



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

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

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

4a. Discussion / Preparation for Joint Work Session with Planning Commission

Pete Walter, Planner, said the joint Work Session between the Planning Commission and NRC would be held on February 25, 2019. He explained the purpose of the meeting.

It was suggested to add a discussion on the Cove project and the reduction of the buffer from 200 feet to 50 feet and requiring native plantings up to the 200 feet and beyond.

Chair Neeley discussed staff's recommendations to the City Commission regarding updating the tree regulations City-wide including Heritage Trees after the Comprehensive Plan was updated. Staff also thought \$300 per year could be allocated to the NRC for arborist reports.

There was discussion regarding the nomination process and maintenance of Heritage Trees.

Chair Neeley reported on possible processes for geologic significance designation.

5. New Business/Discussion Items

5a. NRC Workplan Review

Mr. Walter gave a background on the NRC's Workplan including the Mission Statement and Committee responsibilities.

The NRC reviewed the Workplan goals and added and removed items from the list.

Committee Member Herrmann arrived at 7:42 PM.

There was discussion regarding the Cove development including native plantings and dark skies elements.

There was consensus to send a letter of appreciation to the Cove for moving forward with these recommendations.

There was further discussion regarding updating the City's tree code.

Committee Member Dahlsrud proposed a youth program where groups would identify and age trees in the City and put wanted posters on the trees to raise awareness of the Heritage Tree program. Chair Neeley suggested she take this idea to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Parks Department.

The NRC then prioritized the items on the Workplan.

Mr. Walter would make the recommended changes and send a copy to the NRC.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Draft NRC Minutes for April 11, 2018

A motion was made by Committee Member Dahlsrud, seconded by Committee Member Kuhl, to approve the NRC minutes for April 11, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. Communications

Mr. Walter reported that the City's application for Tree City USA had been approved. He gave an update on the Development Code amendments process, Willamette Falls Legacy Project, McLoughlin Canemah Trail project, Canemah wetlands, and Beaver Creek Road Concept Plan implementation.

Committee Member Dahlsrud had been doing outreach to the various neighborhood associations on ivy removal and heritage trees and discussed educational opportunities and putting timelines on the larger trees in the City.

Committee Member Herrmann discussed the grading plan and down woody material for the Cove. He reported on recycling opportunities at the End of the Oregon Trail Center and the River Assets and Opportunities Task Force meeting.

Chair Neeley talked about the stream naming effort of the Greater Oregon City

Watershed Council. He also discussed a study on lamprey distribution.

8. Future Agenda Items

The Committee made suggestions for future agenda items.

9. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM.