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Meeting Minutes - Final Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 4 - Jerry Herrmann, Ginger Redlinger, Doug Neeley and Bryon Boyce

Absent: 2 - Douglas DeHart and Richard Craven

Staffers: 2 - Pete Walter and Tony Konkol

2. Message from Mayor Holladay

Mayor Holladay was not in attendance to give the message.

3. Presentations

3a. [15-031](#) Metro South Transfer Station Enhancement Presentation

Matthew Riegg, Administrative Assistant for Rivers of Life Earth Crusaders Program, presented information on a project he was working on which was on Washington Street near Home Depot. He explained the improvements proposed to the wetlands as well as a strip of land on Washington adjacent to the wetlands to make the area safer and to provide visibility and beautification. These improvements would provide for four opportunities in the future. He listed supporters of the project. He asked the NRC to draft a letter of support to send to Metro with the grant application.

Mr. Herrmann was associated with this group and recused himself from the vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Neeley, seconded by Mr. Boyce, to write a letter of support for the project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Ginger Redlinger, Doug Neeley and Bryon Boyce

Recused: 1 - Jerry Herrmann

4. Approval of the Minutes

4a. [15-029](#) NRC Minutes for September 10, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mr. Herrmann, to approve the minutes for September 10, 2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Jerry Herrmann, Ginger Redlinger and Bryon Boyce

Abstain: 1 - Doug Neeley

5. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

There was discussion regarding the NRC recommendations that were sent to the Commission for their retreat. Mr. Herrmann would contact staff to find out what day the recommendations would be discussed.

6. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

7. New Business/Discussion Items

8. Staff Communications

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8a. [15-030](#) Overview of the Natural Resources Overlay District (OCMC 17.49).

Pete Walter, Planner, gave a presentation on the Natural Resources Overlay District. He explained how the District worked and gave an example from the Danielsons redevelopment project application. Danielsons had been monitoring the restoration area every year as required. He showed photos of the wetlands area of the Danielsons property. They had not lost a lot of plant material, and they had to show they had 80% establishment at the end of five years. This Code was last updated in 2010.

There was discussion regarding the mitigation requirements in the Code, tree replanting, and using the tree mitigation bank as a leveraging fund for tree planting.

8b. [15-032](#) Update on Clackamette Park Boat Ramp

Mr. Walter said \$40,000 had been received to study the boat ramp.

Mr. Herrmann thought if there was a new boat ramp it should be aligned better. He wanted to encourage the study to look at everything below the bridge, not just the ramp, especially for tourism of bigger sailing vessels.

Bob La Salle, resident of Oregon City, said if the boat ramp ever opened again, a boat ramp fee should be instituted.

8c. [15-033](#) Arbor Week 2015 Preparation.

Mr. Walter said staff was working with the School District to set a date for an Arbor Day event. It would be held at Eastham Community Center. Friends of Trees would be involved as well as the McLoughlin and Barclay Hills Neighborhood Associations. He also discussed getting volunteers together for planting trees in the fall organized by the Friends of Trees.

There was discussion regarding the next steps for these projects.

9. NRC Member Reports

Mr. Herrmann said Mr. Craven and Mr. Boyce reapplied for the NRC, and Ms. Spady was applying again. The Committee would interview the applicants.

Mr. Neeley was excited to be serving on the NRC. He was also on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Greater Oregon City Watershed Council.

Tony Konkol, Community Development Director, said the new Commission had asked staff to look at the existing City committees and how they were formed and their bylaws to standardize them and to make the role of each committee clearer.

There was discussion regarding whether the NRC should be under the Planning department or Public Works.

10. Future Agenda Items

11. Adjournment

Chair Redlinger adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.