



## CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**October 20, 2004**

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### I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Jonathan Snell called the October 20, 2004 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 Jonathan Snell, Sarah Asby, Russell Jones, Nancy Gronowski, and Shirley Shanguan (student representative). Vice Chair Christine Roth, Kelly Calabria and Ellen Adams were absent. Staff present was Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator.

### II. MINUTES

None.

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

### IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

#### **Surface Water Management Plan**

Chair Snell reported that he had attended a brainstorming session related to surface water management that had been hosted by City Engineering staff. He related that the participants included City staff and representatives from the Lake Oswego Corporation, state agencies, and the Lake Oswego Neighborhood Action Coalition (LONAC). He advised that federal regulations made cities responsible for developing surface water management plans. He said the City of Lake Oswego first developed such a plan in 1969 to deal with flooding problems, and the most recent plan also focused on water quality and habitat. He reported the brainstorming group had listed and prioritized issues related to surface water management and the City planned to hire a consultant to address them. He anticipated that the consulting firm would have advanced storm water modeling capabilities and a team of specialists with expertise the City staff did not have. He advised that the prevailing concept underlying storm water management was to mimic natural predevelopment runoff after development and manage the water onsite. He confirmed for the Board members that the brainstorming group had discussed incentive programs for homeowners that would encourage them to look for

other ways to manage storm water than with piping and asphalt berms. He related that the City offered incentives to commercial and large residential developments. He observed it would be a challenge for older developments, like Mountain Park, to change the way they addressed storm water runoff. He advised the heavy phosphorus load in the Tualatin was due to agricultural operations, and he explained that the Lake Oswego Corporation no longer emptied the lake each year because they had to refill it with phosphorus-laden Tualatin River water. He reported that the Lake Oswego Corporation had installed an aeration system in the lake and the City had decided to install a \$30 million lake interceptor to address a problem that he believed was due to too much storm water running into the sanitary sewer system. Chair Snell related that the Engineering staff was soliciting public comments. He suggested the Board recommend goals and objectives for the storm water management program and advocate green solutions to water runoff. He offered to draft such a communication from the Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) and present it at the next meeting.

### **Regional Goal 5 Program**

Ms. Hamerlynk reported that Metro was to consider a Metro Councilor's proposal to change Metro's approach to resource protection from a regulatory approach to one that relied more on voluntary compliance. She explained Goal 5 required balancing of resource protection and environmental, social, economic and energy (ESEE) considerations. She reported that Metro had completed its inventory of resources and ESEE evaluations and was about to consider an implementation program. She observed that Measure 37 would require cities to pay for regulatory loss of property use that would have been allowed when the owner purchased the property. She anticipated that if Measure 37 passed it would require heavy staffing resources to research and document the histories of properties.

### **Heritage Tree Nomination**

The Board discussed the nomination of a stand of trees at the Lake Grove Fire House site for Heritage Tree status. They questioned whether it was unique or special enough to have that status. They wondered if there was a history that related to the site and the grove. They noted the stand was not designated as a Tree Grove on the Sensitive Lands Atlas. They noted it did not have the type of understory that was typical of a grove. Ms. Hamerlynk agreed to look up the applicable criteria for a Heritage Tree. She cautioned that the City did not yet own the site and that Heritage Tree status did not guarantee protection of a tree, because a property owner could remove it. She said it might be possible that even the City might find a greater community good could be achieved by developing the site. She suggested the Board members drive by to look at the sites of nominated trees and talk with their owners about what was special about the site or the tree.

## **Volunteer Coordination Update**

Chair Snell circulated an email from Charles Aubin, Natural Area Volunteer Project Coordinator, in which Mr. Aubin updated the Board on volunteer activities.

## **Holiday Schedule**

The members agreed to hold their next meeting on November 17, 2004.

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Hamerlynk reported that there had not yet been an opportunity to discuss a bridge across the Canal with the Lake Oswego Corporation. Chair Snell asked Ms. Hamerlynk to find out if the City Council had approved the levy to fund Open Space maintenance. Ms. Hamerlynck also agreed to find out what process the Council wanted to use for goal setting.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chair Snell adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hamerlynck  
Natural Resources Coordinator