meeting and the NRC could read these over and bring suggested changes.

Mr. Boyce said one of the reasons the changes were passed by the CIC was because three members abstained because they wanted more clarification. It only passed by one vote.

There was discussion regarding the purpose of the CIC and how the changes related to the NRC. There was further discussion regarding what types of applications and issues would come before the NRC and upcoming Friends of Trees tree planting project.

6. New Business / Discussion Items

Mr. Herrmann discussed the draft letter he and Mr. Boyce wrote to ask the Mayor and Commission to move forward with the NRC bylaws.

Mr. Neeley suggested editing the letter as it sounded like the NRC was on the defensive. They needed to focus on how the NRC was providing a benefit to the City and what they wanted the Commission to look at in terms of their contributions. When there were other natural resource activities from departments other than Planning, the NRC would like a presentation.

The letter would be emailed to all of the NRC members to edit and discuss at the next meeting.

7. Communications

Mr. Walter gave an update on the Stormwater and Erosion Control Design Standards Manual, Beaver Creek Road Concept Plan, Cove project, and Clackamas Community College expansion and ELC project.

Mr. Boyce discussed the new Oregon City Parks Foundation. They had applied for a State business license for non-profit status, had held two meetings, and wanted to support Oregon City's parks.

Mr. Neeley attended the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council meeting where the ELC project and impacts of the Hidden Lake development were discussed. On June 23 there would be a Newell Creek Canyon Open House.

8. Future Agenda Items

The NRC discussed what would be on the next meeting's agenda.

9. Adjournment

Vice Chair Herrmann adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.