



## CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes

May 18, 2011

### **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Chair Doug Rich called the Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) meeting of May 18, 2011 to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Yamhill Room of the West End Building, 4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present: Chair Doug Rich, Vice Chair Denise Dailey and Stephanie Wagner  
Members excused/absent: Benjamin Clark, Martha Sharpe, Craig Stephens, Kara Warner and Stephani Wax (Youth Member)  
Guest(s) present: Mike Buck and Councilor Mary Olson  
Council Liaison: Bill Tierney  
Staff: Jordan Wheeler, Staff Liaison/Management Analyst; Denise Frisbee, Planning and Building Services Department Director

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Denise Frisbee introduced Jordan Wheeler, the newly appointed NRAB staff liaison.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (None)

**MINUTES** (None)

### **REVIEW OF COUNCIL ROLLING AGENDA**

Councilor Tierney related that the Councilors were sent a copy of the rolling agenda the Thursday before each Tuesday meeting. He asked the staff to send it to the NRAB members as well. Dailey stressed the importance of ensuring the Board was kept informed. Frisbee would ensure the staff kept them informed.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **Update: Tryon Cove Status**

The City Council had voted to not proceed with the sale of Tryon Cove and asked staff to propose/develop a better process. Wagner advised it should be a more transparent process and the NRAB should be involved. Dailey advised the community to think long-term and not give in to pressure to divest parkland because of short-term budgetary concerns. Rich advised that a proper parks plan would define a process. The Board recalled the City did not involve NRAB in Sundeleaf Park planning. That was an example of how the current process can be

improved. Councilor Tierney anticipated that NRAB would be asked to look at the watershed approach the Council would consider. Dailey was concerned that the City might yield to pressure to pull back from the current natural resources program.

### **Iron Mountain Staging Area**

Mike Buck explained that the staging area the Lake Oswego Interceptor Sewer (LOIS) project was using in Iron Mountain Park generated concerns about the impact on Sensitive Lands and water resources on the property. He asked the Board to advocate restoring and enhancing the natural resources on and near the staging area. That might not be possible immediately, because it was likely that the Tigard/Lake Oswego water project would use the same area as a staging area in a couple of years. In the meantime, he suggested limiting how much of the area could be used as The Hunt overflow parking area and ensuring the creek was well buffered.

Buck advised that the community needed to have a plan in place in order to apply for funding from the National Parks Service. The site had a high Habitat Assessment Score and a tributary to Springbrook Creek flowed through it. But over time the County had filled part of the wetland in to build the road. The creek was not well buffered. If fencing was to be put up for the new staging area the neighborhood wanted it to be wildlife friendly so animals did not get trapped.

The Friends Group asked NRAB to advocate for setting aside funds to restore the entire area at the end of the projects. Councilor Tierney indicated that he would support making it a condition of the water project to set aside the funds to restore the area. If LOIS was required to restore the staging area when it was done using it, those funds should be set aside so they could eventually be used to restore it. Buck recalled a restoration plan had been submitted to Council in 1984. Tierney confirmed the old water line there would be left undisturbed when the new line was installed. Wagner suggested the NRAB fashion a recommendation when it had a quorum present. Frisbee planned to let the Parks and Recreation Director know that NRAB was interested and wanted to be kept informed.

### **Natural Resources Protection Program**

Frisbee updated the Board on the status of the program. The City Council considered the recommendations of the Second Look Task Force and identified program improvements. Much of the focus of the improvements was on regulations, but the Council also wanted to offer more education and outreach and incentives. Council asked staff to recommend a program and a budget for it. Frisbee promised to provide Board members with a copy of the report that staff was going to present to Council. She explained that staff wanted to expand the arborist's duties from development and tree removal permits review. They wanted the arborist to also assist in education and outreach regarding tree groves and to complete the invasive tree exemption list and manual. Staff also recommended a watershed coordinator position. She said that staff needed to hear what roles were most important to NRAB. She reported that the Council had approved a backyard certification program, but not a street tree planting pilot partnership with Friends of Trees.

Frisbee reported that there were still 200 properties that had been assessed but still had to be put in the Sensitive Lands Inventory. The City Council asked staff to incorporate small grants for resource restoration into the neighborhood enhancement grants program. The grant limit was raised to \$3,500. Councilor Tierney reported that the Budget Committee was meeting and the budget as presented showed \$250,000 less revenue than expenses. Frisbee reported the Committee was considering a suggestion to cut 3.2 FTE in Planning. Wagner asked if the increase in storm water fees called for in the Clean Streams Plan could be used to support the natural resource program related positions. Councilor Tierney planned to inquire about that.

### **UGB Boundary Expansion**

Dailey was concerned about what affect this change could have on the farming programs. Councilor Olson encouraged the Board members to follow the PRAB discussions and attend the public meeting. Wagner advised the City would do a better job of protecting the watershed than the County did.

### **NRAB Council Advisory Role – Notice of Issues and Process**

See comments regarding the NRAB role in several of the discussions summarized above.

### **NRAB Orientation Planning**

The Board discussed the options and opportunities for an orientation for new and existing members. Wagner volunteered to help plan the new member orientation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting was scheduled on June 15, 2011. There being no further business Chair Rich adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Wheeler  
Staff Liaison

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