



# City of Oregon City

625 Center Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
503-657-0891

## Meeting Minutes Natural Resources Committee

Monday, March 9, 2022

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

### 1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

*Chair Broshot called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.*

**Present:** 3 - Chair Nancy Broshot, Committee Member Chris Weaver, and Committee Member Samantha Wolf

**Absent:** 2 - Committee Member Brian Kvistler and Committee Member Devon Pilney

**Staffers:** 1 – Planner Kelly Reid

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

*The agenda was adopted as presented.*

### 3. Public Comment

*None*

### 4. Presentation: Jerry Hermann – NROD and Human Created Resources

*Jerry Hermann gave a presentation on the City's Natural Resource Overlay District ordinance. He summarized the NROD chapters needing review for inclusivity and reference to built/constructed environments. He proposed new wording to add to the ordinance: "Created, constructed community or otherwise built environments that demonstrate biological function are to be considered for NROD evaluation and inclusion." He also proposed creating a new chapter that would establish parameters for when environmental areas were created and maintenance of those areas over time. He shared pictures of a "groomed" wetland, map of the Rossman's landfill area that would be developed in the future, and pictures of areas subject to flooding needing thinning. He suggested the NRC join others on the last Friday of the month to discuss these changes.*

*There was discussion regarding the need to improve maintenance, prioritization, role*

*models from other cities, educating the public, approaching the City Commission with the language changes, and reaching out to Public Works operations.*

## **5. Discussion Items: Arbor Day Celebration Update**

*Kelly Reid, Planner, discussed Arbor Day Celebration plans. The City had received a ten year Tree City USA recognition and new signage would be posted. An Arbor Day proclamation would be read at an April City Commission meeting.*

*Chair Broshot said Oregon City residents had received Heritage Tree Hero awards for two years in a row. There was discussion regarding adding a Heritage Tree Hero award ceremony for Dara Kramer to the Arbor Day Celebration and involving the Parks Foundation.*

## **6. Communications: Heritage Tree Nomination Update**

*Ms. Reid said there were seven heritage tree nomination applications, but none of them were complete. She hoped some would be ready for the NRC's April meeting.*

### **Street Tree Update**

*Ms. Reid said the new planting diagram was now officially in place. The updated street tree list was going on a future City Commission Work Session agenda.*

## **7. Future Agenda Items**

*There was discussion regarding future agenda items including the noxious weed list, maintaining the City's canopy cover, grants for Arbor Day celebrations, and better Tree City USA signage.*

## **8. Adjournment**

*Chair Broshot adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.*