



## CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

October 1, 2001

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### I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Acting Chair Keith Moe called the meeting of October 1, 2001 to order at approximately 6:30 PM in the Human Resources Conference Room of City Hall, 380 A Avenue, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present included Acting Chair Keith Moe, Sarah Asby, Deborah Shimkus\*, Russell Jones, Kelly Riordan, Christine Roth, and Nicholas Vance. Chair Jonathan Snell was absent. Staff present were Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator; and Jim Closson, Natural Areas Maintenance Worker.

### II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Tryon Event**

Ms. Hamerlynck announced this event had been canceled.

#### **NRAB Website**

Ms. Hamerlynck reported the Board's website was almost complete.

#### **Thank You Letter from Scout**

Ms. Hamerlynck circulated a thank you letter from a scout who had participated in a project in George Rogers Park.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

### IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

\*Ms. Shimkus arrived at 6:45 PM.

## **Natural Area Maintenance Worker**

**Jim Closson, Natural Area Maintenance Worker**, reported on maintenance and encroachment in the City's natural areas. He related that in River Run II, where the City had not maintained the natural area for a couple of years, he had hacked an access to the park through blackberries. He observed that youths had cut small trees and assembled construction plywood to build forts in the area, and yard debris had been dumped there. He confirmed there was currently no City plan to develop better access to the area, and the maintenance plan was to make the area clean and fire-safe and address cases where residents had extended their yards into the natural area. He reported that the City's Code Enforcement Officer had already visited the area. He advised the City to post a "No Dumping" sign there. The members recalled instances of residential encroachment into natural areas that ranged from blackberry removal to extension of residential lawns and gardens to the Canal. They suggested an education program to make people aware that type of encroachment could result in damage to the environment when fertilizers and pesticides drained into Canal water.

Mr. Closson reported that a few residents had located compost bins in the natural area at Bryant Woods and drivers parked vehicles in the natural area at Iron Mountain. The members agreed that a master plan was needed for that area. Mr. Closson advised that he had observed scattered plastic bags that were typical signs of drug use in some natural areas. He reported that he had participated in a Three Rivers Nature Conservancy project to clear blackberries and ivy from a trail segment on the south side of Cooks Butte. He related that he was working with the City's Volunteer Coordinator and other City departments to schedule projects for volunteers and scout groups. He reported that the City was scheduling contractors' work to accomplish projects related to the Springbrook Master Plan. The Board discussed how Mr. Closson could help keep them up to date on the condition of natural areas. He provided them with his email address.

## **Endangered Species Act Update**

Ms. Hamerlynck related that the City hoped to partner with Clackamas County in a Habitat Conservation Plan to be submitted for review by the National Marine Fishery Service. The long term Plan would include a review of all City and County practices and assess fish habitat. She added that the County was to propose pilot projects in the Sandy River Basin and along a section of the Tualatin River. She reported that the City had received a special permit to upgrade the water intake facility on the Clackamas River to make it safer for fish.

## **Foothills Road Development Ad Hoc Task Force**

Mr. Moe, the Board's liaison to the Foothills Road Development Ad Hoc Task Force, circulated a consultant's conceptual design for a fish friendly bridge and pedestrian pathway in the study area along Tryon Creek.

## **Rolling Agenda Review and Recommendations**

The Board reviewed their rolling agenda. They decided to start discussions on budget recommendations at the next meeting and then forward them to the City Manager. They generally agreed the NRAB should continue to advocate a Community Forestry Program.

## **Coyote Update**

Ms. Hamerlynck related that the Animal Damage Control Agency was proposing a contract with the City for a coyote-trapping program. She presented a map showing year-to-date citizen complaints about coyotes and other animals. The Board agreed to send a memorandum to the City Council to convey their position that the City's history of coyote trapping had demonstrated that kind of program was neither desirable nor effective, that citizens should be made aware that coyotes fed largely on small wild animals and helped to keep the rodent population down, and that residents should not leave pet food outside to attract coyotes.

## **Student Representative**

Mr. Vance related that his contract expired in November 2001 and he intended to reapply for the position of student liaison to the NRAB. The members expressed their support for Mr. Vance and for the student liaison program.

## **Portland's Salmon Safe Certification for Parks**

Ms. Hamerlynck related that Salmon Safe, a nonprofit organization, granted a Salmon Safe Certification to parks that demonstrated fish friendly maintenance practices and standards.

## **October Meeting with PRAB**

NRAB members selected topics for discussion at their October 29, 2001 joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. They decided to prioritize PRAB endorsement of Stafford Trails Plan, the George Rogers Park Master Plan, Woodmont Park and the Trail to Cooks Butte.

## **Trail Next to Cooks Butte**

The members agreed to discuss the trail with PRAB at their joint meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION [pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e)]**

The members met in executive session to consider real property transactions. Mr. Moe then reconvened the regular meeting.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the NRAB was scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2001. There being no further business, Acting Chair Moe adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hamerlynck  
Natural Resources Coordinator

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