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Meeting Minutes

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 4 - Jerry Herrmann, Nancy Broshot, Doug Neeley and Dorothy Dahlsrud

Absent: 2 - Matt Kuhl and Trent Warness

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

Chair Neeley discussed the interviews that had taken place before the meeting for two open Committee seats. The decision would be made at the end of the meeting.

Committee Member Herrmann suggested creating a committee for the Cove project to make suggestions for integrating the down woody material in the project, grading of the banks, and preservation of trees.

Pete Walter, Planner, shared the preliminary grading plans for Phase 2 of the Cove project.

3. Election of Officers

There was consensus to postpone this item until all the Committee openings had been filled.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

5. Old Business

Mr. Walter reviewed what was discussed at the February Work Session with the Planning Commission and NRC. He also discussed the upcoming projects that would be of interest to the NRC.

6. New Business/Discussion Items

Committee Member Broshot discussed proposed changes to the Heritage Tree Code.

There was discussion and clarification of the changes.

Committee Member Broshot would make the recommended edits and bring it back to the Committee.

Chair Neeley discussed how they would tally their votes for the candidates for the open Committee seats. The two candidates who received the most points were Marie Holladay and Michael Hamilton.

Chair Neeley suggested creating a Heritage Tree Subcommittee of the NRC and that Dorothy Dahlsrud be a member of that subcommittee. This suggestion would be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Communications

Committee Member Dahlsrud reported on how she was trying to promote the Vaux's Swifts in Oregon City. There was discussion regarding preserving the chimney downtown for the Swifts. She discussed other birds in the area and how they could promote birdwatching in the City. She also discussed ivy pulls that were happening in the City.

Committee Member Herrmann announced on June 1 the River Assets and Opportunities Task Force would hold boat tours. He discussed a grant that he was using to plant wildflowers on the Promenade and Museum of the Oregon Territory.

Chair Neeley discussed how the Clackamas River Partnership would be receiving grants for upcoming projects on Abernethy Creek and Newell Creek.

Committee Member Broshot discussed environmental studies programs at Linfield College.

There was discussion regarding the process for stream naming.

Mr. Walter discussed future agenda items. The Oregon City Enhancement and Arbor Day Celebration would be on April 6. He discussed how the NRC could submit articles for Trail News.

8. Future Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.