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Meeting Minutes Natural Resources Committee

Monday, August 11, 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: 6 - Chair Nancy Broshot, Committee Member Devon Pilney, Committee Member Carrie Young, Committee Member Brian Kvistler, Committee Member Chris Weaver, and Committee Member Samantha Wolf

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Mike Hamilton

Staffers: 2 – Community Development Director Laura Terway and Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Reid

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Presentations: Kendall Reid, Parks and Recreation Director

Kendall Reid, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed recent park developments.

Chair Broshot asked that he stay in contact with the NRC for future recommendations for parks.

4. Approval of Minutes: Draft NRC Minutes: 1.8.20, 4.10.19, 3.13.19, & 2.13.19

The minutes were approved with no changes.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. New Business: 1155 Kamm Street and 279 Warner Milne Road Development Proposal in the Natural Resources Overlay District

Todd Iselin, Iselin Architects, said he was there to answer any questions. This was a narrow, constrained lot with a wetland on one side per the NROD map that was really a drainage ditch dug several years ago. The property owners wanted to develop an apartment project on the site. They hired a consultant to look at the wetland and there was a very small area near Warner Milne where the culvert went under the road. Everything else was not a wetland. The existing home and garage would be demolished as part of the project. He requested the resource be re-delineated.

Kent Snyder, Wetland Biologist, HHPR, discussed the features on the site, findings that identified the drainage area only, and Department of State Lands review.

There was discussion regarding where the water was coming from, mitigating for the impervious surfaces, trees on site, Natural Resources Overlay District connections, City review criteria, and water holding capacity of the soil.

Chair Broshot did not see any evidence of a wetland on the property.

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, said the Committee would be notified when the application was submitted, and they could make comments at that time.

7. Old Business: Street Tree List Update

Ms. Terway said the Committee had been working on making changes to the Street Tree List, to make sure the trees were a good fit for the planter strips, to create a resilient canopy over time, set the City up well for climate change, have a good diversity of species, and eliminate sidewalk cracking.

Committee Member Wolf said they had to view the trees 50 years into the future and think about their resiliency, drought tolerance, and space requirements. She compared the list to other city lists and recommended putting some trees on hiatus as well as follow the arborist's recommendations from the last meeting and learning what other varieties were available. She thought there was more to move around for site size and trees to remove from the list. She encouraged the NRC to visit nurseries and talk to them about availability.

There was discussion regarding having the Friends of Trees review the list, adding why trees were moved and the expectation for how long the trees would be on hiatus, how the hiatus had to do with the percentage of the trees in the tree inventory, public education to encourage diversity, adding pictures of the trees on the list, policy direction for no maples at future Friends of Trees plantings, and caveat for the hiatus if the trees were not available.

Staff would contact Friends of Trees to review the list and Committee Member Wolf would send the list to her contacts to get feedback as well.

8. Communications

Ms. Terway discussed a proposed master plan for the Park Place Concept Plan area.

Committee Member Wolf discussed a future weed pull in Canemah and getting a presentation from ODF on tree inventories.

9. Future Agenda Items

At the next meeting there would be a Friends of Trees review of the street tree list, presentation from ODF, and discussion regarding updating the nuisance plant list.

10. Adjournment

Chair Broshot adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.