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Meeting Minutes Natural Resources Committee

Monday, January 13, 2021

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

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

Present: 7 - Chair Nancy Broshot, Committee Member Chris Weaver, Committee Member Carrie Young, Committee Member Mike Hamilton, Committee Member Brian Kvisler, Committee Member Samantha Wolf, and Committee Member Devon Pilney

Staffers: 1 - Senior Planner Pete Walter

2. Election of NRC Chair and Vice Chair

There was consensus to nominate Nancy Broshot for Chair and Mike Hamilton for Vice Chair.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

5. Old Business: Thimble Creek Heritage Tree Selection

Mr. Walter said no decision was needed on this item tonight. The City Commission supported the NRC to continue to work with the property owners to designate heritage trees/groves within the Thimble Creek Concept Plan area. He gave a background on the work to identify and protect eligible trees and potential heritage tree/grove designations.

Chair Broshot discussed site visits she had made with former Committee Member Warness and current Committee Member Hamilton. She explained the areas that were

already protected and the large trees outside of those areas that could be designated. She then showed pictures of the trees. The property owners were interested in designation.

There was discussion regarding future development, protection of the trees, and process for designation.

6. New Business: Review and Update of the NRC Workplan for Biennium 2021-2023

Mr. Walter reviewed the proposed NRC Workplan items. He explained how the activities related to the NRC's responsibilities and City Commission goals. He asked for feedback on the Workplan.

There was consensus for the NRC to look at the list and discuss it at the next meeting.

Opportunity for Natural Resources Committee Input on City Commission Goals and/or Budget (7/1/2021-6/30/2023)

Mr. Walter said the purpose of this discussion was to identify if the NRC would like to provide written suggested goals and/or budget requests for City Commission consideration for the 2021-2023 biennium. He discussed possible projects that could be forwarded.

There was discussion regarding conducting a street tree inventory and how knowing the number of trees helped with the TMDL report.

The NRC would look at staff's recommendations and discuss them at the next meeting.

7. Communications

Mr. Walter reported on OC2040, amending the design standards for right-of-way improvements, revising the Historic Review Board guidelines, and reviewing the annexation code. The new notification process for tree removals on City-owned land was now in place.

There was discussion regarding SDCs and opportunities to do a tree inventory.

Committee Member Wolf reported on the state creating an Arbor Month in April, Urban and Community Forestry awards, and Oregon Heritage Tree Hero awards.

8. Future Agenda Items

Staff and the Committee discussed future agenda items.

9. Adjournment

Chair Broshot adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.