



# City of Oregon City

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Natural Resources Committee

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Wednesday, March 12, 2014

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order - Roll Call

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

**Present:** 6 - Bryon Boyce, Bob Roth, Douglas DeHart, Sha Spady, Jerry Herrmann and Ginger Redlinger

**Absent:** 1 - Richard Craven

**Staffers:** 3 - Pete Walter, Kelly Moosbrugger and Martin Montalvo

### 2. Presentations

#### Willamette Falls Legacy Project Presentation - Kelly Moosbrugger

*Kelly Moosbrugger, Planner, presented an update on the Willamette Falls Legacy project including the visioning process, description of the site, public involvement and support, core values of the project, structures for redevelopment, partnership with the Native American tribes, transportation improvements, public access and trails on the site, flood plain issues, framework plan, demonstration plans, implementation keywords, continuum of action and investment, and timeline. The land use application had been submitted and the first Planning Commission hearing on the application would be held on April 21.*

*There were suggestions for the waterfront trail, creating floating wetlands, having rail service to the site, trail connections to Canemah, and improving the West Linn side of the site.*

*Martin Montalvo, Public Works Operations Manager, gave a report on the Oregon City/Gladstone bridge that had been removed. The primary concern was public safety and the bridge could not be preserved. He explained the process that had been taken for safely felling the bridge and how the environmental impacts had been minimized. Review of the mitigation plan would be brought back to the NRC.*

### 3. Election of Officers

#### 3a. [14-162](#)

Election of NRC Officers

**Sponsors:** Planner Pete Walter

*Mr. Walter said at the beginning of every year, the NRC officers were to be elected. The officers were the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.*

*Mr. Boyce stated he would be willing to continue as Chair.*

*Ms. Shaw said due to extraneous circumstances, she did not think it was appropriate for her to remain as Vice Chair. She nominated Mr. Herrmann as Vice Chair. Mr. Herrmann accepted the nomination.*

*Ms. Redlinger volunteered to be the Secretary.*

*There was consensus for Mr. Boyce to be Chair, Mr. Herrmann to be Vice Chair, and Ms. Redlinger to be Secretary.*

#### 4. Old Business

##### 4a. [14-161](#)

Goal / Role / Bylaws Review with Carol Kemhus.

**Sponsors:** Planner Pete Walter

*Mr. Herrmann left the meeting at 8:00 PM, but had left comments on the items coming up on the agenda.*

*Mr. Walter said in January Carol Kemhus came to help the NRC with their goal setting and prioritization process. He summarized what had been discussed at that meeting. The four top goals that came out of that meeting were: promoting community involvement, reviewing updates to the Comprehensive Plan, commenting on land use applications, and coordinating with PRAC. New activities included understanding current policies and codes affecting natural resources, continuing to comment on land use applications that had the potential of significantly impacting natural resources, coordinating better with other committees, and looking at the roles of subcommittees in the NRC to take on certain projects.*

*Ms. Kemhus asked if the NRC wanted to wait until the full committee was present to decide the preamble, vision, goals, and action plan.*

*There was discussion regarding what should be included in these documents.*

*Everyone would bring their ideas and wording and staff would bring notes on what was discussed, NRC bylaws, and anything coming up that would need to be reviewed by the NRC to finish the goal setting process on March 30. The goal of the meeting was to come away with a preamble, vision, goals, and an action plan. They would be voted on at the next regular meeting in April.*

##### 4b. [14-167](#)

Staff update from on NRC formal recommendation regarding cove trees / beavers

**Sponsors:** Community Services Director Scott Archer and Planner Pete Walter

*Mr. Walter said there would be a written response at the next meeting regarding the NRC's formal recommendation regarding Cove trees and the beavers. The Parks department would manage the area along the trail in a wholistic way, fell the trees toward the Cove, and leave as many on the ground as possible.*

#### 5. New Business

##### 5a. [14-159](#)

Heritage Tree Nomination for Sugar Maple Tree at 715 5th Street.

**Sponsors:** Planner Pete Walter

*Mr. Walter reviewed the Heritage Tree nomination for a Sugar Maple tree at 715 5th Street. He read the nomination application and criteria for approval. He thought it met all of the criteria.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Roth, seconded by Ms. Redlinger, to recommend approval to the City Commission the Heritage Tree nomination for the Sugar Maple tree at 715 5th Street. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Bryon Boyce, Bob Roth, Douglas DeHart, Sha Spady, Jerry Herrmann and Ginger Redlinger

**5b. [14-160](#)**

**Nature in the Neighborhoods Restoration Grant**

**Sponsors:** Planner Pete Walter

*Mr. Walter gave a background on the Nature in the Neighborhood Restoration Grant program. These grants funded removal of invasive species and replanting with native species. The first step was a pre-application due by April 22. The Greater Oregon City Watershed Council was also applying for a grant. The challenge was for the NRC to identify a location for the grant.*

*Chair Boyce said there was someone in the Canemah area willing to donate land if an intervening piece would be purchased for park use. He suggested using the Metro Capital Grant to purchase that parcel for future hiking trails.*

*There was discussion regarding the Parks budget and purchasing and maintaining new park land.*

*Ms. Shaw suggested applying for the Nature in the Neighborhood Grant for Barclay Hills Park.*

*Chair Boyce recommended using the Neighborhood Associations and Greater Oregon City Watershed Council as partners. He thought Old Canemah Park would be a good site as well. The Greater Oregon City Watershed Council was also considering Waterboard Park for a grant.*

**6. Staff Communications and Updates**

*Mr. Walter reported on a Metro Site Plan and Design Review application for the Canemah Bluffs Overlook Trail Bridge and Boardwalk.*

**7. Member Reports**

*Mr. Roth announced a "Should Oregon Lead on Carbon Taxes" panel discussion conducted by the Institute for Economics in the Environment on April 3.*

**8. Future Agenda Items**

*Mr. Walter said the next NRC meeting would be April 9 and on the agenda was a presentation by the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council on the Nature in the Neighborhoods Grant, possible report on the Sewer Master Plan update, and NRC goals review.*

*There was discussion regarding pharmaceutical drugs entering the sewer system and the condition of the older sewer system.*

*Mr. Walter stated the NRC needed to go to the City commission to give an annual report on what the Committee had accomplished in the past year.*

## **9. Adjournment**

*Chair Boyce adjourned the meeting at 9:46 PM.*