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Meeting Minutes Natural Resources Committee

Monday, July 13, 2022

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

Chair Broshot called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Present: 3 - Chair Nancy Broshot, Committee Member Brian Kvistler, and Committee Member Devon Pilney

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Chris Weaver and Committee Member Samantha Wolf

Staffers: 3 – Planning Manager Pete Walter, City Attorney Carrie Richter, and Community Development Director Aquila Hurd-Ravich

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Public Comment

None

4. New Business/Discussion Items: Scope of the Advisory Role of the Natural Resources Committee

Pete Walter, Planning Manager, introduced the topic.

Carrie Richter, City Attorney, spoke about the role of the NRC within the larger scheme of the City. She explained the ordinances and Code that specified how the NRC functioned, including their duties and responsibilities. She then discussed land use reviews, NRC's involvement in legislative decisions and Type III decisions, quorum for decisions, public meetings law, avoiding serial meetings, site visits, and testifying on behalf of the NRC.

There was discussion regarding NRC reviews in the Natural Resource Overlay District.

Overview of the Natural Resources Overlay District Application Review Process

Mr. Walter explained the Natural Resource Overlay District including its adoption, purpose, what it included, how NROD review worked, NROD map and identifying documents, NROD buffer or vegetated corridor, what happened when an applicant requested to deviate from the standards, NROD application examples, and verification process for an NROD buffer.

There was discussion regarding the national wetland inventory, updating the wetland inventory to add new areas, amending the Code to remove wetlands that did not touch the NROD, locally significant wetlands, and making a recommendation to amend the NROD to the City Commission.

6. Communications

Mr. Walter said two new planners had been hired.

Chair Broshot said the Emerald Ash Borer had been discovered in Forest Grove.

7. Future Agenda Items

There was discussion regarding future agenda items including new member applications, benefits of a City Forester, and Heritage Tree nominations.

8. Adjournment

Chair Broshot adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.