



## CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 6, 2002

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### I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Jonathan Snell called the Monday, May 6, 2002 meeting of the Natural Resources Advisory Board 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, Christine Roth, Kelly Riordan, Nicholas Vance and Russell Jones. Vice Chair Keith Moe was excused. Staff present were Doug Schmitz, City Manager; and Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Ms. Roth moved to approve the Minutes of December 3, 2002 and the Minutes of January 14, 2002. Ms. Shimkus seconded the motion and it **passed** by unanimous vote of members present. Mr. Moe and Ms. Riordan were not present for the vote.**

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

### IV. 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.

### V. REGULAR BUSINESS

#### **George Rogers Park Master Plan**

**Kim Gilmer, Director, Parks & Recreation Department, and John Warner, Atlas Landscape Architecture** presented the George Rogers Park Master Plan preferred concept plan. They explained that the current planning process had begun after an assessment of conditions at the park had revealed that it needed more improvement than could be achieved through field improvement bond funds. They explained that the plan anticipated continuation of existing types and levels of park uses, but improved parking and circulation; called for better control of water runoff and enhancement of the natural

and historical areas of the park; and created a looped drive and looped trails through the park. They solicited NRAB comments regarding the plan and pointed out that Pacific Habitat had provided a detailed report recommending that invasive species be addressed and native species re-introduced in the natural area. Mr. Warner explained that the staff had recently suggested a “green streets” design for Ladd Street that would be both attractive and utilitarian, in that it would feature swales to direct and control water runoff. Ms. Gilmer explained that although the plan called for removal of the lower parking lot where most of the water draining through the park collected, four handicapped/kayak-unloading spaces were planned at the end of a small extension of Green Street.

Board members observed that the proposed handicapped parking area and Green Street parking near the bank edge of Oswego Creek could impact the trees and the natural area. Mr. Warner clarified for them that the existing impervious area at the site would be reduced approximately 50% by relocating the lower parking and enlarging the Memorial Garden. He said the parking spaces near the creek bank would be created using a pervious surface called “Grasspave” and the bank would be reinforced in some places. He clarified that although the planning team saw the potential for 149 spaces at the park if trees were removed south of Green Street, the number of spaces that would actually be installed would remain at 121 unless additional parking area was created after some trees that were past maturity were identified and removed. He noted a traffic study had concluded there were 21 days per year when park uses called for more than 121 spaces. The Board stressed that it was important to manage the natural area and remove invasive species and they anticipated they would examine and compare natural resources related sections of the Open Space Master Plan with the Pacific Habitat report.

### **Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update**

Ms. Gilmer reported that the Parks & Recreation Master Plan was to feature better maps and an index. She related that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board supported a management plan for athletic fields and also planned to conduct a community survey to determine citizens’ preferences and priorities.

### **Tree Code Task Force Update**

Ms. Roth reported the Tree Code Task Force had been granted an extension of time through July 2002 in which to accomplish their work. She related that the Task Force had held an open house to discuss the Tree Code and had heard many negative opinions from the public. She said the group was considering a different approach to tree regulation that would regulate specific species and make it easier to obtain a permit to remove “nuisance” trees (e.g., as cottonwoods, holly and willows), fruit and ornamental trees. She reported the members saw a need for a City arborist to review tree-cutting applications and they were discussing the fee schedule and notice procedures. She noted the Task Force had examined tree regulations and procedures

used by the City of Palo Alto, California, which had a nationally recognized tree protection program.

### **Trails Master Plan Mapping Exercise**

Board members notated trails they were aware of on a map of the City. The information was to be compiled into a draft document to be discussed at a future meeting.

### **Maintenance Position Replacement Time Line**

Ms. Hamerlynck reported that she had learned the City budget would include continued funding for the position of Part Time Natural Areas Maintenance Worker.

### **Committee Reports**

Mr. Snell reported that the Floodplain Working Group had met to discuss a proposed ordinance that would change the floodplain level in the community and around the Oswego Lake and the Canal. He noted the Canal also served as a floodway between higher and lower elevations. He explained that the Lake Corporation desired to be allowed to raise the level of the headgate at the Canal and to be allowed to open the gates before a storm surge and drain water into the Tualatin River, but the Federal Emergency Management Agency took the position that would aggravate flood conditions in other areas. He reported that FEMA was conducting a study of the Tualatin River watershed.

### **Earth Day**

The Board observed that their Earth Day booth had been well attended.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting was scheduled for June 1, 2002. There being no further business Chair Snell adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hamerlynck  
Natural Resource Coordinator.

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