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City of Oregon City

Meeting Minutes - Final
Natural Resources Committee

Sunday, March 30, 2014 | **11:00 AM** | **Commission Chambers**

Goals Worksession

1. Call To Order

Chair Boyce called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM.

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

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. GOAL SETTING WORK SESSION

Carol Kemhus, facilitator, said one of the possibilities for the day was revising the Natural Resource Committee's bylaws which had 14 goals and would require approval of the City Commission. Another option was keeping the bylaws as is and picking four or five items as goals.

Ms. Spady thought revising the bylaws should be one of the goals, but that there should also be focus on the goals that were actions important to the Committee.

There was discussion whether revising the bylaws would be a goal or would be the focus of the work session.

Mr. Roth arrived at 11:23 AM.

Ms. Kemhus reviewed the preamble with an option 1 or option 2 written by Ms. Spady and mission statement written by Mr. Craven.

Doug Neeley, resident of Oregon City, gave suggestions for the wording of the preamble/mission statement.

There was consensus to use option 2 for the preamble/mission statement, but taking out "developers" and adding "In concert with the City, they advise, evaluate, and advance an agenda that empowers citizen, community, business, and governmental stakeholders to become natural resource stewards to best achieve a balance that benefits both people and natural systems now and in the future".

Ms. Kemhus then reviewed the list of five goals which were put together by Mr. Herrmann and Ms. Spady.

There was discussion regarding what should be included or taken out of the goals and what things would be tasks listed under the goals.

Mayor Neeley encouraged the NRC to take their goals to the City Commission in January when the Commission was developing its goals as it would help in directing the budget process.

Ms. Spady wanted to make the Committee effective and thought that should be the focus of the goals. She suggested some changes to the goals. For goal 1, change it to "provide proactive leadership in ongoing community involvement in conservation and its UGB." For goal 2, change it to "review, initiate, and recommend updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan, Codes, and policies as they relate to statewide planning goals." For goal 4, change it to "conduct early meetings that result in good communication with City staff, policy makers, and the community." For goal 5, change to "communicate our goals and issues to the City Commission and to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for their annual goal setting sessions in order to effectively further our agenda." There was consensus to call these responsibilities rather than goals.

There was consensus to put in the preamble as Article 3 in the NRC bylaws, and for Article 4, replacing the word "duties" with "responsibilities" and adopting the five responsibilites as discussed.

There was discussion regarding developing a work plan. There was consensus that Mr. Roth, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Craven,and Chair Boyce would be the subcommittee to draft the work plan. The framework for the work plan would be brought to the next NRC meeting.

Mr. Herrmann suggested discussing changes to Article 6 of the bylaws regarding operating procedures at the next NRC meeting.

There was consensus for Mr. Herrmann, Ms. Spady, and Ms. Redlinger to be the subcommittee to review the bylaws. They would report back on areas needing to be changed at the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding developing the agendas for NRC meetings and keeping the meetings to a certain time limit.

Mr. Herrmann suggested for the next meeting's agenda, limiting public input to 30 minutes, under Old Business consider the status of the beaver recommendation, and under New Business discuss the subcommittees' work.

Chair Boyce announced he would be leading a series of hikes this summer.

3. Adjournment

Chair Boyce adjourned the meeting at 12:56 PM.