



CITY OF OREGON CITY

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (NRC)

AGENDA

Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, March 08, 2023 at 6:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact ocplanning@orc.org for the meeting link.

WORK SESSION - CONTINUED FROM FEB. 8

- [1.](#) Update of the NRC Workplan for Biennium 2023-2025

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens are allowed up to 3 minutes to present information relevant to the City but not listed as an item on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to waive limitations. Prior to speaking, citizens shall complete a comment form and deliver it to the Staff Member. The Natural Resources Committee does not generally engage in dialog with those making comments but may refer the issue to the City Manager.

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- [2.](#) Pollinator Gardens in Public Right-of-Way Planter Strips

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Please review minutes prior to meeting. Members who did not attend the meeting in question may still approve minutes.

- [3.](#) Approval of NRC Draft Minutes

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the City Recorder. When the Mayor/Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence into the microphone. Each speaker is given three (3) minutes to speak. To assist in tracking your speaking time, refer to the timer on the table.

As a general practice, the City Commission does not engage in discussion with those making comments.

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CITY OF OREGON CITY

Staff Report

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To: Natural Resources Committee
From: Pete Walter, Planning Manager

Agenda Date: 03/8/2023

SUBJECT:

Update of the NRC Workplan for Biennium 2023-2025

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Update the workplan for 2023-2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Update the workplan for 2023-2025. Please refer to the attached worksheet.

BACKGROUND:

Item Continued from 2.8.2023. The updated work plan for 2023-2025 will consist of projects and tasks for the 2023-2025 biennium. Some of the work plan items are on-going (such as commenting on land use applications and participating in updates to the comprehensive plan), while others require on-the-ground logistics and the commitment of members and staff resources and budget to complete. City Commission goals and priorities for the 2023-2025 Biennium have not been finalized yet.

Should any activities be removed? What activities should be added or modified?

OPTIONS:

1. Consider and update the workplan this evening.
2. Do not consider and update the workplan this evening, table.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount: \$
FY(s): TBD
Funding Source(s): TBD

Oregon City Natural Resource Committee 2023-2025

Work Plan

Please make reference the City Commission’s goals and priorities as well, and how activities may fit into those priorities, especially if significant staff resources and funding are required.

- The worksheet contains room for additional suggested activities, which will require discussion and prioritization by the committee before being added to the list.
- Should any activities be removed? What activities should be added, or modified?

Activity	KEEP?	REMOVE?	MODIFY:
NRC Responsibility #1: Promote Community Involvement in Natural Resources Conservation Activities (not in order of priority)			
• Support and promote volunteer participation for a public tree inventory for city properties, parks, street trees, school properties and other public lands.	Y		Inventory will be important for documenting canopy losses and claims to FEMA for EAB damage. Look into incentive program for trees as part of stormwater or NPDES permit.
• Communicate with Neighborhood Associations, Citizen Involvement Commission and the Business Community. NRC members will promote programs such as the heritage tree program, arbor day, etc. through presentations to other groups and boards.	Y		
• Support a process and media (brochures, signage, media, apps, etc.) for naming and interpretation of local natural and geological features for improved awareness of watersheds, enhanced tourism, etc. Support walking tours, etc. This is an on-going project.	Y		Add awareness of biotic elements, plants, animals. FOT has signs for their trees. Choose sites, accessible useful. Explore resources for making signs with library, public works.
• Continue to strengthen and encourage participation in the Heritage Tree Program (brochures, Informational signs for trees, \$\$\$ for incentives, Further Outreach and Social Media). ◦ In 2019, NRC recommended adding site visits by the NRC to the process.	Y		Recognition of heritage trees at Arbor Day events, improve website Suggestion to provide more support for technical resources.
• Support and provide input on projects that improve connectivity between Rossmann landfill site, End of the Oregon Trail interpretive center, Cove and Willamette Rivers. This is tied to strategies in the adopted Comprehensive Plan (2003), the City’s adopted Waterfront Master Plan (2001) and the Downtown Community Plan (1999).	Y		
• Support funding habitat improvement projects with private landowners within and outside of the city, including Clackamette Cove. Projects could include planting trees for additional shade.	Y		Cove master plan.
• Continue work with property owners on heritage tree designation within Thimble Creek Concept Plan.	Y		check in with property owners
• Support a focused investment partnership with Greater Oregon City Watershed Council (GOCWC) and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) for Coho Salmon habitat improvement project from Newell Creek to Abernethy Creek.	Y		Support habitat and stream restoration projects through partnerships with GOCWC and other groups.
• Support partnerships with Oregon Heritage Tree Council and Oregon Community Trees.	Y		
Other Activity Suggestion:			Pollinator gardens, seasonal gardens, Xerces Society, QR codes, Bee City status
Other Activity Suggestion:			Support efforts to attain Bee City status E.g Eugene, Tualatin, Ashland Support the climate action plan through a more comprehensive tree protection ordinance.
NRC Responsibility #2. Initiate recommendations and review updates to the City’s comprehensive plan, codes and policy as they relate to statewide Planning Goals that are integral to our mission. Activities (not in order of priority)			
• Update the Nuisance Plant List and Native Plant List. Support a coordinated strategy for invasive species management in 2021-2023, such as encouraging City participation as a partner to the Clackamas County Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Improve public outreach / information about invasive plants.			Rather than a static list, we should consider adoption by reference to more frequently updated plant lists maintained by Clackamas Soil and Water District and other groups.

Activity	KEEP?	REMOVE?	MODIFY:
Update the City-wide Water Resource and Wetland Inventory. Support staff efforts to address as resources allow. NRC recognizes the need to update the City’s water resources, stream and wetland inventory (1999). This involves an extensive and expensive Local Wetland Inventory and Statewide Goal 5 process. Funding for this effort would need to come from grants. It is unknown whether funding sources are available or whether this is a City Commission priority.			Support city commission funding and direction to update city natural resources inventories for water resources and habitat conservation areas.
<i>Other Activity Suggestion:</i>			
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NRC Responsibility #3: Receive Notice and Comment on Land Use Applications and Projects within City Limits and the Urban Growth Boundary Activities (not in order of priority)			
Review and comment on requests to vary from the standards of the Natural Resources Overlay District, Geologic Hazard Overlay District, and Willamette River Greenway.	Y		
<i>Other Activity Suggestion:</i>			
<i>Other Activity Suggestion:</i>			
NRC Responsibility #4. Conduct Orderly Meetings that result in Good Communications Activities (not in order of priority)			
Maintain and Update a list of Natural Resources Committee priorities and activities to share with Planning Commission and City Commission.	Y		
<i>Other Activity Suggestion:</i>			
<i>Other Activity Suggestion:</i>			
NRC Responsibility #5. Coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and Planning and City Commissions on at least an annual basis that results in good communication and mutually beneficial results. Activities			
Support a local levy for parks.	Y		Support funding for parks
Invite Kendall Reid, Parks and Rec. Director, to meetings.	Y		
<i>Other Activity Suggestion:</i>			
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2021-2023 City Commission Goals

Final Version June 28, 2021



Introduction

Oregon City is pleased to present the summary of their 2021 goal-setting retreat. The City Commissioners and Executive Team conducted a virtual retreat consisting of three workshops on January 29, January 30, and February 23, 2021 to align around a shared vision, discuss current community projects and issues, and provide City staff with direction regarding the Commission's priorities for the coming years. The City contracted with SSW Consulting, a professional strategic planning and facilitation firm to prepare and guide the group through their discussion. In advance of the retreat workshops, SSW conducted outreach with the Commissioners and staff to discuss community challenges, opportunities, and priorities on the horizon. The agenda for the discussion was based on the following outcomes identified through the outreach process:

- » Identify big-picture goals to guide the City over the next two years;
- » Define clear roles and relationships and enhance the partnership of the Commission and Staff;
- » Build camaraderie and unity amongst the Commission; and,
- » Refresh the goal-setting process. Keep the number of priorities manageable and develop an implementation process that will enhance our accountability.

The City Commissioners and staff worked closely together to identify goals and strategies for 2021-2023 that will build on the work and success of previous years, while also addressing new challenges and/or shifting community needs. The City will work on these goals in addition to maintaining high-quality core City services.

The Commissioners and staff look forward to working together with the community and our partners as we begin our work to advance these goals.

-Oregon City Commission + Executive Team

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Our Team

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Oregon City's Vision



Aligning With the Vision

To align the group around a future state of mind, the team imagined how they wanted Oregon City to look, feel and function five years from now. They imagined headlines and stories from the future. This exercise generates group alignment around a future direction. The visioning exercise helps to inspire and guide the goal setting process. Through this visioning exercise, they developed the vision statement below.

Vision

Oregon City is a welcoming, inclusive, engaged, and safe community. We support our local businesses and partner in making them a vibrant part of our community. We are a destination with a strong identity celebrated through art, history and cultural opportunities - we have opportunities for all.

Setting

The Context

City Staff shared updates on the goals from 2019 in addition to other projects on the horizon. This information was mapped in the "Environmental Scan" chart below.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, + INCLUSION (DEI) • In June, commission approved resolution to support racial equity and DEI, safe space for conversations, learning opportunities • Charged with taking action to support those statements • Explore what these efforts look like in OC • Journey - not just a set of tasks • Implemented programs in the Library - provide space for this • Staff participated in training - CD as part of OC 2040 new methods of engagement to elevate voices of underrepresented groups • What's next? What does success look like?	HOUSING • Housing Excise Tax - concerns from citizens spending more and more on housing • Strategies we can use to support housing that fits our needs • Working to advance housing - amend zoning code, vertical housing, compliance with HB2001, urban renewal, quiet zone, construction excise tax • Metro housing bond funded housing • Bond passed to assist those at risk of losing housing • Variety of strategies, annexing land, inclusionary zoning, change SDC schedule, strategic investment in infrastructure, and more....
INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS • We've been forward thinking on our infrastructure - kept up rates/ fees to maintain • Facing rising costs, rapidly evolving tech • Community aggravation with increasing rates - material costs, staff, consultant costs all going up • Master planning for sewer and transportation are finished • Water and stormwater plans are complete	PARKS • Hiring a consultant to work on maintenance plan - comprehensive inventory of parks, facilities, parking lots, police station, etc. • Immediate repairs and preventative maintenance, replacement costs • 5-20 forecast of maintenance requirements • Award contract on 2/17/21
HOMELESSNESS • Evolution in how we've learned to serve this population and respond to people in the community • Services - cleaning up, serving mental health issues, getting people into housing - we are doing more than cities larger than us • Missing the political piece in our interaction with the County. County said they were going to purchase a motel for short-term housing - then decided they would buy one in Estacada - this plan also fell through due to lack of public engagement • County trying to do the right thing - funds available through Metro bond • Lack of communication between cities and the county to have a regional cohesive conversation	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ TOURISM • ED has conducted itself in new ways - helping businesses to stay open • Implementing strategic plan for tourism • What's the direction for urban renewal - only incentive for growth • Enable more people to live downtown to encourage its own eco system as we move forward • Working on strategic plan

The City Commissioners and Staff discussed other various topics to help establish a shared context for the goal setting process. These topics included growth trends, political factors, economic climate, other community trends, technology trends, community needs, and uncertainties.

Context Map

All organizations work in a context, there are larger environmental forces and trends that shape what is and is not possible just as much as the internal capacities and capabilities of a group. This context map develops a big-picture view of the Oregon City environment and increases understanding of complex situations. This exercise assisted the team in establishing their common backdrop for the goal-setting.

Oregon City Context Map 01.29.21

DEI LENS - THINK ABOUT HOW IT APPLIES IN EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES

Oregon City Goal Setting Context Map

GROWTH TRENDS

- White and middle class families, couples
- Big houses, no housing for middle to low income. (2500+ sq ft)
- Expensive housing prices *Ask for more jobs, retail, and entertainment opportunities in community survey
- COVID-19 hit growth hard, changed everything, can't control
- Pent up demand, need to be ready
- DEI - Need to provide support to diverse businesses
- Rising costs
- Demands for affordable housing

POLITICAL FACTORS

- Increase in citizen comment
- Homelessness as regional issue/County • Communication difficulties
- Progressive orientation
- Focus on women and minority groups
- Focus on local
- Tribal partnerships and relationships
- Add diversity in employment documents

ECONOMIC CLIMATE

- Inflation when pandemic ends - unemployment will go down
- Workforce changes - daycare
- Promote job creation without community harms
- Pent up demand, need to be ready - vaccines will impact
- Daycare expenses
- County getting \$ to deal w/homelessness and opportunities for City to utilize
- Ec Dev and Tourism

OTHER COMMUNITY TRENDS

- Public restroom downtown
- Dog parks, youth programs
- Focus on downtown - residential development
- Community conversations around DEI - and how do we pay for it?

COMMUNITY NEEDS

- Increased shopping and dining opportunities
- Work from home
- Corporate HQ to the suburbs
- Opportunities for youth/diversion needs
- Partner with non-profit for community youth programs
- Daycare
- Homeless service center
- Communication needs
- Need to keep small-town feel
- Pedestrian Safety/Healthy Community
- Pedestrian safety
- Reduce burdens of growth on local community
- Homelessness - We HAVE TO work together
- Youth workforce training- Don't want to lose this age group - keep them here
- Willamette Falls Legacy Project
- Elderly care, new options
- Iconic projects, things to look forward to
- DEI Procurement Policy

TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

- High speed internet
- Ensuring all areas of the city have the technology
- Increased fiber to increase speed
- Affordability issues with broadband
- Cyber Security- IT Strategic Plan is a good start
- Cyber Security and transparency - are there partnership opportunities to fill this need?
- Equitable access to fiber
- Clackamas County model? Get fiber in parts of the County that are not served
- Continue to use tech used in pandemic, expand engagement
- Promote fiber optic installation - "smart city"

UNCERTAINTIES

- Revenue, pay taxes?
- Distribution of vaccines
- Mayor changes
- Marijuana tax
- Federal economic aid packages - prepared with projects
- Revenues
- Unknowns such as emergencies
- Opportunities we don't know about
- Uncertainty in revenue

© THE GROVE

2021-2023 Goals

The City Commission Goals serve as a framework for budget development and provide guidance for how best to allocate the resources of the City. Though the budget is prepared to support and accomplish the goals, the goals should not be confused with the budget. The budget is the legal authority for spending and focuses on the near-term (the biennium). The goals, on the other hand, are long-term in nature and therefore, may continue beyond the two-year budget period.

Oregon City Vision

Embrace and advance Oregon City's historic role as a regional leader

Mission

Build a dynamic community that leads the State in safety, economic opportunity, livability, and historic significance

Goals

Goal 1: Promote diversity, equity and inclusion for a safe, inclusive community and organization

Goal 2: Invest in current and future capital needs for safe, sustainable infrastructure and City services

Goal 3: Improve the City's engagement efforts to reach the broader Oregon City community and inform the policy process

Goal 4: Adopt and implement a homelessness strategy for Oregon City

Goal 5: Promote tourism and support economic development to foster community sustainability

Goal 6: Support diverse housing options in Oregon City

Goal 7: Support improvements and partnerships that contribute to our hometown feel and showcase Oregon City's unique community identity

Goal 8: Protect and preserve our environmental health and natural resources



2021 - 2023 COMMISSION GOALS
REVIEWED BY THE CITY COMMISSION ON APRIL 13, 2021

Goal 1 - Promote diversity, equity and inclusion for a safe, inclusive community and organization

Strategy	Approach	Proposed Amount	Funding Source	Estimated Timeline
Using the vision articulated in Resolution 20-19, develop a comprehensive internal and external DEI framework	Staff will work with a consultant to lead and develop a DEI framework that will guide the City. The framework will include: • The creation of policies and practices that advance diversity, equity and inclusion throughout City operations.	\$75,000	General Fund	12/21 - 5/23
Create a community task force to guide the external DEI work	Staff will work with a consultant to create, coordinate and lead a community task force. The project will include: • Education and discussion of the concepts lead to equality. • Discussion about the impacts of bias and racism in our community. • Identification of ways to make our community more welcoming and inclusive for all.	\$50,000	General Fund	7/21 - 3/23
Evaluate internal policies, procedures, hiring practices, purchasing, and codes to reduce barriers and systemic inequities	Staff will establish an internal project team that will discuss and explore opportunities to reduce barriers and systemic inequalities such as: • Establishing the Oregon City Municipal Diversity & Equity Purchasing Program. • Utilizing State-certified MWESB firms and local minority and women owned businesses. • Drafting municipal code that requires all city departments and subcontractors doing business with the City to initially engage businesses owned by BIPOC and MWESB. • Promoting the program and educating staff, contractors, vendors, and subcontractors seeking to do business with the City.	No additional funds requested in proposed budget. Existing staff will complete this task.		9/21 - 6/23

Goal 2 - Invest in current and future capital needs for safe, sustainable infrastructure and City services

Strategy	Approach	Proposed Amount	Funding Source	Estimated Timeline
Prioritize projects in the transportation master plan to maximize safety and connectivity	Staff with the assistance of a consultant will work with the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to review the Transportation System Plan (TSP) and associated documents to create a prioritization of projects that maximize multimodal safety and connectivity. The process will include: • A public engagement process. • Outreach to the workgroups established by the Planning Department for the OC 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update process, with an emphasis on DEI. • As part of the project, the City will consider and evaluate projects within the TSP, concept plans, the budget, the 5-year pavement maintenance plan, capital improvement plans, transit plans, safety statistics, and existing conditions.	\$40,000	Transportation Fund Transportation SDC Fund	9/21-8/22

Goal 2 - Invest in current and future capital needs for safe, sustainable infrastructure and City services (continued)

Strategy	Approach	Proposed Amount	Funding Source	Estimated Timeline
Complete analysis to identify deferred maintenance and ongoing asset management costs for parks and identify funding options	The Parks and Recreation Department selected Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments LLC to help develop a plan to address the need for immediate repairs, preventative maintenance, deferred project backlog, and capital replacement. This plan will include: - Identifying facility maintenance, reducing the need for reactive repairs, and avoid deferred repairs. - Providing a roadmap for corrective recommendations to help reduce the maintenance backlog. - Identifying funding options for the City Commission to consider.	No additional funds requested in proposed budget. This is an existing project.		3/21 - 12/21
Review SDCs and utility rates to strike a balance between SDCs and rates	Staff will prepare a comprehensive review of Oregon City's Water and Stormwater System Development Charges (SDC's) and utility rates. The review will include: - Third party comparison analysis of rates and SDC's from across the Metro region. - A summary report on what innovative strategies other agencies are utilizing to manage and upgrade utility systems.	\$57,000	Water Fund & Stormwater Fund	3/21 - 10/21
Prioritize the implementation of the IT Strategic Plan	Staff will begin implementation of the IT Strategic Plan which will include: - Adoption of the IT Strategic Plan. - Upgrading the City's disaster recovery and backup systems. - Deploying mobile device management system citywide. - Completing the fiber circuit from Operations Complex to the Robert Libke Public Safety Facility. - Creation of the IT Director position beginning in July 2022.	\$466,000	General Fund	3/21 - 7/22
Complete parks master plan and update system development fees	Staff will work with a consultant to create a master plan that will provide a vision for development, maintenance, and operation of the entire park system. The master plan will include: - A public engagement process to identify goals and specific action items envisioned by City staff and the community at large. - An inventory of existing parks and recreation facilities. - Creating a vision statement, goals, and recommendations for system-level and park-specific improvements; park land acquisition strategy; suggested funding strategy. - Identification of capital needs and recommended system development charges (SDC's) to implement the improvements.	\$190,000	General Fund & Parks SDC Fund	9/21 - 9/23
Assess the communication infrastructure and equipment to improve overall quality and reliability of service to the community	Staff will work with a consultant to determine the feasibility of a public/private partnership to improve overall quality and reliability of fiber optic connectivity to the community. The assessment will include: - Conducting a feasibility study to assess the communication infrastructure needed and its marketability of the service. - A strategy to establish community-wide fiber optic connectivity to homes and businesses throughout Oregon City. - If feasible, developing a Request for Proposals and solicitation for partners.	\$200,000	General Fund, contingent upon ARPA funding	9/21 - 6/23
Develop a citywide facility master plan	Staff will work with a consultant to develop a facility master plan. This plan will include: Developing a long-term strategy for City facilities.	\$40,000	General Fund	7/22 - 12/22

Goal 3 - Improve the City's engagement efforts to reach the broader Oregon City community and inform the policy process

Strategy	Approach	Proposed Amount	Funding Source	Estimated Timeline
Refine and improve the engagement strategy to enhance two-way engagement and communication, build new relationships in the community, enhance the City's use of online engagement, and gather engagement data to track progress	Staff will work with a consultant to develop a plan to improve engagement and communication with the community. The plan will include: • An inventory of the tools and resources the City currently utilizes and a report of the effectiveness of these tools and platforms. • Creating a snapshot of followers and current engagement on the City's communication platforms. • Guidance on more effective tools and methods to increase followers and the quality of the engagement. • Providing a strategy to increase public engagement.	\$30,000	General Fund	7/21-9/22
	Staff will research and deploy an engagement website platform to enhance online engagement and disseminate information.	\$15,000	General Fund	7/21-9/22

Goal 4 - Adopt and implement a Homelessness Strategy for Oregon City

Strategy	Approach	Proposed Amount	Funding Source	Estimated Timeline
Formalize our internal strategy to address homelessness and surrounding issues, communicate the strategy with the community, and continue engaging the community	Staff will work with a consultant to create a written, formalized document that outlines the citywide efforts and approach in response to issues related to homelessness. The document will include: • Development of an internal Oregon City Homeless Solutions task force that will include representatives from multiple departments. • Engagement with existing advisory bodies and community members. • Identification of resources necessary to address the needs of the homeless population. • Identification of the challenges and constraints. • Identification of potential strategies to address the needs of the homeless population with assistance from outside partners. • Development of a communications and engagement plan to inform the community of the resources and strategies that have been identified.	\$40,000	General Fund	7/21 - 12/21
Develop partnerships with other local and regional governments to develop local and regional solutions including Oregon City's needs in serving the homeless population	Staff will update the City Commission on different aspects of the issues related to homelessness in the City and strategic opportunities for the City Commission and staff to engage governmental agencies, non-profits, and other entities. Based on the results of the formalized internal strategy the following will occur: • Creation of an inventory of potential partner organizations/agencies. • Prioritization of Oregon City needs and related strategies. • Development of proposals and requests for potential partner organizations to assist with addressing homelessness in Oregon City.	No additional funds requested in proposed budget.		12/21 - 12/22

Goal 5 - Promote tourism and support economic development to foster community sustainability

Strategy	Approach	Proposed Amount	Funding Source	Estimated Timeline
Prioritize and implement the Citywide economic development strategy	Staff will work to create a Citywide Economic Development marketing and promotion strategy to brand and highlight the recreational, business, and investment opportunities in Oregon City. The marketing and promotion strategy will include: The utilization of various promotional tools and marketing techniques such as paid digital content, Developer Familiarization Tours, publicity events, developer and business financial analysis, and social and print media.	\$400,000	General Fund	7/21 - 6/23
	Staff will implement an Ombudsman program that will assist developers, investors, and businesses with navigating through and understanding the City's regulatory process. The Ombudsman program will include: - Workshops and seminars on city regulatory processes for businesses. - Printing educational brochures and pamphlets to aid with understanding and navigating the City's regulatory process. - Working with City departments to reduce and clarify regulatory procedures. - Increasing community presence of Economic Development staff	\$40,000	General Fund	11/21 - 12/21
Determine implementation of 2020 urban renewal study.	Staff will work with the Urban Renewal Commission to complete the Urban Renewal Public Engagement Process. This process is currently ongoing.	No additional funds requested in proposed budget.		5/21 - 10/21
Implement the Tourism strategy	Staff will implement the Tourism Strategy to attract and engage the community to the Travel Oregon City website to increase participation and community opportunities. Implementation of the Tourism Strategy will include: - The marketing and promotion of Oregon City tourism assets. - Implementation of the Community Showcase, the Concierge Institute, and the Arts Treasure Trove which are programs identified in the Oregon City Tourism Strategy.	\$680,000	Transient Room Tax \$75,000 is contingent upon ARPA funding	7/21 - 6/23
Determine the City's role in supporting community events and other amenities that support tourism	Staff will work to create a program to support community events. The program will include: Providing grant funding to private nonprofits that produce city-wide special events designed to reinforce the community hometown brand.	\$100,000	General Fund	7/21 - 12/21

Goal 6 - Support diverse housing options in Oregon City

Strategy	Approach	Proposed Amount	Funding Source	Estimated Timeline
Prepare a plan to identify and implement housing strategies, tools and opportunities that work best for Oregon City	Staff will create actions the City may take to increase the supply of housing, including affordable housing. The project will include: • An online public engagement effort to identify strategies to increase the supply of housing in Oregon City. • The public engagement results will be incorporated into the strategies identified at the severely rent burdened community conversation, as well as input from the Citizen Involvement Committee, the Planning Commission, and the best practices and strategies identified from partnerships with other agencies. • Recommendations to the City Commission that will include no-cost strategies, as well as strategies which would rely on funding sources such as the Construction Excise Tax.	\$10,000	General Fund	7/22 - 7/23
Update our code to provide additional housing opportunities in Oregon City	Staff will compare existing Oregon City regulations to HB 2001 and propose amendments to the Oregon City Municipal Code to implement the new requirements. The project will include: • An analysis of the City's infrastructure capacity to determine if there is sufficient capacity for the changes. • Public engagement, such as online surveys and input, Citizen Involvement Committee and Planning Commission presentations, a virtual open house, and a mailer to property owners and tenants. • Final Legislative review by the Planning Commission and City Commission of the proposed changes.	\$20,000	General Fund	7/21 - 7/22

Goal 7 - Support improvements and partnerships that contribute to our hometown feel and showcase Oregon City's unique community identity

Strategy	Approach	Proposed Amount	Funding Source	Estimated Timeline
Determine and establish relationships with the Tribes that have a shared history with Oregon City	Staff will work jointly with all five tribes identified in the Willamette Falls Legacy Project and make connections with other tribes that reach out. The process for establishing these relationships and partnership building will include: - Arrangement of smaller introductory meetings between elected officials before a full meeting between elected bodies to form the basis of formal government-to-government relationships. - Development of a formal agreement with commitments, such as continued communication, collaboration, and a formal recognition of past harms.	No additional funds requested in proposed budget.		5/21 - 6/23
	The City would fund the installation of a memorial currently being designed by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to honor the Cayuse Five.	\$150,000	General Fund	5/21 - 6/22
Enhance partnerships with agencies and organizations to promote Oregon City's resources, opportunities and events	Staff will establish a six to eight week training program on the business of tourism and organizational and professional development for non-profit and for-profit businesses.	No additional funds requested in proposed budget.		9/21 - 6/23
Promote the arts as a focus of community identity and reactivate the Arts Commission	Staff will engage the arts community of Oregon City to further nurture community identification and reactivate the Arts Commission. Promotion of the arts will include: - Public display of sculptures, paintings, decorative features, horticultural enhancements and historical portrayals. - Events that include music, dance, poetry and other forms of artistic expression.	\$50,000	General Fund	8/21 - 2/22
Use art to attract and engage more community members and visitors	Staff will investigate the feasibility of the development of an arts incubator to help artists realize commercial success by establishing a facility to house studios, conference rooms, and administrative, financial, and legal services.	\$40,000	General Fund	10/21 - 3/22

Goal 8 - Protect and preserve our environmental health and natural resources

Strategy	Approach	Proposed Amount	Funding Source	Estimated Timeline
Develop a climate action plan	Staff will work with a consultant to create a Climate Action Plan focusing on actions the City can take to decrease the environmental footprint of City facilities and operations. The Climate Action Plan will include: - Engagement with PGE and other potential partners to identify opportunities to reduce the impacts created by City facilities and operations. - Recommendations for the City Commission to consider and potentially adopt via Resolution.	\$100,000	General Fund	10/22 - 12/23

Team

Agreement

The team agreement describes how the team will work together to advance the goals and strategies identified. The Commission and staff are committed to being a high performing team to advance their vision and improve the Oregon City community.

Our Team agrees to...

- » Assume positive intent of the team and trust the public process.
- » Listen to all voices, not just the loudest voices.
- » Value the personal relationships and partnerships to support the advancement of Oregon City's vision and goals.

The Commission agrees to...

- » Improve communication with each other and staff to improve relationships and help advance our goals.
- » Acknowledge and respect the diversity of perspectives and strengths on our team. They are all important and we commit to balancing and prioritizing the varying interests of the team.
- » Allocate adequate time to have in-depth discussions with our fellow Commissioners on important policy issues.
- » Provide clear direction to staff, stay focused on the goals, support goals with adequate resources, and serve as advocates for program implementation.

Staff agrees to...

- » Provide the best information available to the Commission in a timely manner to inform their policy discussions and decisions.
- » Develop a work plan for the biennium that includes options. Provide realistic timelines, milestones, and resources needed. Help the Commission understand trade offs.

Implementation +

Progress Reporting

To maintain accountability to the goals and ensure two-way communication between the Commission, Staff and the community, the following process has been outlined to support the implementation of the goals. This process will also support evaluating and tracking progress on the goals over the next two years.

The goals were developed with the four seated Commissioners in January 2021. The Commissioners expressed an interest in revisiting the goals following the election of a new Commissioner.

Project Leads + Timelines

The City Manager will assign "Project Leads" for each strategy outlined under the goals. The project leads will be executive team members who will oversee the implementation and report progress. The Executive Team will provide estimated timelines for the strategies based on staff capacity, budgeted resources, and the priorities expressed by the Commission.

Progress Reporting

Every six months, staff will provide the Commission with an update on the goals and strategies. These updates will include any progress made on the goals and strategies, challenges that need to be addressed, and/or recommendations or requests for additional Commission direction. Every three months or as needed, staff will provide abbreviated or informal updates. Staff will provide a dashboard of what work is currently underway.

Additionally, staff reports to the Commission will highlight or indicate if an item is related to a Commission goal or strategy.



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Staff Report

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To: Natural Resources Committee
From: Pete Walter, Planning Manager

Agenda Date: 03/8/2023

SUBJECT:

Pollinator Gardens in Public Right-of-Way Planter Strips

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion and direction

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City Commission would like NRC direction about pollinator gardens in planter strips.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission could use the NRC's insight on the appropriate policies that might help guide the public who wish to install pollinator gardens in planter strips. In more constrained planting areas, such as planter strips less than three feet wide, such gardens could be planted instead of trees. Staff presented the Street Tree Minor Code Amendment to City Commission on February 1, 2023. City Commissioners gave staff feedback about the amendment and asked for consideration of the possibility to plant pollinator gardens in planter strips.

The Xerces Society, who presented to the NRC recently, provides information and resources about this topic at the following page <https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/roadsides>. From this page, a great deal of related information and web resources is also available.

The basics of the approach include:

- Include native grasses and wildflowers.
- Reduce mowing (and weed whackers).
- Use herbicides and other pesticides sparingly.

Additional considerations for public safety may include:

- Maintaining clearance for people with disabilities.
- Providing spaces / gaps between plantings for access to the sidewalk from parked vehicles.
- Maintaining lines of sight at street intersections and driveways.

The committee may suggest other points for the Commission's consideration.

OPTIONS:

1. Provide guidance and direction on a policy for pollinator gardens.
2. Do not provide guidance and direction on a policy for pollinator gardens.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount: \$

FY(s): TBD

Funding Source(s): TBD



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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 4 - Bill Clark, Matt Kuhl, Nancy Broshot and Doug Neeley

Absent: 4 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Trent Warness and Jerry Herrmann

Staffers: 2 - Kelly Reid and Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

3. Presentations

Kelly Reid, Planner, gave a review of the McLoughlin-Canemah Trail Plan. This would be an amendment to the Transportation System Plan Project List and Trails and Parks Master Plans Project List. She then explained the next steps in the process.

There was discussion regarding traffic back ups on 99E and the surrounding intersections, alignment options and possible connection to nature trails, jersey barriers on 99E, and the timeline for the project.

A motion was made by Committee Member Clark, seconded by Committee Member Kuhl, to support the McLoughlin-Canemah Trail Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bill Clark, Matt Kuhl, Nancy Broshot and Doug Neeley

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Old Business

6. New Business/Discussion Items

6a. Election of Natural Resources Committee officers for 2018

There was discussion regarding how there was no need for the Secretary position.

There was consensus for staff to bring back a revision to the by-laws at the next meeting to remove the position.

A motion was made by Committee Member Clark, seconded by Committee Member Kuhl, to appoint Doug Neeley as Chair and Trent Warness as Vice Chair for 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bill Clark, Matt Kuhl, Nancy Broshot and Doug Neeley

6b. NRC Workplan Update and Review of Goals for 2018

The Committee updated their goals and workplan for 2018, adding items to the list and reporting on the items that had been completed. The goals and workplan would be revised and brought back to the next meeting for adoption.

7. Communications

Pete Walter, Planner, shared information on the Newell Creek Canyon site plan and design review, natural resource project applications, Equitable Housing project, Cove project, Canemah Cottage project, and Public Works Master Plan appeal.

Chair Neeley would like a mechanism put in place for the NRC to be able to review and make informed comments on issues that came up between NRC meetings. At times there was only a two week public comment period that did not fall within the timing of an NRC meeting.

Committee Member Kuhl reported on the presentations at the last NRC meeting.

Committee Member Clark suggested creating a heritage or significant tree tour map. There was consensus to put the heritage tree program on a future agenda.

Chair Neeley reported on the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council work on Abernethy Creek.

8. Future Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.



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Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum of the NRC was not present.

Present: 2 - Dorothy Dahlsrud and Matt Kuhl

Absent: 5 - Trent Warness, Bill Clark, Nancy Broshot, Jerry Herrmann and Doug Neeley

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

3. Presentations

3a. Presentation and Discussion with Rodney Walters - Clackamas Community College Arboriculture Program

Rodney Walters, Clackamas Community College Arboriculture Program instructor, discussed his background and education. He then explained the program at the college and positions in the arborist field.

Pete Walter, Planner, reviewed the Heritage Tree Program and possibly partnering with the Arboriculture Program for the arborist report requirement. He discussed the application process and how the arborist report had been cost prohibitive to applicants. The NRC was working on incentives for the Heritage Tree Program, and the City did not have the resources to fund the program.

Mr. Walters was not sure if the college students would have the experience to be able to provide the arborist evaluation. He suggested asking arborist companies or tourism companies to sponsor Heritage Trees.

There was discussion regarding putting covenants on trees, wildlife trees, managing natural areas, resources for property owners, getting a diversity of trees in neighborhoods, and how to place a value on trees.

Mr. Walter listed the resources the City provided and some areas that needed to be worked on.

Mr. Walters gave suggestions for resources as well. He recommended the City procure professional services for long range planning and hire an urban forester. He thought it would be good to do a tree inventory and management plan, which could be done by an

urban forester.

There was further discussion regarding street trees and sidewalk issues.

3b. Presentation and Discussion with Sam Leininger - Clackamas Soil and Water District WeedWise Program

Sam Leininger, Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District, gave a presentation on the WeedWise Program. He provided a background of the District, invasive weeds and other terms, concerns about invasive weeds, cost of invasive species, and how everyone had invasive weeds. He then discussed what WeedWise was doing about these invaders including the services and assistance to Clackamas County residents. Some of the programs included the Landowners Technical Assistance Initiative, Landowners Assistance Projects, Weed Equipment Library, and outreach and education. They also worked on assessment and prioritization to maximize their impact and he explained why prioritization was important. He discussed the Weed Observation Database, infestations, prioritized populations, and assistance with statewide mapping and prioritization efforts. He then gave an overview of invasives management to address landscape level threats including early detection and rapid response. He described the biocontrol program and priority area protection. He discussed weeds in Oregon City and efforts that were currently underway. He recommended updating the City's nuisance ordinance and gave suggested changes. He also noted that City parks were not in compliance with the current code regarding invasive weeds. To remedy the situation it would take a significant investment by the City and a well thought out process to get them manageable. There were opportunities and collaboration to help in this effort.

There was discussion regarding potential collaboration and sharing of information as well as how the City could effect some changes.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

7. Communications

Mr. Walter gave an update on the Friends of Trees planting, development applications, Clackamas Cove project, and Willamette Falls Legacy Project.

Committee Member Dahlsrud announced the Oregon City Pool Open House on January 5 and Oregon City Parks Foundation benefit auction on January 20.

8. Future Agenda Items

Committee Member Dahlsrud suggested bringing in Rick Winterhalter to discuss recycling.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.



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Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Neeley called the meeting to order at

Present: 4 - Matt Kuhl, Nancy Broshot, Doug Neeley and Dorothy Dahlsrud

Absent: 3 - Trent Warness, Trent Warness and Jerry Herrmann

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Public Comments

Friends of Trees Presentation

Ian Bonham, Friends of Trees, gave an update on tree planting programs in the City.

4. Old Business

5. New Business/Discussion Items

5b. Canemah Dock Land Use Application (Planning Files NR 18-08/US 18-02)

Brent Popma, resident of Oregon City, was the applicant. The property was owned by the Canemah Club Association and he was addressing his river access easement on the property. He had purchased the easement area in 2014 after the work on the property was done and a year and a half later got a notice from the City of violations for the work. He tried to solve the issues through the land use application process. The reports stated that there was no concern for this area and he wanted to retain the existing improvements.

Pete Walter, Planner, described the project and how a Planning Commission public hearing for the application was scheduled for November 26. He showed photos of the dock area in question and discussed the mitigation proposed. He then explained the code criteria.

The NRC discussed the application including water quality, vegetative corridor, cut and fill, and construction of the dock.

There was consensus that the mitigation would improve the area.

Ken Baysinger, resident of Oregon City, explained how Lot 200 had been created for PGE in the 19th century for flooding when they built the dam. The Canemah Club purchased the lot from PGE in 2009 and sold easements to the adjacent property owners for the exclusive use of the property. Canemah Club was in full support of the applicant.

5a. Prepare for NRC Update to the City Commission on December 5

Chair Neeley led a discussion on the items to include in the presentation to the City Commission in December.

These were projects and activities that had happened this year and what the NRC would be working on in the future as well as recommendations to the City Commission.

5c. Tree City USA Re-application 2018 Update

Mr. Walter reviewed the requirements for the City's Tree City USA re-application for 2018.

6. Communications

Committee Member Dahlsrud reported on the ivy removal at Water Board Park.

There was discussion regarding spraying perennials.

Committee Member Clark said his term expired in December and he would not be re-applying.

Chair Neeley reported on the activities of the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council and Environmental Learning Center.

7. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Walter suggested some future agenda items.

The Commission discussed what would be on the December meeting agenda.

8. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.



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Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 4 - Bill Clark, Jerry Herrmann, Nancy Broshot and Doug Neeley

Absent: 4 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Trent Warness and Matt Kuhl

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

Committee Member Herrmann asked for a discussion on a river tour for the NRC and PRAC. There was consensus to add that to the agenda.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Old Business

5. New Business/Discussion Items

5a. Discussion about amendments to OCMC 17.49 Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD)

Chair Neeley wanted a change made to the process so that applications in the Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD) came to the NRC for recommendations to developers similar to the process that was done for developers going to neighborhood associations.

Pete Walter, Planner, explained the current procedures for applications that were in the code. The NRC was not a decision making body, but an advisory body, and if this opportunity was extended to the NRC, it would also need to be extended to the other advisory committees. From a timing perspective, the 120 days process for an application was problematic. It would need to be outside of the 120 days process. This code amendment would need to go to the Planning Commission for approval. He encouraged the NRC to go to an upcoming Planning Commission Work Session to discuss the amendment.

There was discussion regarding the process for proposing the amendment and what

was required in the pre-application period.

Chair Neeley thought the Planning Commission had too much to discuss at their Work Sessions and would like to have the Planning Director talk to the NRC about it first.

Mr. Walter then reviewed the proposed code amendments to the Natural Resources Overlay District Chapter which primarily had to do with requirements for fences and trees.

The Committee discussed the amendments and made suggestions for changes.

River Tour with PRAC Discussion

Committee Member Herrmann discussed his proposal for a river tour this fall with the NRC, PRAC, and the Oregon City Parks Foundation.

There was interest in the tour and Committee Member Herrmann would look into the cost.

6. Communications

Mr. Walter announced the open houses and Planning Commission Work Sessions that had been added for more public input on the code amendments.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair Neeley suggested a future discussion on how to engage neighborhood associations in a process of recommending names for streams in the City.

There was discussion regarding setting up a joint NRC and PRAC meeting and the use of funds from a recent settlement.

A motion was made by Committee Member Herrmann, seconded by Committee Member Broshot, to support PRAC's recommendation to use all of the funds from a recent settlement for tree removal to go to Water Board Park and to adopt the same language that had been used by PRAC. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bill Clark, Jerry Herrmann, Nancy Broshot and Doug Neeley

8. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

City of Oregon City

Meeting Minutes

Natural Resources Committee

December 11, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

1 Call to Order and Roll Call –

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Doug Neeley, Trent Warness, Mike Hamilton, Matt Kuhl

Members Absent: Nancy Broshot, Jerry Herrmann

Staff Present: Pete Walter, City Planner

2 Public Comment

Paul Edgar, Oregon City, stated that he wanted to bring to the attention of the Natural Resources Committee (NRC) that a building permit application for a house went through the Historic Review Board on an uninventoried wetland site near the historic Canemah Watershed land. Paul explained that he was concerned that the project was going to ruin the natural wetlands and vegetative corridor in that area in the same way that a cottage development had backfilled another wetland in the Canemah neighborhood. Paul invited the NRC to visit the area.

There was a general discussion of what happens when wetlands are altered. Doug Neeley expressed interest in taking the NRC plus Staff to visit the site.

3. Presentation

Brian Martin, Project Manager from Lango Hansen Landscape Architecture, and Denise Conrad, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, presented on the Tyrone S. Woods Memorial Park project. Brian provided an overview of the site plan, outlining the plant types and pathways, dog run area, picnic shelter, play area, pickleball courts, bathrooms, and skate park. Brian stated that they were in the process of removing invasive plants from the site and preparing to overseed it with wetland and riparian seed mixtures.

There were questions from the Board concerning the barn, house, and garage currently located on the site. Brian responded that the barn would be removed, but the house and garage would remain.

Doug expressed concerns with the house's placement in the middle of the Park. Mike wanted to know more about the significance of the park, given that an interpretive center was part of

Phase Two. Brian responded that the center would be focused on the wetlands and creek. Brian also shared that there was currently a gravel road and culvert on the site and both would be removed.

There were no public comments on the matter.

Pete stated that for safety reasons the entrance to the parking lot needed to be as far away from the intersection as possible.

Doug mentioned that a friend of his has seen cutthroat trout spawning in culverts of the creek that flows through the park site and wondered if measures might be take to promote spawning habitat within the park. Brian said that he would look into it, especially as part of Phase Two.

Trent asked about the expected timeline. Brian stated that if everything went as expected, the timeline was May through summer.

Pete shared that the plan would have to go through Public Works too since the existing sidewalk would need to be altered.

There were general questions about the length and funding of the project. Pete stated it had been brought in to the Parks Plan in 2014 and that part of the funding was from a State grant.

4. Old Business

Pete stated that City Staff were working on a draft regarding the removal of trees on public property and expected to have it to the NRC in January. Public Works and Parks both need to look at the document as well.

Pete anticipated receiving a few Heritage Tree applications, which would need to be reviewed by the NRC prior to Arbor Day. Doug expressed an interest in determining a process for nominating Heritage Trees on public lands when the new NRC line-up was finalized.

Trent asked for an update on the potential Board Member that had been interviewed. Pete responded that they were in a bit of a holding pattern. There were general questions about the number of available positions. Pete stated that there were two openings with qualifications that the applicant work, reside, or have a business in Oregon City.

Pete shared that both the Department of Conservation and Development and the Department of Transportation had tentatively approved the grant funding associated with the updated Comprehensive Plan. This would cover a year of visioning and one to two years of update work to the Comprehensive Plan, public outreach, an advisory board, and would likely necessitate an appointment of a representative from the NRC. Pete said 12 advisory meetings were expected in the course of the project, with an expected start time of March.

5. Communications

Pete said that the Audubon Society would present at the next meeting. Bob Balgos, Project Engineer, would present on the update to the Stormwater Master Plan. A stormwater update was scheduled to be presented to the City Commission on December 20. Pete informed the NRC that a memo from the City Attorney to the City Commission was present in the packet.

The NRC was to make a report to City Commission in January and Trent had already shared the accomplishments of the NRC a few weeks prior.

Pete said that the Missing Middle Housing report had just posted to the City website. A new, easier-to-use zoning website had also been added. There was general discussion of housing density in Oregon City and the implementation of House Bill 2001.

Forest Edge Apartments, formerly Newell Canyon Apartments and previously closed due to landslide, was seeking City approval to reopen. Wells were installed to mitigate water away from buildings. The City is reviewing the case.

Pete stated he'd miss having Mike and Jerry on the NRC.

Doug shared that in March a request would be submitted for funds to introduce woody material to local waters near Abernethy Creek in order to improve the spawning habitat for steelhead and Coho salmon. Another project would focus on water above the Mompano Dam (also known as Beaver Lake), but was still in development based on electrofishing results that indicated Coho were present there. Doug also shared that more stream shading projects with Public Works and the Greater Watershed Council were ongoing.

6. Future items

- *Presentation on Stormwater Master Plan.

- *Lighting impacts on bird habitat, presented by the Audubon Society.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

City of Oregon City

Meeting Minutes

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday March 11, 2020 7:00 PM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM by Dr. Nancy Broshot

Present: Doug Neeley, Dr. Nancy Broshot, Mike Hamilton, Devon Pilney, Chris Weaver

Staff: Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

Proposal by Dr. Broshot to move Beaver Creek Road Plan from discussion item to agenda item 6c.

3. Introductions

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

William Foster, Oregon City resident, asked what kind of oak and maple trees will be planted on Oregon City Enhancement Day. He expressed concern that non-native trees will be planted and wanted to know if the Committee could ensure native trees would be planted. Additionally, he provided the insight that only 1 of 15 trees on the street tree list are native. Mr. Walter indicated he would bring Mr. Foster's comments forward to the Parks Department

5. Presentations

a. I-205 Corridor/Abernethy Bridge Improvements: Widening and Seismic Update Project by HDR Engineering (Presented by Kimberly Dinwiddie, Oregon

Department of Transportation, and two representatives from HDR Engineering, Mike Bertram (Project Manager) and Brian Wilkinson (Engineer))

Specific section of roadway is the only remaining segment of I-205 that is two lanes in both directions, has closely spaced on-ramps, and seismically vulnerable areas - especially near Abernethy Bridge. The consultants provided overview for the ways the project will impact the natural environment and ways in which that impact is being minimized.

- b. **Lighting Impacts on Birds** (Presented by Mary Coolidge of Portland Audubon Society)

Provided overview of the way LED lighting and building design impact bird populations, including migratory patterns, nesting, and circadian rhythms.

6. General Business (Pete Walter)

- a. **Heritage Stand Nominations for Park Place Park and Mountain View Cemetery**

Mountain View Cemetery: Stand of 3 Giant Sequoia

Park Place Park: 19 Garry Oak, 2 Douglas Fir, 6 Atlas Cedar.

More details about which trees are in decline will be coming from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC).

Motion: Doug Neeley moved to support Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's recommendations to approve the heritage tree lists.

Seconded: Mike Hamilton

In favor: Chris Weaver, Devon Pilney, Mike Hamilton, Nancy Broshot, Doug Neeley

Opposed: None

Result: Motion passes

- b. **Draft Additional Standards and Procedures for Removal of a Publicly Owned Tree**

Mr. Walter provided an overview of proposed guidelines and next steps, with acknowledgement it will be a long process. Received feedback from committee members:

Mr. Neeley proposed looking at other ways to support habitats, such as ponds. Chris Weaver suggested the tree planted to replace the tree should be of equal ecological worth.

Dr. Broshot suggested ensuring that native trees are replaced with native trees. Item will be added to next meeting agenda to see what feedback other agencies provide.

- c. **Beavercreek Road Concept Plan**

The Committee reviewed a memo written by Dr. Broshot with discussion of ways to retain or increase forested area along corridor.

Motion: Doug Neeley moved to have Doug Neeley attend City Commission meeting to represent viewpoint of NRC

Seconded: Mike Hamilton

In Favor: Chris Weaver, Devon Pilney, Mike Hamilton, Nancy Broshot, Doug Neeley

Opposed: None

Motion passed.

7. Communication Updates

From Pete Walter:

Update on Canemah Wetlands: Doug Neeley recommended a 10-15 foot corridor between neighboring property and wetlands. Mr. Neeley provided further clarification on the recommendation. The adjacent property owner, Karen (last name unknown), provided comment on the situation and was supportive of the recommendation.

Oregon City Enhancement Day: Saturday, April 25th

Notice of Decision for Forest Edge Apartments Stabilization. No appeals; decision is final.

Comprehensive Plan: Report of decision to accept proposal from 3J for the upcoming Visioning Project.

From Doug Neeley:

Mr. Neeley asserted that the NRC should have the opportunity to give input on items on agendas of Planning and City Commissions where Natural Resource Overlay District (NROD) is involved.

8. Future Agenda Items

Revisit tree removal standards on publicly owned land
Recruitment for Project Advisory Team

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 4 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Trent Warness and Doug Neeley

Absent: 4 - Bill Clark, Jerry Herrmann, Matt Kuhl and Nancy Broshot

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

3. Presentation

3a. Recycling Presentation

Rick Winterhalter, Clackamas County, gave a presentation on the current state of recycling including the impacts of National Sword and China's scrap ban and what the State and County were doing about it. He also discussed the biggest contaminants that were found in recycling bins.

There was discussion regarding what could be put in recycling bins and the need for more public education.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

5. New Business/Discussion Items

5a. Development Code Amendments Including Equitable Housing

Pete Walter, Planner, gave a presentation on the proposed housing and other development and zoning code amendments including the equitable housing changes, opportunities to expand housing options, and other changes to use, administration, procedures, and code format. There was a lot more public outreach to be done.

There was discussion regarding these amendments.

6. Communications

Committee Member Dahlsrud reported on the Oregon City Parks Foundation activities.

Chair Neeley discussed the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council activities.

7. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

8. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

CITY OF OREGON CITY
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 7:00 PM
City Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order:

Matt Kuhl, Doug Neeley, Nancy Broshot, Mike Hamilton, and Jerry Herrmann were present. Peter Walters represented staff.

2. Agenda Analysis

Committee members have the opportunity to move items to New Business/Discussion Items from Communications if they are interested in discussion. The Committee may also add an item to the agenda with the consensus of the Committee.

3. Public Comments

Roger Fowler-Thias from Oregon City Parks Foundation, announced ivy-pulling event at Waterboard Park, October 26, 2019. Stated they will be partnering with Portland No Ivy League

4. Old Business - NROD (Canemah Wetland Issue)

Pete Walter updated the status on Natural Resource Overlay District (NROD) Canemah Wetland Issue

Public Comment on Topic:

- Karen, an Oregon City citizen, reported her personal objection and Canemah Neighborhood Association's objection to the city's Canemah Wetland Proposal.
- Jerry Herrmann requested that Karen provide onsite property evaluation

5. New Business/Discussion Items

5a. Beaver Creek Road Concept Plan: Upland Habitat regulation under OCMC 17.49 Natural Resource Overlay District (NROD).

Sponsors: Sr. Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, presented:

BEAVERCREEK ROAD CONCEPT PLAN -

The 2008 Beaver Creek Road Concept Plan envisions a complete community with a diverse mix of uses woven together by open space, trails, network of green streets, and sustainable development practices, including:

- Employment campus north of Loder Road
- Mixed-use districts along Beaver Creek Road
- Two mixed-use residential neighborhoods
- 1,000-1,600 new housing units and up to 5,000 jobs at complete build-out
- 2019 Projection: 1105- Housing Units, 5000 jobs

5b. Willamette River Greenway - Proposed Code Amendments.

Sponsors: Planner Pete Walter

OCMC 17.48 - WRG WILLAMETTE RIVER GREENWAY OVERLAY DISTRICT: Section 15 Willamette River Greenway Comp Plan

- WRG Map - Canemah area
- WRG Map - Two Rivers area

6. Approval of the Minutes

6a. Adoption of Minutes of the January 9, 2019 NRC Meeting

Mr. Walters called for adoption of minutes. Ms. Broshot moved to adopt the minutes of the October 9, 2019 meeting. Second by Mr. Herrmann. Motion passed, with vote as follows:

Matt Kuhl aye

Doug Neeley aye

Nancy Broshot aye

Mike Hamilton aye

Jerry Herrmann aye

Sponsors: Planner Pete Walter

7. Communications

NRC Member Reports Staff Communications:

- Heritage Tree Code;
- Cove Development Status;
- Comp. Plan Update;
- Update on Canemah Wetland NROD Addition;
- Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD) verification application for tax lot 32E09C 00200 (File NROD-19-00008)

8. Future Agenda Items

- NROD Canemah Wetland Issue
- Committee's Participation in Clackamette Park Work Session
- Willamette River Greenway
- NROD Exemption Verification Application for tax lot owned by Ron Saunders

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.



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Item #3.

Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - Ginger Redlinger, Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness and Nancy Broshot

Absent: 2 - Jerry Herrmann and Bill Clark

Staffers: 3 - Laura Terway, Pete Walter and Martin Montalvo

5. Public Comments

Roger Fowler-Thias, member of the Oregon City Parks Foundation, said the Foundation was applying for a grant with HDR Engineering for removal of invasive species at Water Board Park, cleaning up the road to accommodate bicycles, and putting in trails. He requested a letter of support from the NRC.

There was consensus to draft a letter of support.

William Gifford was also a member of the Foundation. He asked that the letter be drafted in time for the deadline tomorrow.

Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, discussed wetlands in Canemah that had not been mapped. The wetlands had been delineated and adjudicated by the Department of State Lands. He was asking for a legislative action to include them in the Oregon City wetlands mapping. There were several water sources in Canemah and the area was susceptible to land slides. The wetlands needed to be protected and properties in Canemah needed to be developed properly. He suggested the NRC take a tour of the area to see what he was talking about. He would bring this up at the next Canemah Neighborhood Association meeting.

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, said the last wetlands inventory was done in 1999. Anyone could apply for an amendment to the Natural Resource Overlay District boundary. The NRC could work on finding funding for the work. She explained the process for making an amendment to the Overlay District.

2. Presentations

Mr. Clark said there was a Marine Board Open House tomorrow. Mr. Clark left the meeting.

2a. Presentation on Urban Canopy Descriptors and the role of trees in urban modelling, by Jackson Voelkel, PSU

Jackson Voelkel, researcher at PSU, gave a presentation on the urban canopy. He discussed important questions, such as how to measure the amount of trees, what trees were important, and how to identify the trees that were in need of preservation. He explained the use of Lidar data, singling out large trees, and steps to identifying trees. He then discussed how to inform statistical models with tree data for air quality, urban heat island effect, predictive heat surfaces estimated with machine learning algorithms, and assessing the role of canopy in temperature reduction. He described the current progress of UHI research. They now knew where all of the trees were located in the metropolitan area. They took the 1.8 million tallest trees and put them on a map and he gave examples of how the map was used. With all of this data they hoped to increase public knowledge about the impact of trees, educate policy makers on the connections trees have to the environment, and nominate Heritage Tree status for important trees. Future research would include more modeling and new Lidar mapping.

2b. Presentation on Public Works Master Plan, Martin Montalvo, PE, Operations Manager

Martin Montalvo, Public Works Operations Manager, discussed the proposed site plan for the Public Works facilities. The upgrades to the facilities were necessary due to the current condition of the buildings. It was not because of lack of maintenance, but the buildings were old and it was taking a lot of resources to keep them going. They were trying to be good stewards and the time had come to make these changes.

3. Approval of the Minutes

3a. Approval of NRC Minutes for March 9, 2016

A motion was made by Mr. Warness, seconded by Ms. Redlinger, to approve the March 9, 2016, minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Ginger Redlinger, Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud and Trent Warness

Abstain: 1 - Nancy Broshot

4. Agenda Analysis

6. New Business

6a. Support for the Public Works Master Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Warness, seconded by Ms. Dahlsrud, to approve the letter of support for the Public Works Site Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Ginger Redlinger, Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness and Nancy Broshot

6b. NRC Presentation to the Citizen Involvement Committee

Chair Neeley said he would be making a presentation to the Citizen Involvement Committee on October 3. He asked for input on what he should cover.

Some of the items the NRC suggested were: the Heritage Tree program, Natural Resource Overlay District, NRC participation in projects, and Street Tree list update.

7. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

8. Communications

Ms. Terway reported the City hired a new planner to replace her old position. There was a new Community Services Director as well.

Chair Neeley welcomed Ms. Broshot to the Committee.

Ms. Redlinger acknowledged that the NRC was making progress in being connected to the parks groups.

Mr. Warness asked about the Cove project. Chair Neeley said the Planning Department had not received the design for the second phase yet. He suggested having the developer give a presentation to the NRC. He also suggested scheduling a goal setting Work Session.

Mr. Walter discussed recent annexation applications.

Chair Neeley discussed the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council activities including assessing habitat at Abernethy Creek. They were having a breakfast fundraiser on October 1.

Ms. Dahlsrud said the Oregon City Parks Foundation was putting together a bottle drive and were seeking sponsors.

Mr. Herrmann arrived at 8:27 PM. He announced there would be a Marine Board meeting tomorrow to discuss the boat ramp at Clackamette Park. Classes at the Environmental Learning Center were being organized.

9. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Dahlsrud wanted an update on the trees at Water Board Park.

10. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

City of Oregon City

Meeting Minutes

Natural Resources Committee

April 11, 2012

7:00 PM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

1 Call to Order and Roll Call --Approximately 7:00 pm

Members Present: Jerry Herrmann, Bob Roth, Bryon Boyce, Marlo Smith

Excused: Erik Carr, Richard Craven, Andrew Senase

Staff Present: Peter Walter, Associate Planner and Staff Liaison, Tony Konkol, Community Development Director, John Lewis, Public Works

2. Public Comment on Item not Listed on Agenda

The following people gave public testimony:

Jerry Herrmann, Gladstone resident and current member of the Natural Resources Committee, expressed concern about the lack of consultation with or official notification to the Natural Resources Committee regarding the removal of 770 trees in the development of a subdivision and how this removal of trees seemed contradictory to the City's application for Tree City USA. Mr. Herrmann brought and shared memos from Bob Nelson, of the Natural Resources Committee at the time, and Walter H. Knapp and Associates, an agriculture and forestry consulting firm, on the matter.

Tony Konkol, Community Development Director, provided some background information regarding the application for development, the process and level of review, along with the zoning regulations, building code, and other Municipal Code that applied to the review of this application.

Discussion occurred about the application for development process, tree mitigation code, and jurisdictional distinctions as it pertained to this development.

Seated at the dais as a member of the Committee, Mr. Herrmann moved that the Natural Resources Committee be notified of like projects in the future. Chair Boyce asked for a second, but there was none. Mr. Herrmann withdrew the motion after finding it similar to extant sections in the Natural Resources Committee bylaws and Municipal Code. It was determined that the Natural Resources Committee was not notified in this case because the Committee was not in effect at the time the project was reviewed and that by the Municipal Code, only Planning Commission level projects would come to Natural Resources Committee and that this project never reached that level.

Dave Prideaux, Oregon City, voiced concerns that the City pursue a Tree City USA status while allowing large tree cuttings without input from the Natural Resources Committee and citizens.

Gordon Wilson, Oregon City, spoke with regards to the Oregon White Oak application. He disagreed with the results of a tree survey and asserted that Category 5 resources were present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Mr. Herrmann asked that a correction be made to section 5a. He felt an addition be added, so the sentences read as follows:

“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.”

Moved by Jerry Herrmann, seconded by Bob Roth, to adopt the minutes for March 14, 2012 with corrections stated. The motion passed by the following vote:

4 – Ayes: Herrmann, Roth, Boyce, and Smith

4. Action Items

Recommendation on Waterboard Park and Oregon City Public Works Facility Heritage Grove Nomination

The contents of the document packet, the sites’ known species, geological features, staffing/volunteer prospects, and access points and operations were discussed.

Cathy Rothburg, Oregon City, spoke in favor of applying for Heritage Grove status on behalf of the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association.

Neil Daniels, Oregon City, spoke in favor of awarding Heritage Grove status due to rare specimens on the site.

Cathy Rothburg, Oregon City, spoke against Public Works being in the park setting and said City Commission had agreed that it would not be there.

Following discussion regarding the sites, Marlo Smith moved to table the recommendation until a site visit could be made by the Natural Resource Committee and Staff. The motion was seconded by Jerry Herrmann. There were no objections.

5. Discussion Items

a. Future Agenda Items Discussion

Mr. Herrmann suggested three workshop opportunities: Conservation in America, Duo Ecosystems, and Who Regulates What Agency Roundup.

Mr. Roth suggested review of existing tree mitigation process(es) and the Natural Resources Committee’s role in providing leadership and interest in urban forestry.

Mr. Herrmann suggested inviting Kim Worcester, West Linn, and Lorie Griffith, Heritage Waters Task Force, to speak about volunteer coordination and more information about ORS 17.49.

b. Communications

There were no communications.

6. Adjournment—Approximately 9:00 pm.



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Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 3 - Jerry Herrmann, Doug Neeley and Nancy Broshot

Absent: 4 - Ginger Redlinger, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness and Bill Clark

Staffers: 2 - Pete Walter and Laura Terway

2. Agenda Analysis

Since there was no quorum of the Committee, staff would only present an overview of the Natural Resources Overlay District and provide the other presentations at a future NRC meeting.

3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

4. General Business

4a. Overview of Natural Resources Overlay District, Geologic Hazard Overlay District, and Tree Regulations

Pete Walter, Planner, gave an overview of the Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD) which complied with Metro Titles 3 and 13. The NROD was last updated in 2010. He discussed the use definitions of prohibited, exempt, and regulated as well as development, review, and mitigation standards for the NROD. He described how the NROD application review worked and the NROD map and identifying documents. If a new wetland was discovered that was touching the map boundaries, the City's review process applied and applied the buffer. If a new wetland was discovered and it was outside of the map boundaries, the City's review process did not apply. Either the Army Corps of Engineers or Department of State Lands permits might apply. He then explained the NROD buffer requirements.

There was discussion regarding what happened when a wetland was found by citizens and who determined if it was a wetland.

Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, discussed a lot of record that was outside the NROD which was the old Canemah waterworks. There were some wetlands that had been delineated by Department of State Lands and the water flowed from that area and had flooded the basements of nearby houses. Grading was done recently and because it was not in the NROD, nothing was done to protect critical habitat. This area was also

a landslide area and needed to be included in the NROD.

Mr. Walter explained the property could still be developed, just not up to the edge of the wetland and outside the NROD buffer. They might also have to do replanting. The strategy was avoidance, followed by mitigation.

There was further discussion regarding the process for expanding the NROD, funding for the process, and groups that might help with the work.

Mr. Walter continued his presentation by reviewing the Heritage Trees and Stands code and Tree Protection code. He described the applicability and explained how the codes worked. He gave an example of an arborist report and tree mitigation plan. The tree codes attempted to balance the right to develop land and achieving tree canopy goals. Right now there were no specific tree canopy goals. Another issue was they were not preserving large, mature trees through this process.

4b.

Discussion of Canemah Wetland Regulatory Concerns

Mr. Walter stated DSL issued a letter to Chris Staggs who was developing a property in Canemah saying he was no longer in violation and included a map of the wetlands delineation which was good for two years. Mr. Staggs could apply to DSL for any permits required within that two year period and fulfill the City's requirements as well. Mr. Walter also included Paul Edgar's comments dated September 14 and comments from the Godwins with a map of the historical channel with the water tanks that flowed onto that property.

Mr. Edgar said when Canemah was designated as a National Historic District, the documents talked about the wetlands and Canemah water works and identified their locations. They somehow got left off of the City's documentation. He thought they were waters of the state according to DSL and he hoped there would be setbacks from them and that they would be included in the NROD.

There was discussion regarding the property and need for a buffer around the wetland.

Ms. Terway said in order to create a legal buffer, a study would need to be done as well as a legislative application process. Chair Neeley suggested adding this to the NRC goals for the City to look for funding.

Mr. Edgar also suggested doing a clean up of Canameh through a Nature in the Neighborhood grant. Chair Neeley suggested the Canemah Neighborhood Association make that grant request.

4c.

Approval of NRC Workplan

This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

5. Communications

Mr. Walter suggested the NRC could make their annual presentation to the City Commission on December 7.

Chair Neeley suggested holding a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Herrmann also wanted to meet with Phil Lewis, Community Services Director, and John Runyon on the Lower Harbor Trust Fund and the Cove. He would also like to review his proposal for quarterly natural history walks.

Mr. Walter said they could potentially have a presentation on the Riverwalk in January.

Ms. Terway announced a Riverwalk Design Open House on November 17. There would be a Friends of Trees planting on December 3. Chair Neeley suggested informing people about the Heritage Tree program at the tree planting event. A new preservation planner was hired, Trevor Martin.

Mr. Herrmann announced this Saturday there would be a Saturday Institute at the Environmental Learning Center to help salvage plants.

Chair Neeley mentioned that NRC member Bill Clark was still having medical issues, but requested keeping his position on the NRC for now. There was consensus to do so. Regarding pesticide use in the parks, the Mayor of Milwaukie could speak to the NRC about alternative landscaping methods.

6. Future Agenda Items

Chair Neeley said the next meeting of the NRC would be on December 14. They would discuss the nominees for filling the vacant positions and discussion on the natural history walking tours.

7. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM.



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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 7 - Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Bill Clark, Nancy Broshot, Jerry Herrmann and Matt Kuhl

Staffers: 2 - Laura Terway and Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approval of the Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

4. Presentations

Francesca Anton and Pam Kromer, residents of Oregon City, introduced a project they had been working on, an inventory list of notable and possible Heritage Trees in the McLoughlin neighborhood. Several years ago there was a Tree Committee that met for two years to review and update the City's Tree Ordinance. The purpose of this project was to post the list that had been compiled on the City's website. There were trees that should possibly be preserved, those that needed to be taken out, and there were areas where trees should be planted. More trees needed to be added to the Heritage Tree program along with better care of the trees in the neighborhood. They thought there was enough interest to get volunteers to help with this effort.

Pete Walter, Planner, discussed incentive options for the program, such as offering grants for maintaining the trees.

Ms. Anton thought they should survey those who had a possible Heritage Tree and see what they thought. Most people did not know about the program and needed help maintaining these trees, especially pruning them.

Ms. Dahlsrud was in support of the idea. She suggested there be more public education on it.

Chair Neeley suggested they apply for a Metro Enhancement Grant for funds to do a more detailed survey in the McLoughlin neighborhood. He thought the NRC would be happy to write a letter of support for their effort. The City's Finance Department could help direct them through the grant process.

Jesse Buss, resident of Oregon City, expressed his support for this effort. The NRC's letter of support was a good idea, but he requested the NRC go a step further. One of the City Commission's goals was to enhance the livability of the community and this project directly spoke to that goal. He thought it needed to be addressed in the budget now, which was currently being prepared. He also suggested that a potential goal of this project could include sending notifications to new owners of the homes with significant trees on their land. He agreed incentives should be created for owners who wanted to list their trees as the trees were a public resource and benefit.

Chair Neeley thought the NRC could make a presentation to the City Commission on this issue. Mr. Walter could put in a request to the City Recorder.

Mr. Walter said this was also a goal of the NRC and he read the goal. Ms. Terway thought the NRC should hold a Work Session on the topic before going to the Commission. There was consensus to schedule a Work Session before the next regular meeting.

Mr. Herrmann volunteered to help Ms. Anton and Ms. Kromer in this effort.

5. Public Comments

Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, stated Canemah was platted in 1865 creating legal lots of record. There were also LIDAR map landslide conditions in this area. The area needed to be identified in the geologic hazard code. It became important when properties were to be developed, especially if they started to cut into the toe of the landslide hill. He thought developments in this area should be reviewed by the Natural Resources Committee. Canemah was also an area with many creeks and water percolating. There was a historic Canemah Waterworks as well which created a wetland. That wetland was a historically identified wetland, but it wasn't mapped. Because it was not mapped, there was no setback requirement and a builder wanted to build right up to the wetlands. He thought these were waters of the state since they had been delineated recently and they needed to be preserved. The City needed to make sure the code was correct in these situations.

Mr. Walter said the City had adopted multiple revisions to the Geologic Hazard Code, the most recent in 2010. He explained the definition of geologic hazard area, the required buffers, and overlay district.

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, explained how the City had received the request to set aside funding to look at these areas that were not originally covered in the Natural Resource Overlay District. That decision for funding had not been made yet. There were protections for the wetland itself, but there was no buffer, and there was a development application before the Historic Review Board. The application would also have to go through site plan and design review and geologic hazards review.

Mr. Walter described the overlay district expansion process.

There was discussion regarding notifications for these reviews and the process and cost for mapping the wetlands and creating a buffer.

Francesca Anton, resident of Oregon City, discussed ivy and invasive species in the City. Other cities had a No Ivy Day where ivy was removed and she thought the NRC should encourage the CIC and Parks Foundation to schedule some No Ivy Days.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business/Discussion Items

Mr. Walter presented information on a possible dark sky ordinance. He had distributed a copy of the existing section of the site plan and design review code that dealt with outdoor lighting which was adopted in 2008. This applied to development in all zones except single family residential. He explained the exemptions to the code. PGE controlled the street lights in the City and this code was written pre-LED technology. Light levels were required to be specified in applications. Generally it was not allowed to light beyond .5 foot candles at the property line. The lights had to be pointed downward and there were maximum height limits for lighting poles. Certain types of areas had to be lit to a minimum level of a .5 foot candle. They did not require other areas to be lit, but if areas were lit, they were not to overlight the areas. The International Dark Sky Association provided a model lighting code which recommended adopting an overlay in the City that regulated the lighting for certain areas. If the NRC wanted to change the code, it would take a legislative action and public hearing process.

Mr. Herrmann summarized what former NRC member Sha Spady had researched about this topic including the reasons for a dark sky ordinance. He suggested having Ms. Spady and other professionals come to a meeting to discuss it further.

Mr. Walter showed an example of the lighting plan for the Environmental Learning Center project.

There was discussion regarding how the street lights had been changed to LED lights.

Mike Mitchell, resident of Oregon City, thought dark skies was a great goal. He cautioned them about making regulations for residential lighting as it was expensive and there was not much demand. The current code was pre-LED and there was a section that called for specific bulb types and LED was not one of them. If they were going to make changes to the code, they should be written as technology neutral without saying what the source had to be because this industry was constantly changing. He suggested the LED lights be done warmer than they currently were, which was better for the health of humans and wildlife. It was a mistake to overlight areas at night as people did not need that much light. He also suggested negotiating with PGE to have down light cut off fixtures for new subdivisions.

Mr. Walter would talk to Public Works about this issue and come back to the NRC with more information.

Mr. Walter said the Willamette Falls Media Center had the NRC meeting dates as "to be announced" and that was being corrected. The City's website had the current dates for upcoming meetings.

Mr. Herrmann discussed his natural history walking tours proposal. This idea was tested in February and it was a positive experience. He referred to the NRC's work plan which included interfacing with tourism agencies for enhanced interpretive activities. He was asking for a letter of support from the NRC for a Clackamas County tourism grant he planned to apply for. He suggested the walks could be on the promenade, falls

overlook, Clackamas river, port of Oregon City, and Clackamette Cove. He trained youth to do the research and meet with qualified people and then lead the tours. The grant was due by the end of the month and would be used for marketing these tours and to pay the kids to do the research. He thought tours could be done in May, July, September, October, and November.

Chair Neeley clarified the NRC could write a letter of recommendation, but these were not NRC events. NRC members could help, but they would not be representing the NRC.

There was consensus for Chair Neeley to write a letter of support for the grant.

Mr. Walter thought the NRC work plan should be discussed at a future meeting. This was a working document and should be lined up with the recently adopted City Commission goals. He also needed direction on the items in the work plan that required funding, such as stream crossing signage and adding wetlands to the NROD. He requested the NRC send him any comments on the work plan, and he would compile the comments and bring them back to the next meeting.

8. Communications

Chair Neeley said the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council discussed putting signs on streams they had been working on. If they provided the signs, Public Works would be able to install them. He showed an example of the logo that would be on the signs. This was also an NRC work plan item, but it might not be a budget item for the City if the Watershed Council was able to do this.

There was consensus for the Watershed Council to move forward with the signs.

Ms. Dahlsrud had been attending the Parks Foundation meetings. Every Tuesday this month, Oregon City Brewing would donate \$1 per pint to the Parks Foundation. There was a bottle drive for the Parks Foundation as well.

9. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Herrmann suggested a presentation by the Parks Foundation regarding the Water Board Park hillside. He would also like a discussion regarding the water quality issues at the Cove.

Mr. Walter said for the next meeting, there would be a Work Session on Heritage Trees and there would be an update on the lighting code from Public Works. There were no more vacancies on the NRC, and he suggested at the next meeting nominating a Secretary to help with the agenda preparation.

10. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.



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Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Bill Clark and Matt Kuhl

Absent: 2 - Nancy Broshot and Jerry Herrmann

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

4. Old Business

There was no old business.

5. New Business/Discussion Items

Pete Walter, Planner, discussed possible joint meeting dates with PRAC in June and July.

There was discussion regarding the agenda items for that joint meeting. The items included invasive species removal, stormwater run off, and quality of the City parks that had significant natural areas, designating Heritage Trees in City parks and Mt. View Cemetery, funding for Heritage Tree designation arborist reports, funding for plaques for the Heritage Trees, and insecticides used in City parks.

Mr. Walter gave an update on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project Riverwalk design event that occurred on June 3. He distributed the restoration strategy for the site. He would ask Brian Vaughn to provide a presentation on the strategy to the NRC.

The NRC discussed the strategy. Chair Neeley noted that if the alcoves were intended to be refuges, that they should not be open to the public wading in those areas. There was also discussion regarding whether or not there should be Oak savannah habitat.

Mr. Walter would also work on having John Runyon come to the NRC to discuss the mitigation plan for the Cove project.

6. Communications

Chair Neeley said the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council was working on the Environmental Learning Center restoration and some students had been helping to salvage amphibians. They were releasing the amphibians downstream of the ELC so they could work their way back up.

Ms. Dahlsrud reported on Mr. Herrmann's walking tours which had been very successful. She also discussed transportation and parking issues for the Willamette Falls Legacy Project.

Mr. Walter said Mr. Herrmann wanted him to mention the ongoing discussion on lighting standards. There would be a presentation from PGE on street lighting at the next NRC meeting. He would work with Phil Lewis, Community Services Director, on the agenda for the joint meeting with PRAC. The Planning department was working with applicants on the Newell Creek Canyon trailhead parking area and a phased master plan for a hotel on 17th and Washington across from the Oregon City Interpretive Center.

7. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.

8. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

City of Oregon City
Natural Resources Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 7:00 PM

City Commissioner Chambers - City Hall

NRC Applicant Interview, *Christopher Weaver*

1. Call to Order

Doug Neeley, Nancy Broshot, Matt Kuhl, Trent Warness were present. Pete Walters represented staff.

2. Agenda Analysis

Mr. Walter requested on behalf of a staff member, to move item 4b to before item 4a.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments

4. Old Business:

4b. Willamette River Greenway - Proposed Code Amendments

Sponsors: Planner Kelly Reid

OCMC 17.48 - WRG WILLAMETTE RIVER GREENWAY OVERLAY DISTRICT Section 15
Willamette Greenway Comp Plan

Furnished a slide presentation and discussion about proposed code amendments and provided more context surrounding the history of the Willamette River Greenway.

4a. 19-635 Beaver Creek Road Concept Plan: Upland Habitat regulation under OCMC 17.49 Natural Resource Overlay District (NROD).

Sponsors: Sr. Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner

Gave slide presentation titled: *Upland Habitat Identified During Beaver Creek Road Concept Plan Process in 2006-2008*

Planning Commission Memo: September 23, 2019

5. New Business/Discussion Items

5a. Preliminary Discussion of Review Process for Tree Removal on City-Owned Land

Sponsors: Sr. Planner Pete Walter

Mr. Walter referred to the memorandum prepared by City Manager Tony Konkol included in committee member's provided packets, referencing the summary and findings of the tree removal at the swimming pool and how they lead to a discussion of process improvements.

He presented a slide exhibit titled, "Review Process for Tree Removal on City-Owned Land", focused on developing new policies and codes with respect to tree removal on city owned properties.

Parks Maintenance Superintendent John Waverly, was present to talk about department's considerations for what they do when managing trees.

1. Summary and Findings
2. Process Review
3. Sidewalk Pictures - Pool Facility
4. Walnut Tree Arborist Report
5. White Oak Arborist Report
6. Public Works - Safe Sidewalks Information
7. Oregon City Municipal Code - Public and Street Trees
8. Oregon City Municipal Code - Tree Protection, Preservation, Removal and Replanting Standards
9. Oregon City Municipal Code - Site Plan and Design Review
10. Tree Removal Permit - 8/30/19
11. Reissued Tree Removal Permit - 9/10/19

Referring to Mr. Walter's presentation slide titled, "Parks Department Considerations" along with Mr. Walter's introductory comment, "there is consideration on the horizon about replacing trees on a large scale" due to hazardous trees and invasive species, Parks Maintenance Superintendent, John Waverly, responded by stating the importance of avoiding certain tree varieties when new parks are brought online and new trees added so Parks Department "can be in a better place going forward".

Public Comments:

Dorothy Dolsrith –

Expressed concern about sidewalks being made to curve around trees that extend into private property to save the tree.

She asked if there is an existing code protecting city owned trees that property owners do not care for or about referencing the five oaks on Linn Ave. adjacent to a church.

Denise McGriff -

Suggested holding Oregon City, a Tree-City USA designated city, to a higher standard in its city codes and decisions making regarding its trees: how they are preserved and saved.

Recommended city provides incentive for citizens to not remove trees on their private property.

Doug Neely -

Stressed importance of educating citizens about the Heritage Tree Code particularly those who newly purchase property.

Trent Warness -

Expressed agreement with Mr. Neely in regard to educating citizens about the Heritage Tree Code adding his concern about dictating to private property owners what they can and can not do on their own property.

6. Communications - Staff & Committee Reports

Doug Neeley - Stated attendance at an Environmental Learning Presentation

Pete Walter - Announced Friends of Trees Event: November 23, 2019. In need of volunteers.

7. Future Agenda Items:

- Audubon's, Mary Coolidge, to give presentation regarding effects of LED lights on habitat.
- Status of Comprehensive Grant Application.
- Update on Willamette River Greenway and Beavercreek Road

Motion to recommend to Mayor appointment of Chris Weaver to NRC Committee:

Doug Neeley moved to recommend the appointment of Chris Weaver to the NRC Committee to the Mayor. Second by Trent Warness. Motion passed, with vote as follows:

Doug Neeley aye

Nancy Broshot aye

Matt Kuhl aye

Trent Warness aye

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.



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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Neeley called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Present: 6 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Bill Clark, Jerry Herrmann, Matt Kuhl and Doug Neeley

Absent: 1 - Nancy Broshot

Staffers: 2 - Pete Walter and John Lewis

2. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Presentations

John Lewis, Public Works Director, and Kevin Muck, PGE Lighting Supervisor, gave a presentation on street lighting. PGE had adopted an LED street light standard about five years ago and the majority of the lights had been converted in Oregon City. PGE had also come up with a decorative light standard and there were some decorative lights in Oregon City that were PGE authorized. Most of the decorative lights had been added through City projects and the City owned them and PGE maintained some while the City maintained some. Oregon City had about 3,000 lights that PGE owned and maintained. It was difficult to get decorative lighting that was dark sky compliant. The standard cobra head lights produced very little upward light bleed, and the City had been working to upgrade the decorative lights to LEDs which had a dark cap on the top and made the lights shine down. Some people did not like how the newer and older lights did not match, but the lights were expensive to replace.

There was discussion regarding the light bleed from the Amtrak station, the color and temperature of LED lights, and replacement of the decorative lights.

There was consensus to have a presentation on dark sky mitigation and examples of what PGE offered including before and after examples. They also wanted to know if Oregon City had a plan for dark sky lighting.

Jerry Herrmann, Rivers of Life Center, said he and Bryon Boyce had been working on a discovery tour of Water Board Park. The tour was scheduled for September 9. They had put together a concepts and assets list and presented it to the Parks Foundation and also met with City staff. The park was a significant natural and geologic area. They had received a grant to expedite ivy removal from the park and that work would begin in the fall. They were seeking support from groups to get more grants. He discussed a map that showed the assets at the park. He thought the City needed to take a different

approach to this park. He did not think it should be maintained or improved, but it should be interpreted as much as possible. He also thought it should be designated as a significant and unique geologic area.

Chair Neeley suggested Mr. Herrmann contact state legislators to work with him as well.

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Bobbie Norton, Boy Scout Troop 133, was working on his Communications merit badge.

The NRC encouraged him to attend the next Planning Commission meeting as there would be a controversial issue discussed.

Committee Member Dahlsrud suggested his troop help with an upcoming ivy pull.

5. General Business

Pete Walter, Planner, reviewed the joint PRAC and NRC Work Session that happened in July. Some of the topics discussed were heritage trees, funding for arborist reports, and funding for signage. The top three priorities for both groups were invasive species, providing funding for support of the heritage tree program, and signage, plaques, and interpretive signage for natural resources in parks.

There was discussion regarding the need for funding an arborist for heritage tree designation. Chair Neeley suggested submitting a Metro Enhancement Grant application as a stop gap until the next budget cycle where they could request either an arborist be brought onto staff or a contract with an arborist.

Committee Member Dahlsrud suggested looking into using Clackamas Community College arborist students. Chair Neeley requested staff to contact the head of the program at the college and invite him to come to an NRC meeting to discuss the option further.

Mr. Walter suggested contacting the Pacific Northwest Society of Arboriculture as well.

Chair Neeley thought at the next meeting they could revisit the code to look at the requirement for an arborist report and discuss alternative criteria.

There was discussion regarding the \$300 fine not being enough for removing a heritage tree. This would be reviewed as well.

Mr. Walter said at the next NRC meeting the NRC work plan could be updated to include these items.

6. Adoption of Minutes

Draft Minutes for NRC October 26, 2016

A motion was made by Committee Member Warness, seconded by Committee Member Clark, to approve the October 26, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Bill Clark, Jerry Herrmann, Matt Kuhl and Doug Neeley

7. Communications

Mr. Walter reported on upcoming Planning Commission hearings and the yearly report for the jughandle mitigation site plantings.

Chair Neeley stated the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council and Oregon City Women's Club would be the recipients of the Oregon City Brewery fundraiser on the 15th.

Committee Member Herrmann discussed the clean up and rehabilitation at Clackamette Cove. Mr. Walter explained what was included in Phase 2 of the Cove development.

8. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Walter reviewed the items on the next meeting's agenda.

Committee Member Herrmann suggested a sea lion presentation as a future agenda item.

9. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.



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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.



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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Jerry Herrmann, Matt Kuhl and Doug Neeley

Absent: 2 - Bill Clark and Nancy Broshot

Staffers: 2 - Pete Walter and Martin Montalvo

2. Agenda Analysis

There was discussion regarding the process for the NRC applicant interviews, which were all reapplications for current members of the NRC. There was consensus that the interviews be held at the end of the meeting.

3. Public Comments

Nancy Eichsteadt, Friends of Gladstone Nature Park, stated Gladstone Nature Park was owned by the city but the city did not have the resources to take care of it. A group of neighbors and concerned citizens started a non-profit to supplement what the city could do. They had clean up days once per month and sponsored an Arbor Day every year. One of their new programs was for people to sponsor a tree in the park. She was open to partnering with the NRC and Oregon City Parks Foundation on projects.

Erin ??, PSU student and Oregon City resident, suggested the NRC reach out to the elementary schools to help with environmental projects and planning efforts.

4. Old Business

4a. Continue Discussion of Incentives for Heritage Tree Program

Pete Walter, Planner, gave a background on the Heritage Tree Program. As part of the application, an arborist report had to be done to document the health of the tree. This was a cost barrier to some applicants and to improve participation in the program, there had been discussion about how to fund these reports. Some of the suggestions were using Metro Enhancement Grant funds or Nature in the Neighborhoods funds. Other ideas were changing the requirement from an arborist report to a simple checklist for review, to use Clackamas Community College arborist program students, or to protect the trees through a covenant. He discussed the pros and cons of each of these ideas.

There was discussion regarding the options. Rodney Walters, instructor for the Clackamas Community College Arboriculture Program, would come to the next NRC meeting where this discussion would continue.

4b. NRC Workplan Update

Mr. Walter said Chair Neeley would be giving the City Commission an annual report in December which would include a copy of the NRC Workplan. There had been revisions to the Commission Goals and Priorities and they needed to make sure the NRC Workplan coordinated with those.

The NRC made edits to the Workplan including the items that had been accomplished and those items that were yet to be done.

Chair Neeley would get together with staff to solidify what would be included in the presentation. All of the NRC members were invited to attend the City Commission meeting.

5. New Business

5a. Tree Health and Safety Evaluation for Two Oak Trees abutting Mount Pleasant Apartment and Mount Pleasant School

Martin Montalvo, Operations Manager, and Wes Wilson, Utility Maintenance Specialist, discussed a large White Oak tree by Mt. Pleasant Elementary School that had come down. There were two other trees in the same location. The trees had been examined by two arborists and both recommended that the trees were compromised and should be taken down. In the interest of public safety, staff intended to remove the trees as soon as possible.

Mr. Walter stated the code regulations that governed tree removal in the public right-of-way allowed any tree deemed dead, diseased, dying, or hazardous by an arborist could be removed with approval by the City as long as it was replaced at a one to one ratio. The arborists did not recommend replacing the trees in the same location.

Mr. Montalvo said one tree was adjacent to the new police facility and they would include the replacement tree in the final development plan for the facility. The other tree was adjacent to an apartment complex and the private property owner would be paying for the tree removal.

There was discussion regarding the replacement tree plantings and what would be done with the wood of the trees being removed.

6. Communications

Committee Member Herrmann discussed the River Assets and Opportunities Task Force meeting. He thought an NRC member should participate in these quarterly meetings. Committee Member Dahlsrud volunteered.

Chair Neeley had sent the draft letter to Scott Burns as suggested by Mr. Herrmann.

Mr. Walter gave an update on the Tree City USA application, equitable housing project, Newell Creek Canyon trailhead plan, and contract with Friends of Trees for planting neighborhood trees.

Committee Member Dahlsrud gave an update on the Oregon City Parks Foundation work.

7. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Walter reviewed the next meeting's agenda.

NRC Applicant Interviews

The following members had terms that were expiring at the end of 2017 and had applied to be re-appointed to the Committee. Interviews were subject to public meetings laws and must be recorded: Doug Neeley, Trent Warness, and Nancy Broshot.

The NRC asked Mr. Neeley and Mr. Warness questions. Ms. Broshot was not in attendance that night.

A motion was made by Committee Member Herrmann, seconded by Committee Member Kuhl, to recommend to the Mayor the re-appointment of Doug Neeley, Trent Warness, and Nancy Broshot to the Natural Resource Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Jerry Herrmann and Matt Kuhl

Abstain: 2 - Trent Warness and Doug Neeley

8. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.



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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 4 - Jerry Herrmann, Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud and Bill Clark

Absent: 2 - Ginger Redlinger and Trent Warness

Staffers: 2 - Pete Walter and John Lewis

2. Presentations

2a. Update on Willamette Falls Riverwalk Project

Alex Pirove, project manager for the Willamette Falls Riverwalk project, gave an update on the project. She showed a map of the area. The overall site was 22 acres and a preliminary easement was established across the private property owned by Falls Legacy LLC. PGE was another significant partner. The Riverwalk was supported by infrastructure and economic development. She discussed the core values, public partners, Framework Plan, design collective, and Riverwalk Open House. Currently they were in the conceptual design phase which would move the Riverwalk from a vision document to a realistic idea. The first step was to define the design principles and programming, the second step was to develop three concept alternative designs, and the third step was the development of a preferred alternative with a phasing plan and detailed cost estimate. They were currently in the second step and the alternative designs would be done in the fall. They were also continuing the technical investigation and working on restoration targets. She announced the First City Celebration on July 23 where there would be a booth to gather input on the programming proposed for the site.

2b. Update on Grand Cove Development and Public Works Operations Center

John Lewis, Public Works Director, showed drawings of the Cove project. There would be an extensive amount of cut and fill happening on the site as it was in the flood plain. This project would construct 244 garden apartments and the permitting would be done in phases with the erosion control permit first and then the mass grading permit. The excavation would start on lot 1 and a public parking area would be built there as well as the trailhead to the pedestrian pathway. The amphitheater would be on lot 2. He explained where the cut and fill would take place, the truck route and trucks that would be used for the work, how the site and trail would be made safe for pedestrians, and road closure on Main Street. He then explained the north park area cut and fill and grading plan. The need for soil and the amphitheater would clear most of the area of the current soil and trees. He also explained the profile drawings and the amount of cut needed. He discussed the grading plan for lot 2, roadway improvements and round

about, structured wall separating the property and the Oregon City Shopping Center, and stormwater treatment. This work should be completed by the end of October.

There was discussion regarding the need for notification and signage of the closures.

Rita Miller, resident of Oregon City, asked about elevations on lot 2 and future access. Where was the fill coming from? She was concerned about flooding and asked if they needed to be concerned about Gladstone's water levels. Mr. Lewis explained the access points. The fill would come from lot 1 and the north park area and Tri-City's mound of dirt. This was about balancing the cut to the fill which was a requirement in the floodplain.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

4. Discussion Items

4a. Canemah cottage development update (4th & Miller)

Mr. Lewis said the Canemah cottage development was still in process. Staff had a pre-application meeting with the applicant a few weeks ago. Staff looked at all the information regarding natural resources and geological hazards on the site as well as Development Code criteria that applied. The owner was told there was a possible wetland on the property and a wetland delineation was done. The applicant wanted to do hand clearing, which could be done without large equipment and no trees bigger than six inches were supposed to be removed without notifying the City first. Some clearing was done before the applicant got an erosion control permit and a stop work order was placed on the property. When the applicant got the erosion control permit, he turned in the wetland delineation that was done and said he had talked to the Division of State Lands regarding the unmapped wetlands. DSL wanted to look at the delineation as well, but did not put a stop work order on the property. Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, notified the City of what was going on and staff went out to the property. Staff was comfortable that the applicant was not damaging the wetland, but put a stop work order on the property because of the grading work that had happened without authorization. The property owner decided to map the wetland and set his fencing 20 feet back. DSL came to the property and said what was done was well outside the wetland. The property owner took some liberties with his clearing, and it should have been clearly communicated to the City. The stop work order had been lifted. He then showed some pictures of the site.

Pete Walter, Planner, explained the Type 2 review process that would take place once the property owner submitted an application. This would be a cottage cluster development that was permitted in single family residential zones and the applicant was using a small footprint for every unit of housing. The property owner submitted for a second pre-application conference for that type of development which had not happened yet. Any time six months after a pre-application conference, the property owner could submit a land use application.

Maureen Carey, resident of Oregon City, lived across the street from the site. There was an old water reservoir on the site. It was July and the wetland was full and it was not the rainy season. Most of the homes in this area were single houses on two lots. To have a cluster of cottages would not fit in. She was also concerned about the

buildings and concrete bringing more water running down the slope onto her property as she already got water in her basement in the winter. Quite a few trees had been removed in the easement. Was the property owner allowed a construction entrance or full driveway? The property owner had been in the process of putting a driveway in all the way around the lot.

Mr. Lewis said it was supposed to be a construction entrance. The average length for a construction entrance was 30-40 feet. It did not look different to him than what was typically allowed.

Ms. Carey said his intention was to go all the way to the back of the lot before he got the stop work order. She wanted to make sure that the property owner was given no more liberties. He needed to do only what he was permitted to do.

Clint and Victoria Goodman, residents of Oregon City, lived on the property adjacent to the site. There was a water flowing creek into the reservoir tanks and when the tanks filled up, it overflowed and continued out. It was currently flowing even now, in July. The whole site held moisture and there was flow during the winter. They were concerned about the movement of dirt and drop in elevation with the clearing of the brush. The applicant planned to have a parking lot for the six cottage homes and no garages. He confirmed there was water run off from the property onto Ms. Carey's yard. It also ran down the side of their property onto Miller. No one knew how that area being cleared would affect neighboring properties. They lived in the 1867 Captain Cassidy Williams house, the first settler and first captain to navigate from here to Eugene on the Willamette. It was part of the history of Canemah. The water from these changes could mess with the foundation of their house. It was active, flowing water. They asked what defined the edge of a wetland.

Mr. Clark said there were three factors, hydrologic, vegetative, and soil. There had to be all three. Mr. Walter said this was a dynamic site that had groundwater moving through it. They would have to comply with DSL and the Corps of Engineers regulations. In the City's overlay district, there was a 50 foot buffer from a wetland and a delineation had to be done on the site. This site was not in the City's overlay district and they had to rely on DSL's regulations who did not have a 50 foot buffer.

Mr. Goodman said in 1996, flooding on this property was 6 to 8 feet deep.

Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, said this property did flood and all of the adjacent property basements flooded as well. The property owner did about 1,200 square feet of clearing before they got the stop work order. He explained how the water from the wetlands flowed down to the nearby creek. He thought this needed a Historic Review Board review and a right-of-way permit per the City's Code. These types of issues needed to be followed up on and this type of housing had never been in Canemah. There should be public hearings and the setbacks should be reviewed as well.

Mr. Lewis said an erosion control permit was adequate for the work that was being done and did not require a right-of-way permit.

Linda Baysinger, resident of Oregon City, said in the Canemah area there were many 5,000 square foot or less lots, and some were substandard. They were not all large or double lots. These cottage homes might be vernacular village style which would fit in with Canemah.

4b.

Public Works Center

Mr. Lewis discussed the new Public Works Center master plan from 2009. The big issues the neighborhood had with this plan was the proposed four story building, truck traffic on the upper site, and rock outcropping. Staff reached out the neighborhood in 2015 and came up with a new plan that put the large truck traffic on the lower site and instead of a four story building, there would be a two story office building, a shop space, and early acquisition of the armory. The rock outcropping was going to be left as it was. There would also be a future growth building that would be done in a later phase. The amended plan had better access and neighborhood traffic would not be allowed to cut through the site. There was still some opposition to this plan. They did not intend to go into debt or raise taxes; the cost would be paid for by existing utility rates. He showed pictures of what the buildings might look like on the exterior and example floor plans to meet long term space needs. He discussed the concerns regarding landslides in the area and how this site was stable.

There was discussion regarding access to Water Board Park from the site, how the oak trees on the site showed it was a stable site, and storage needing to be on the Mountain View site. Mr. Lewis pointed out an oak tree that was dying on site and needed to be removed.

Chair Neeley suggested the NRC take a field trip to the site to look at the trees.

Rita Miller, resident of Oregon City, said the McLoughlin neighborhood still had concerns about the plan. Mr. Clark suggested inviting the neighborhood to come to a NRC meeting to voice their concerns.

Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, had been working on a way to help homeless veterans. There had been discussions regarding the armory and thought the armory was not interested in selling the property to the City. Before a lot of additional effort was put into the plan, they needed to get a declaration from the National Guard.

4c.

Recommendation for NRC Appointment

Chair Neeley said the NRC had interviewed Nancy Broshot and Matthew Cool.

The NRC discussed the two applicants.

A motion was made by Mr. Herrmann, seconded by Mr. Clark, to recommend appointment of Nancy Broshot to the Natural Resources Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Jerry Herrmann, Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud and Bill Clark

5. Communications

The NRC wanted to schedule a tour with John Runyon.

Ms. Dahlsrud gave a presentation on the Heritage Tree program to the Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association.

Chair Neeley attended the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council meeting where a grant request for an assessment of Abernethy Creek was discussed.

Mr. Herrmann appreciated the public input and staff presentations that had been given that night.

6. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

City of Oregon City

Meeting Minutes

Natural Resources Committee

June 12, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call – approx. 7:00 PM

Members Present: Mike Hamilton, Matt Kuhl, Doug Neeley, Marie Holladay, Dr. Nancy Broshot

Excused: Trent Warness

Staff Present: Pete Walter, AICP, Planner

2. Agenda Analysis – none applicable

3. Approval of Minute

Sponsors: Planner Pete Walter

Attachments: Staff Report

NRC Minutes 9.12.2018 Draft

NRC Minutes 10.10.2018 Draft

NRC Minutes 10.10.2018 Work Session Draft

Doug Neely moved to approve all minutes. Motion was seconded by Dr. Nancy Broshot.

All in favor: Mike Hamilton, Matt Kuhl, Doug Neeley, Marie Holladay, Dr. Nancy Broshot

All opposed: none.

Result: Motion carries.

4. Public Comments

- 4a.** Dorothy Dahlsrud – tree mitigation: if a native tree is removed, a native tree should be used in mitigation. Planner Pete Walter stated he will address this during Communications.

5. Old Business

- 5a.** Heritage Tree Code Amendments OCMC 12.32

Sponsors: Planner Pete Walter

Attachments: Staff Report

Proposed Heritage Tree Code Staff Revisions 6.7.2019 Clean Version

Proposed Heritage Tree Code Staff Revisions 6.7.2019

Portland Heritage Tree Program Guide 2019

Summary of purpose: to streamline certification process, remove qualification of having an arborist examine the tree, owner consent will be required in all situations, and City Commission may request at their discretion the information to support the nomination prior to final decision.

Mr. Walter summarized Portland's Heritage Tree Program.

Discussed revisions. Discussed comments from Ms. Dahlsrud regarding code changes. Agreed that this should apply to publicly owned trees, not privately owned.

Mr. Walter stated he will send out additional revisions to members individually for review/comments, and code will be reviewed again at a future meeting.

6. New Business / Discussion Items

There is currently no new business to discuss.

7. Communications

NRC Member Reports:

Member Doug Neeley reported that the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council received the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Grant for \$7 million for the next 6 years. Two projects in the first phase are for Abernethy Creek: one for confluence of Abernethy and Newell Creeks to add woody material, and one to do rapid bio-assessment on upper Abernethy Creek including a dam site. Other projects will include adding shade at Ogden Middle School.

Staff Updates:

Willamette Falls Legacy Project Site Tour June 21, 2019 – Brain Vaughn from METRO will lead the tour

Status of Code Amendments – First reading to be June 19, 2019

City Commission Biennium Goals 2019-2021 – Mr. Walter reviewed these. He specifically addressed Member Mike Hamilton's concerns regarding climate change related goals by explaining possible grants applied for to revise city plan. Member Mike Hamilton requested the City of Milwaukie come to present regarding their climate change policy.

Mr. Walter reported the Tree Mitigation fund is thriving. The NRC may be asked to discuss how funds will be used in the future, including a possible Urban Forestry Plan. He added that this may be where the comments from Ms. Dahlsrud may come into play in the future.

8. Future Agenda Items

Member Doug Neeley recommended that the NRC bylaws and goals be reviewed for new members.

Review revised Heritage Tree code.

9. Adjournment – approx. 8:00PM



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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 7 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Bill Clark, Nancy Broshot, Jerry Herrmann, Matt Kuhl and Doug Neeley

Staffers: 1 - Kelly Reid

2. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Presentation

Susie Peterson, Columbia Land Trust, and Nikki West, Audobon Society of Portland, gave a presentation on the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. They gave a background on the Columbia Land Trust and the Audobon Society. They then discussed why backyards mattered, raising the bar on landscaping, mission of the backyard program, program history, overview of the program, certification levels, and certification criteria including removal of invasives, planting of natives, managing stormwater, supporting wildlife, pesticide reduction, and partnerships with landscape professionals. They discussed the accomplishments of the program and total program impact. They would like to expand the program into the Oregon City area starting in spring of 2018. They explained what the NRC could do to help.

Chair Neeley suggested they make this presentation to the City's neighborhood associations and/or the Citizen Involvement Committee as well as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Committee Member Herrmann discussed the rehabilitation work at the Environmental Learning Center. He had some good demonstration sites for this program as well.

Committee Member Dahlsrud thought this program could promote the heritage tree program and preserving tall trees in the City.

There was discussion regarding a list of nurseries who sold native plants and plants without pesticides as well as feral cat issues.

4. Public Comments

Rick Winterhalter, Oregon City resident, discussed needed changes to the street tree ordinance. He thought there were inequities for how the ordinance was applied and he wanted to see the trees thrive. In many new developments street trees were not being

planted on every property. Those that did have a tree were responsible to take care of them. It was expensive for property owners to maintain street trees and they did not have the proper training to take care of them. He thought money could be set aside for homeowner care of trees. His two street trees needed to be removed or extensively pruned, but it was costly to do so.

Paul Edgar, Oregon City resident, discussed the digging at the tow of a landslide on Gonong and 4th Avenue and how it might loosen a large rock at the top of the hill and damage houses on the way down. The digging was to improve a driveway, but it was the City's property as it was unimproved right-of-way. He had talked to the City Attorney about who would be responsible if the rock did fall, and he said the City had the people sign a waiver so the City would not be held at fault. However, this could be a safety hazard and it was on City property. He suggested the code be reviewed regarding this issue.

Chair Neeley suggested Mr. Edgar take this to the Canemah Neighborhood Association.

5. Old Business

Ms. Reid discussed options to one of the barriers to heritage tree designation, requiring an arborist report. These included the Parks Department paying for one report per year for trees on park property, seeking grant funding, assistance from Clackamas Community College once the arborist program was established, and revising the code to remove the requirement. Staff did not recommend removing the requirement because there needed to be an objective professional assessment so the property owner could make an informed decision about the designation and know the future maintenance costs.

Chair Neeley suggested looking into a Metro Enhancement Grant and discussing it with Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette.

Committee Member Dahlsrud recommended using the college students for designating heritage trees at Mt. View Cemetery or the oak grove on the College grounds. There were some sites that already had trees protected through land use and had arborist reports and all they had to do was contact the property owners. There were also City street trees and groves that could be designated as well.

6. New Business

Ms. Reid passed out the NRC work plan and asked if there were any comments.

Chair Neeley suggested the NRC review the work plan and discuss it at the next meeting.

7. Communications

Committee Member Dahlsrud reported on the Oregon City Parks Foundation clean up and mulching on the Promenade. Oregon City Brewery would be hosting a fundraiser for the Foundation on Tuesday. The City of Portland was starting an Urban Tree program and she would bring that information to the NRC.

Committee Member Herrmann discussed a letter of support he had drafted that would be from the NRC regarding designating Water Board Park as a significant natural and

geologic area. There was consensus to submit the letter.

Committee Member Herrmann reported on the Oregon City Business Alliance's creation of a task force to review and advance ideas for economic development in areas along Oregon City waterfronts and riverscapes. He asked if someone from the NRC would like to serve on the task force. The first meeting would be on November 1.

Chair Neeley said stream signage would be installed soon. The Greater Oregon City Watershed Council had made signs for 12 locations. The Public Works department would be providing the posts and installation.

Ms. Reid gave an update on the Canemah Trail. An interim trail alignment and a permanent trail alignment had been identified. It would go before the City Commission in December.

8. Future Agenda Items

Committee Member Herrmann wanted to invite Rick Winterhalter to give an update on recycling and resource conservation strategies.

Chair Neeley suggested holding a work session with the head of the college arborist program.

Committee Member Kuhl suggested an update on the Newell Creek Canyon project.

9. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.