



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

REVISED

1. Call to Order

Chair Neeley called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Present: 5 - Jerry Herrmann, Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness and Bill Clark

Absent: 1 - Ginger Redlinger

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Presentations

2a. Presentation by John Runyon: Portland Harbor Natural Resources Damages Assessment (NRDA) Process.

John Runyon, Cascade Environmental Group, gave a presentation on the Portland Harbor Superfund and Natural Resources Damages Assessment (NRDA) process. He gave a history of the Superfund, definition of mitigation and mitigation process, and explained the Portland Harbor clean up and NRDA (Natural Resource Damages Assessment) process. They had not organized the liability apportioned to the polluters yet, but would be setting up a mitigation bank to sell credits. The Trustee Council was overseeing the NRDA process and he explained the makeup of the Council. The restoration focus was on the aquatic environment, river and floodplain habitats, and ESA listed salmon and steelhead, sturgeon, Pacific lamprey, and other key wildlife. He then described the NRDA restoration area from Willamette Falls to the Columbia River, trustees identified potential restoration sites, current restoration sites, concept design for initial feasibility, benefits to the restoration work including an example of the Rinearson project in the City of Gladstone, and potential sites within Oregon City for Portland Harbor mitigation programs such as Clackamette Park and the Cove. He then discussed other mitigation/ecosystem marketplace opportunities.

There was discussion regarding the potential sites in Oregon City, the credits that could be generated for restoration, and the scale needed for the projects.

3. Approval of the Minutes

3a. NRC Minutes for October 29, 2015 Work Session and October 14, 2015 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Herrmann, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the October 29, 2015 Work Session and October 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Jerry Herrmann, Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness and Bill Clark

4. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

5. Public Comments

Roger Fowler, resident of Oregon City, was on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Oregon City Parks Foundation. He discussed how the City of Milwaukie eliminated the use of neonicotide pesticides in the city which was toxic to bees and were creating more native pollinator habitats. He talked to the Parks Department and they did not use those types of pesticides and was in the process of adopting a similar resolution. The Parks Foundation was holding a meeting on June 28. The Foundation was interested in partnering with the NRC.

Mr. Clark was thankful that this was brought to their attention. He was in support.

This topic would be brought back as a future agenda item.

Interview for the Natural Resources Committee

NRC Applicant Interview: Nancy Broshot

The NRC interviewed Nancy Broshot. The questions asked were as follows:

Why are you applying for a position on the Natural Resource Committee?

What is your background in natural resources?

Have you previously served on an appointed advisory committee? What was the most rewarding part of the position? The most frustrating?

What types of projects do you feel the Natural Resources Committee should work on? Would your answer change if budget constraints were included in your analysis? What if funding was not an issue?

6. Communications

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 9:18 PM.