

**CITY OF OREGON CITY
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 14, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
City Commission Chambers – City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call:

Bryon Boyce
Andrew Senase
Erik Carr
Jerry Herrmann
Bob Roth

Staff Present:

Pete Walter, AICP, Associate Planner

Excused:

Richard Craven
Marlo Smith

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

The following people gave public testimony.

Gordon Wilson, Oregon City, spoke in support of the Waterboard Park Heritage Tree Grove Nomination, a future agenda item.

Bill Daniels, Oregon City, spoke in support of the Waterboard Park Heritage Tree Grove Nomination, a future agenda item.

Kathy Roth, Oregon City, asked whether the park was within the Natural Resource Overlay District, and what that meant. Mr. Walter stated that he believed it was and explained the applicable code. Ms. Roth asked whether cottage housing would be allowed within the Natural Resource Overlay District.

James Nicita, Oregon City, spoke in support of the Waterboard Park Heritage Tree Grove Nomination. Mr. Nicita asked whether the Armory Property could be added to the nomination and whether that would require owner consent. Mr. Nicita also asked whether the two tax lots that were part of Waterboard Park but which were not shown in the original nomination application would need to be included in the nomination in order to be considered.

Norm Stewart, Oregon City, mentioned that he was organizing a Spring Clean volunteer effort in March for Waterboard Park with assistance from the Metro Enhancement Grant, including ivy and graffiti removal. He spoke about the recreational and habitat benefits of the park and gave details about the park improvements that the group was working on. He supported efforts to preserve the park.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Adoption of Minutes for 11/22/2011, 1/11/2012, and 2/8/2012.

The minutes for 11/22/2011, 1/11/2012, and 2/8/2012 were adopted with some corrections as noted by Staff.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. Canemah Bluff Natural Resource and Site Management Plan.

Brian Vaughn, Senior Natural Resource Scientist, Metro Natural Areas Program, gave a powerpoint presentation and answered questions about implementation of the project, including a proposed maintenance access drive, bluff overlook, safety issues, trail system and on-going habitat restoration efforts.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of NRC 2012 - 2013 Work Plan:

Following discussion, the work plan was approved with the understanding that on going revisions to the workplan are possible, including refinement of the education and outreach component to include the Conservation in America presentation, Ecosystem Services Workshop, end products, responsible parties.

Mr. Carr could not commit to the ecosystem services workshop due to his current obligations on the Tree-Subcommittee and Transportation System Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Mr. Herrmann requested that if he could not make it, possibly there is someone that could attend in his place.

b. Consideration of Heritage Tree Nomination for 916 Center Street (Oregon White Oak at Clyde Mount House).

Following discussion, the nomination was approved unanimously.

c. Consideration of 2012 Tree City USA Application.

The Tree City USA Application was approved as complete for submittal to the Oregon Department of Forestry – Urban and Community Forestry Division for processing.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Willamette Valley Resiliency Compact.

Staff showed a video clip from the recent City Commission workshop at which City Engineer Nancy Kraushaar provided an update on the Willamette Valley Resilience Compact to be adopted by the City Commission. The compact is a non-binding document that provides guidance for Willamette Valley communities to become more resilient to economic and environmental events. There was a discussion about the Compact.

b. Overview of OCMC 17.49 - Natural Resource Overlay District, and OCMC 17.41 - Tree Protection.

This item was postponed for a future meeting.

c. Update on Public Works McLoughlin Boulevard / 99E Enhancements - Phase II.

Staff provided a brief background on project which the Public Works Department would be putting out for an engineering design bid at the end of 2012. A conceptual diagram of the proposed Phase II project was provided. Mr. Herrmann asked whether the trees adjacent to the River Shore Hotel would be affected by the project. Staff responded that it is too early to determine, but would attempt to respond to the question at a subsequent meeting.

d. Summary of submitted Land Use Applications subject to review under OCMC 17.49, 17.41, or 17.44.

Staff provided an overview of the “Applications Submitted” website at <http://www.orcity.org/planning/applications-submitted>. Due to time constraints, further discussion of this item was postponed for a future meeting.

The group agreed that future agendas should include an estimate of time needed for each item in order to expedite the meeting.

7. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.