

**CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO
NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

April 10, 2001

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I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Keith Moe called the Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting of April 10, 2001 to order at 6:30 PM in the Human Resources Conference Room of City Hall, at 380 A Avenue, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present were Chair Keith Moe, Vice Chair Christine Roth, Jonathan Snell*, Sarah Asby, Nicholas Vance and Kelly Riordan. Russell Jones and Deborah Shimkus were excused. Staff present were Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator and Andrew Harris, Surface Water Management Specialist.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board welcomed Kelly Riordan as the newest Board member.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of February 13, 2001 (corrected on page 2 to clarify that the Board had discussed participation in a program that would be *similar* to the Portland Tree Liaison program) and the Minutes of March 13, 2001 were unanimously approved by all members present. Mr. Snell was not present during the vote.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

*Jonathan Snell arrived at the meeting.

Update on Springbrook Creek restoration

Andrew Harris, Surface Water Management Specialist, distributed copies of a draft document related to stream restoration that he was preparing for presentation to the City Council and the Lake Corporation. He invited NRAB members to review the materials and comment on them. He also related that he was the City's representative to the Tualatin Basin Association. Mr. Harris reported that all of the 28 miles of streams in the City had been inventoried. He explained that the Sensitive Lands Ordinance protected some stream corridor areas and the Development Standards protected others to a lesser degree. He clarified that the Sensitive Lands process had required each stream to be rated and those that met certain criteria, including a threshold Habitat Assessment Score, were to be buffered from development. He noted that some streams that had already been degraded at the time the assessment was done had not achieved a

sufficient Habitat Assessment Score to be protected. He advised that the best way to maintain water quality was to ensure that as many stream areas as possible were open stream systems and not channelized within piping. He related that the staff was in the process of updating the Drainage Standards and was contemplating a recommendation that new development be required to restore a stream that had previously been channelized.

Mr. Harris related that staff anticipated that portions of the Utility Code that addressed the sewer system and some drainage issues and portions of the Development Code that addressed drainage facilities would be incorporated into a single section.

Mr. Snell observed that although the Code addressed water quality issues that applied to new development, the City was mostly built out. He opined that because a large number of streams within the City were degraded, the City should adopt a general strategy to study, restore and manage watersheds. He acknowledged such a proposal would require funding, but he noted the City was accumulating land in natural areas that included stream corridors that would require funding for maintenance.

Heritage Trees web link update

Ms. Hamerlynck anticipated that the website would be available on the web in one month and she reported that it would include a listing of Heritage Trees and a map.

Open Space maintenance worker position update

Ms Hamerlynck reported that she was to meet with the Director of the Maintenance Department the following Friday. She explained that after an employee who had previously been assigned to maintain Open Space had left the City's employ, funding for the position had been removed from the budget. She indicated that during her meeting she would explore the possibility of assigning an employee to natural area maintenance on a part-time basis. The members anticipated they would send a written request to the Director of the Maintenance Department in support of dedicating employee work time to Open Space maintenance if the staff discussion was not successful in achieving that.

Draft Capital Improvement Plan natural resource project update

Ms. Hamerlynck reported that the draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) had been reviewed by the Budget Committee and was to be reviewed by the City Council in a couple of months. She explained that a copy of the draft plan had not been distributed to the NRAB because it had not yet been approved. Ms. Roth agreed to discuss the natural-resource-related components of the draft plan with the Long Range Planning Manager and distribute a summary of her conversation to the members via email.

Earth Day Participation

The Board agreed to participate in the Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 21, 2001 in Millennium Park. Ms. Roth, Ms. Riordan, Ms. Asby, Mr. Moe, Mr. Snell (tentatively) and Mr. Vance volunteered to man the NRAB table at the celebration. The members listed materials to be displayed, including Erin Schwass' Heritage Tree display, Heritage Tree nomination forms, Coyote information, Tree Care brochures, a listing of arborists, the Open Space Plan, Bryant Woods/Canal Acres Master Plan information boards, the Invasive Species Listing, Planting Guidelines, an aerial photograph of the City, and the Natural Resource Inventory Map.

New Meeting Date

Chair Moe announced that future meetings were to be held on the first Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 PM.

Community Forestry Plan

Ms. Hamerlynck recalled that NRAB members desired the City to adopt a community forestry program. She distributed copies of a brochure entitled "How to fund a community forestry program." She noted that the brochure estimated that municipalities with forestry programs spent between \$8.00 and \$11.00 per tree per year. Mr. Moe suggested that the board review and expand an outline of a comprehensive urban forestry program that had been drafted by former City planner, Morgan Tracy. He recalled that both the Open Space Master Plan and NRAB Goals called for a community forestry program. He agreed to provide a copy of Mr. Tracy's draft to Ms Hamerlynck. Ms. Roth reported that she was waiting for a return call from the State Forester to discuss the state's community forestry program. Ms. Hamerlynck related that the Oregon Department of Forestry awarded grants to help start community forestry programs, and the next grant application deadline was January 15, 2002. She noted that other cities had already obtained grants, including the City of Portland's Tree Liaison program. She said she planned to meet with a representative from that program to discuss their training program.

Finalize 2001 NRAB Work Program

The members noted that a listing of Open Space Master Plan priorities had not been included in the material. Ms. Hamerlynck advised that although the Board had prioritized enhancements to the pond at Bryant Woods, the Master Plan did not address dredging. She explained that because of requirements of the wetlands regulations and the Endangered Species Act, work in that wetlands area would require funding for a hydrological study, soil sampling, an engineering design, the community involvement process, permits, additional staff time and the cost of contractors to do the actual work. She estimated that while the project could be achieved over a year and one-half and she related that the staff had only recommended that the Budget Committee allocate \$20,000 for the project, which may not be enough. Members recalled that a volunteer had accomplished the original pond over a weekend using a backhoe. They explained

that the pond had filled in over the following 20 years, particularly after sediment had been deposited during the 1996 flood. Ms. Hamerlynck asked the NRAB to envision how extensive the enhancements should be – should they be limited to dredging out the excess sediments, or expanded to enhancement of the entire area? The members discussed the possibility that the NRAB and the Friends of Bryant Woods could enlist the support of Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel for the project.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moe adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hamerlynck
Natural Resources Coordinator

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