



## CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

April 1, 2002

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### I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Jonathan Snell called the Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting of April 1, 2002 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, Sarah Asby, Deborah Shimkus and Kelly Riordan\*. Vice Chair Keith Moe, Christine Roth and Russell Jones were excused. Nicholas Vance was absent. Staff present was Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator.

### II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Open Space Sneak Peek**

Ms. Hamerlynck announced that the Parks & Recreation Department was to invite citizens to visit some of the City's newest Open Space acquisitions on the following Saturday. She also announced a May 27, 2002 scheduled bicycle event from George Rogers Park to West Linn.

\*Kelly Riordan joined the meeting.

### III. REGULAR BUSINESS

#### **Board positions**

Mr. Snell reported that all Board members who had reapplied for their positions had been reappointed.

#### **AmeriCorps Grant**

Ms. Hamerlynck announced the City had been awarded an AmeriCorps grant to fund a volunteer position to coordinate natural area projects between September 2002 and July 2003. She announced that part-time natural area maintenance employee, Jim Closson, was leaving City employ and she was not yet aware whether the City budget would make funds available to hire a replacement employee.

## **George Rogers Master Plan**

Board members examined the George Rogers Park Master Plan Preferred Concept Plan. They observed that it was important to address invasive species and restoration of the understory in the natural area and water runoff through the park from Ladd Street. They observed that several proposed new parking spaces would adversely impact the riparian area. They also observed that the proposal for a bioswale to handle water runoff from the street system could serve as an aesthetically pleasing and educational community demonstration project. They agreed to recommend that the City prioritize and fund coordinated, systematic understory management of the natural area that would populate it with sustainable native plants. They also agreed to recommend that the City reconsider installation of several spaces and retaining walls that would adversely impact the riparian area and ensure that park plans conformed to the buffering requirements of the Sensitive Lands Ordinance. They directed Ms. Hamerlynck to draft the recommendation and email the document to members for their comments.

## **Natural Area Park Rules/Signs**

Ms. Hamerlynck related that a set of rules for use of parks was to be forwarded to a sign vendor the next week. The NRAB recommended a set of rules to be specifically posted at natural areas. They agreed to recommend that natural area use hours were to be dawn to dusk; there was to be no removal or collection of plants, animals or property; no alcohol or drugs; no motorized vehicles; no smoking, open fires or fireworks; no camping; no hunting, weapons or paintball; and visitors were to stay on the designated trails.

## **Work Plan**

Ms. Hamerlynck presented a draft Work Plan. The members observed that creation of a community forestry plan would help implement the City's Open Space Master Plan. They modified draft language to clarify that they intended to continue the Heritage Tree Program; advocate adequate funding for maintenance of natural areas; and examine open space management plans that had been adopted by nearby jurisdictions before recommending a plan to fit the City of Lake Oswego. They decided not to include a work plan item related to George Rogers Park after they acknowledged that implementation of a future George Rogers Park Master Plan was not likely to be funded in the foreseeable future.

## **Committee Reports**

Ms. Shimkus [?] reported that there had been two recent meetings related to implementation of the Bryant Woods/Canal Acres Master Plan. She said she had attended a meeting that included representatives of the staff, Friends of Bryant Woods and the Lake Oswego Rotary where the Rotarians had decided to encourage their membership to approve projects to first design and improve the park entrance and parking lot, and subsequently to work on the trail system. She said the Rotarians had

explained that the City required the parking lot to be completed first, and that would require the volunteer group to submit an engineering design for the facility and entrance kiosk for City review and approval. She related that the Rotary and Friends of Bryant Woods were to work together on the projects and they were uncertain about whether to install a parking lot before lake work was done. Ms. Shimkus clarified that the volunteers did not intend to install the street's bus parking apron (shown in the master plan) during their lot-installation efforts. She reported there had been a different meeting that had been called by Friends of Bryant Woods to discuss master plan implementation with the adjacent neighborhood. She estimated that as many as 15 persons had attended that meeting. She observed that the neighbors seemed supportive of Rotary efforts to improve the park.

Ms. Hamerlynck reported the Girl Scouts - facilitated by Rotary - had planted 600 trees in a previously logged section of Bryant Woods Park. She noted the County had allowed it and the City had not been consulted about the project.

### **Floodplain Standards Working Group**

Mr. Snell reported he had been appointed to serve on the Floodplain Standards Working Group that was to discuss proposed changes to the City's Floodplain Standards. He noted that the need for modification had been generated by the 1996 flood and flood insurance requirements. He said the group was to consist of representatives from the Lake Corporation, the Blue Heron Corporation and the Foothills area and he was to serve as member-at-large. Ms. Hamerlynck advised the City was required to modify the standards in order to comply with Metro Title III and state requirements and she noted that NRAB representation would provide the group with a member who understood the importance of floodplain protection.

### **Trails Master Plan**

The NRAB members appointed Mr. Snell to serve as their representative on a volunteer committee to work on trail system connections and easements. The Board observed that the trails group should be aware of future City pathway connections and Transportation Advisory Committee plans for neighborhood pathway projects.

### **Earth Day/Arbor Day**

The members planned their Earth Day activities. They agreed to man a booth in Millennium Park that day to answer questions and to create a listing of persons interested in learning about and/or volunteering for natural area maintenance projects. They agreed to invite representatives of parks advocacy groups to provide information to be distributed from the booth.

Ms. Hamerlynck proposed to arrange for an Arbor Day afternoon tree-planting project at Southwood Park.

## **Park Naming Memorandum**

The Board examined a memorandum drafted by the staff regarding the naming of a park and trail system after Ruth Pennington. They observed the area had been impacted by a recent stream restoration project. They modified the draft to emphasize that the stream restoration project area needed to be managed in a manner consistent with the high standards set by Ruth Pennington.

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting was scheduled for May 6, 2002. There being no further business, Chair Snell adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hamerlynck  
Natural Resource Coordinator.

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