**CITY OF OREGON CITY**
**NATURAL RESURCES COMMITTEE**
MINUTES

**January 11, 2012, 7:00 P.M.**
City Commission Chambers – City Hall

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Roll Call:**
Bryon Boyce – arrived late
Bob Roth
Erik Carr
Jerry Herrmann
Marlo Smith

**Staff Present:**
Pete Walter, AICP, Associate Planner
Laura Terway, AICP, Associate Planner

**Absent:**
Marlo Smith

**Excused:**
Richard Craven

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

Mr. Paul Edgar, Canemah Neighborhood Association, spoke about the historic importance of the Canemah Cemetery Road and the need to coordinate with Metro regarding the ongoing natural area restoration plan for the Canemah Bluffs area. He was concerned about the amount of logging associated the project, fire suppression, and impacts on the Canemah Neighborhood. Mr. Edgar requested that the NRC review and analyze the Metro Canemah Bluffs Restoration Plan and provide an opinion about the plan.

Mr. Edgar was also concerned about the amount of gravel that is building up at the mouth of Clackamette Cove and what the impact of water withdrawals by the City of Tigard and City of Lake Oswego from the Clackamas River would have on the gravel bar and the cove.

## 3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Transportation System Plan Update
Laura Terway, AICP, Associate Planner, gave a presentation on the Transportation System Plan Update. A stakeholder advisory team (SAT) is being formed and Ms. Terway is looking for volunteers to serve as NRC liaisons to the SAT.

## 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary).

- Bryon Boyce volunteered for and was elected Chair.
- Andrew Senase volunteered for and was elected Vice-Chair.
- The election of Secretary was deferred to a subsequent meeting.
- Jerry Herrmann volunteered as Group Historian.

b. Staff suggestions for 2012 NRC Work Plan.

Staff reviewed suggestions for the NRC's 2012 work plan
1) Re-establish the Tree Sub-Committee and it's scope of activities
2) Coordinate with staff on addressing the City Commission milestone regarding the cove peninsula, erosion control and reforestation public land,
3) On-going activities per Scope of Activities in Bylaws.

The NRC was supportive of staff's suggestions and had some questions about possible work plan additions, including how to comment on land use applications, heritage tree designations, urban reforestation on public lands, carbon sequestration, and other items.

Pete Walter provided background on tree regulation policies, update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Jerry Herrmann proposed that the NRC leads an effort to provide public outreach, and coordination of environmental services, that would help provide explanation about the various agency responsibilities.

## 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Committee Goals and Aims
b. 2012 Work Plan
c. Synopsis of Land Use Cases

## 6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Walter provided an update on the latest revisions to the Water Distribution System Master Plan which had been approved by the Planning Commission.

Laura Terway gave an update on the Jughandle Project upcoming 4-day closure of OR 213.

Jerry Herrmann gave an update on the efforts of the Heritage Waters Habitat Task Force who had worked with the Cove developers to preserve trees around the Cove, and also work with West Linn, Gladstone and Oregon City.

## 7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.