



CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 26, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Jonathan Snell called the January 26, 2005 meeting of the Natural Resources Advisory Board to order at 6:40 p.m. in the Lake Oswego Library, 706 4th Street, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present included Chair Jonathan Snell, Vice Chair Christine Roth and Russell Jones, Nancy Gronowski, and Ellen Adams. Sarah Asby, Kelly Riordan Calabria were excused, Student Representative Shirley Shangguan was absent. Staff present was Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator.

II. MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve. There was a discussion and a request by the board for staff to provide minutes for every meeting.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gronowski asked that the spelling of her name be corrected from "Granowski" to Gronowski.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

Tryon Creek Update

Ms. Hamerlynck informed the group that she had met with a group of stakeholders regarding the Tryon Creek culvert under Highway 43 that is a fish passage barrier. She met with representatives of ODOT, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Friends of Tryon Creek, Tryon Creek Watershed Council, Clackamas and Multnomah Soil and water Conservation, and City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Science. The result of the meeting was that the ODF&W representative worked with ODOT to perform a fish passage assessment on the culvert. The assessment provided enough information for ODF&W to ask ODOT to prioritize the culvert for further assessment, study, and fix the problem. Ms. Hamerlynck will continue to work with stakeholders on the project and will keep the NRAB informed of progress.

Chair Snell asked what the process is for the barrier to be prioritized by ODOT. Ms. Hamerlynck responded that she was not clear on the process but was aware that ODOT has been working on prioritizing fish barrier projects across the state. Vice Chair Roth mentioned that she was also aware that Clackamas County had a culvert replacement program.

Chair Snell recommended that the City work with ODOT and ODF&W to make sure that any work on the culvert takes into account all of the transportation and right of way issues that are being addressed in the Foothills Redevelopment Plan.

CIP Review and Comments

Ms. Hamerlynck informed the group that the CIP was not available for review but she would try to get copies of it to the group prior to the next meeting. The group discussed whether to get a copy of the CIP electronically or a paper copy in the mail. Chair Snell asked if there were any funding projects in the CIP that the NRAB would be interested in. There was discussion of the listing of Bryant Woods master plan in past CIP's and moneys that were budgeted but not used for some of the work recommended in the plan. Vice Chair Roth asked where that money had gone, and if there was funding budgeted in the upcoming CIP to implement any of the Bryant Woods MP. Ms. Hamerlynck said that she thought that the canal trail crossing was under the Bryant Woods page.

Work Plan

The group discussed projects and priorities for the upcoming year. Chair Snell offered that the work plan and upcoming projects would be somewhat dependent upon the result of the new NRAB members that would be replacing the 4 members whose terms expire on February 28, 2005.

Discussion shifted to discussing whose terms expire in February. Chair Snell, Vice Chair Roth, Sarah Asby and Kelly Calabria all have expiring posts. Chair Snell and Vice Chair Roth have reached the number of terms allowed under the new Boards and Commissions guidelines. There was discussion of the importance in having long standing members on the boards to carry forward the history of the group and work on long-term projects. Chair Snell and Vice Chair Roth felt that their work was not done on the board and were curious about how the Council would determine whether or not to re-appoint term limited members. Ms. Hamerlynck recommended that members who where interested in continuing on the board, regardless of term limits, submit an application and that the Council would have to review the make up of the 2005 NRAB in order to decide how best to fill positions.

Vice Chair Roth passed out a summary of the NRAB goals that were agreed upon at the Decembers. They are as follows:

Overarching Goal:

In all projects, removal/control of invasive species is a primary objective.

Goal 1- Funding for removal of invasive species as a part of all natural resource projects.

Goal 2- adequate funding for a permanent natural area maintenance position.

Participate and stay informed about the following projects:

- Foothills Park Development.
- Canal Pedestrian Bridge.

- Surface water Management Plan.
- Measure 37 Issues.
- Other projects and/or issues as needed.

The group discussed how to best achieve the goal of invasive plant removal and maintenance in the natural area parks. The board discussed picking one natural area park and focus on developing an invasive plant management plan to submit to the Council to fund.

The board also discussed the idea of taking the Council and/or PRAB on a tour of some of the natural area parks to show invasive plant problem areas.

Chair Snell mentioned that he had asked the City (after the last meeting) when the Rossman Tipping fees started accumulating and how the Council was going to allocate those funds. Ms. Hamerlynck offered to follow-up with Chris Jordan about the funds.

Ms. Hamerlynck mentioned that the NRAB might want to interface with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to recommend that they (the PRAB) prioritize open space maintenance as they seem to have more of a role in policy decisions about park development and management. Vice Chair Roth mentioned that the NRAB had previously been part of the PRAB but had split off from the PRAB to advise the Council on other environmental issues as well. Ms. Hamerlynck reviewed the NRAB charter with the board. The group asked Ms. Hamerlynck to communicate with Kim Gilmer, Parks Director, to see how best to communicate their invasive plant eradication and openspace management goals to the PRAB.

Ms. Gronowski recommended that the NRAB minutes be sent to the PRAB folks and visa versa so that both groups could be informed.

Foothills Redevelopment Plan Update

Mr. Jones updated the group about the progress of the Foothills Plan. He informed the group about some of the challenges and constraints of the project. Chair Snell mentioned that whatever happens in the planning of the Foothill area, that Tryon Creek and the restoration of the stream be included in the designs.

State Heritage Tree

Ms. Hamerlynck informed the group that the Peg Tree was approved by the State Forestry Commission to be a State Heritage Tree. She also mentioned that there would likely be a ceremony during Arbor week.

Volunteer Coordination

Ms. Hamerlynck informed the board that last years Americorp member, Charles Aubin, would not be returning, but instead, the City would be receiving a new member in February.

Term Limits

See discussion above.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2005. There being no further business Chair Snell adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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