



CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

November 5, 2001

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Jonathan Snell called the Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting of November 5, 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 Chair Snell, Keith Moe, Christine Roth, Sarah Asby and Nicholas Vance. Kelly Riordan was excused. Russell Jones and Deborah Shimkus were absent.

Staff present was Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The members met in **EXECUTIVE SESSION [pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e)]** to deliberate with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

III. MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Roth moved for approval of the Minutes of October 1, 2001. Ms. Asby seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting Announcements

Ms. Hamerlynck announced that NRAB members were invited to participate in a regional meeting with Metro. She also announced that the Board was invited to participate in a Community Focus Group discussion of the George Rogers Park Master Plan on December 6, 2001. She advised representatives of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the Arts Commission, the Historic Resource Advisory Board, the Lake Corporation, Lakewood Center for the Arts and the Oswego Heritage Council would also likely be present at the Community Focus meeting. Ms. Hamerlynck reported that she had visited the site with the master-planning consultant. Board members cautioned that any trail or bridge improvements should no be allowed to impact the natural area and invasive blackberries and ivy should be removed from the natural area.

Ad-Hoc Tree Code Task Force

The Board observed that no members had yet been selected and a meeting schedule had not yet been created for the new Ad-Hoc Tree Code Task Force.

Foothills Road Development Plan Task Force

Mr. Moe reported the Foothills Road Development Plan Task Force had reviewed land use alternative concepts for the study area and was considering a variety of concepts.

Infill Development Ad-Hoc Task Force

Ms. Roth reported the Infill Development Ad-Hoc Task Force was considering recommending a process for single-family home architectural review and landscape standards.

Open Board Positions

Ms. Hamerlynck advised that two Board positions expired in January 2002 and the members who currently served in those positions should reapply to the City Council if they desired to continue to serve on the NRAB. She also reported that the City council had not yet decided how long youth members could serve on boards.

Coyotes

Ms. Hamerlynck related that a regional coyote expert had helped the Mayor draft a letter regarding the city's coyote policy. The letter was communicated to the public by the local paper.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

Review NRAB website

The Board conducted a final review of their new website. Ms. Hamerlynck confirmed the site would include sections dealing with living with wildlife (including coyotes) and Heritage Trees. The members suggested that the Open Space section describe bond-funded acquisitions and master planning. They anticipated that the site would eventually also include maps of the City's natural sites.

Goal Setting

NRAB members stressed that it was important to maintain the City's open space acquisitions and implement the Open Space Master Plan and the Bryant Woods Master Plan. They generally agreed to focus on guidelines for open space/natural area management and maintenance as well as guidelines and incentives for better surface water management at the next meeting. Ms. Hamerlynck reported that the City of Portland was currently developing storm water management incentives for developers.

The Board observed that a Community Forestry Plan would be the most cost-efficient way to address maintenance of natural areas.

Budget Priorities

The members generally agreed to discuss budget priorities at their next regular meeting. Ms. Hamerlynck related that Ms. Riordan had reported that instructions and application dates for state forestry grants had not yet been posted by the state.

Coyote Update

See preceding discussion under "MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS."

Joint meeting with PRAB

The NRAB generally agreed to discuss budget recommendations with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board at their joint meeting on December 10, 2001.

Maintenance Worker Position

The Board discussed a suggestion from Parks & Recreation staff that a Parks maintenance person be assigned to half time care of natural area. They requested that the staff consider how the City might create a Natural Area Restoration Project Coordinator position to help volunteers accomplish projects that were consistent with the City's parks master plan. They agreed to continue their discussion of natural area maintenance and staffing at the next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the NRAB was scheduled for December 3, 2001. There being no further business, Chair Snell adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hamerlynck
Natural Resources Coordinator

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