



CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 4, 2002

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting of March 4, 2002 was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room of City Hall, 380 A Avenue, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present included Chair Snell, Vice Chair Keith Moe, Sarah Asby, Deborah Shimkus, Christine Roth, Kelly Riordan, Nicholas Vance and Russell Jones.

Guests present included Scott Sparling and Joseph Schaeffer, Schwabe, Williams and Wyatt. Staff present were John Lewis, Engineering Department; and Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Day

Ms. Hamerlynck distributed the Board's Earth Day booth-manning schedule.

Carmen/Quarry Road Project

John Lewis, Engineering Department, presented an overview of a landscaped roundabout plan for the Carman Drive/Quarry Road/Meadows Road intersection. He pointed out the development would impact existing trees at the site, even though the originally proposed roundabout design had been reduced in size. He reported that the City's consultants and the adjacent neighborhood seemed to favor the roundabout design over a typical signalized intersection design. He advised a signalized intersection would require removal of 33 trees, but the roundabout design would impact 24 trees and save more significant Douglas fir and oak trees. He reported that all trees to be impacted at the site had been tagged and the City had applied for a tree-cutting permit. He anticipated that the City Council would consider the intersection design in a few weeks.

Joseph Schaeffer, Schwabe, Williams and Wyatt, related his clients questioned the count of impacted trees and they desired to have a sound-buffering wall installed.

Proposal to name the new Springbrook Creek Park for Ruth Pennington

The Board members unanimously approved a motion to recommend that the restored stream corridor area near Springbrook Park be named Pennington Park and the current Springbrook Park trail be named the Ruth Pennington Trail System. The recommendation was also to stipulate that the area was be appropriately maintained so it would be worthy of Ruth Pennington's name.

Board Position Interview Process Update

Mr. Jones agreed to represent the Board during March 6, 2002 interviews of candidates for Board positions.

Budget Proposal Letter Review

The NRAB approved the budget proposal drafted by the staff.

Americorps Grant

The Board examined and approved a draft of the City's application for a two-year Americorps grant. Ms. Hamerlynck reported the grant was to be awarded within a few weeks.

George Rogers Master Plan

Ms. Hamerlynck pointed out three alternative George Rogers Master Plan Concept Plans could be viewed on the City website and the City was soliciting comments about the concepts. The members observed that parking and storm water runoff were issues to be addressed at the park. Mr. Snell questioned the comprehensive approach to the park and he suggested that a more cost-effective approach would be to focus on drainage, invasive species in the natural area and a trail. The members generally agreed to recommend better management of the natural areas, interpretive exhibits and general erosion control at the park.

Tree Code Task Force

The board discussed a suggestion that the tree permitting process be changed to make it easier to cut certain species of trees, such as holly trees. Mr. Moe stressed that it was the function of a tree - such as holding down a slope - that was important, and not simply the species of tree.

Foothills Redevelopment Task Force

It is possible that some portion of this discussion was not recorded during the change from tape 1 to tape 2.

Ms. Hamerlynck reported the Portland Bureau of Environmental Sciences planned to accomplish restoration work along the creek.

Representative for Bryant Woods/Rotary committee

Ms. Hamerlynck announced the committee was to meet on March 14, 2002 to discuss what kind of project to propose for the natural area. Ms. Shimkus? (Unclear from tape) agreed to serve as the Board's representative on the committee.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION [pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e)]

The members met in executive session to deliberate with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. Mr. Snell then reconvened the regular meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Snell adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hamerlynck
Natural Resource Coordinator.

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