



**CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO  
NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**March 15, 2006**

**APPROVED**

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Co-chair Craig Diamond called the March 15, 2006 meeting of the Natural Resources Advisory Board to order at approximately 6:37 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room of City Hall, 380 A Avenue, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present besides Co-chair Diamond were Co-chair William Gaar, Nancy Gronowski, Sarah Asby, Russell Jones, Morgan Holen, and Greg Wells (student representative). Ellen Adams was excused. Staff present were Jonna Papaefthimiou, Natural Resources Planner; and Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator.

II. MINUTES

**The Minutes of January 18, 2006 were approved by unanimous vote** of those present after they were corrected to show the correct start date of the new AmeriCorps person and the adjournment time.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Staff Person**

The Board welcomed Jonna Papaefthimiou, the new Natural Resources Planner.

**Stewardship Report**

Ms. Hamerlynck reported that Annie Bergelin, AmeriCorps, Natural Area Volunteer Project Coordinator, had held two planting events the previous weekend, and she had scheduled two events during Arbor Week (April 2– 8). She related that the City Council was to issue a proclamation, there was to be a work party to clean up Springbrook Park, a Tree Walk, and Ms. Hamerlynck and the City Arborist were to hold a public forum to discuss tree management. The City was partnering with SOLV on Earth Day (April 22) on a work project in Iron Mountain Park. She also related that Friends of Brookside planned a work party.

**Tree Issues**

Ms. Papaefthimiou reported that she was familiarizing herself with the Tree Code and the revisions that had been proposed by past tree task forces, and meeting with the City Arborist, the Neighborhood Planner, and past Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) member, Chris Roth in order to gain a better understanding of the Code and its history and prepare a background report with her recommendations for the NRAB.

## **Other**

Co-chair Diamond announced that he had been appointed to lead a task force to develop a **Palisades Neighborhood Plan**. He also **invited individual members to participate in meetings that he had scheduled with individual City Councilors**. The purpose of the meetings was to learn the Councilors' views on sustainability and the role of the NRAB.

## IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

### **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit**

Ms. Hamerlynck circulated the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit-Comment Notice. She explained the City had to show it was in compliance with the Clean Water Act. She said she would continue to update the NRAB about that process and the update of the Surface Water Management Plan. The members observed sustainable practices could be incorporated into those processes. When they asked if any NRAB member had water quality expertise, Ms. Hamerlynck related that former chair, Jonathan Snell did, and he would be active in the processes. Ms. Asby and Ms. Holen volunteered to attend task force meetings and report back to the Board. Co-chair Diamond said he would email the staff person who was coordinating the Surface Water Management Plan update that the NRAB had no comment yet on the NPDES, but they had identified two board members who would serve as NRAB liaisons during that process.

### **Metro Bond Measure: Lake Oswego Local Share Acquisition Priorities**

The members met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e) to deliberate regarding the negotiations of real property transactions. After the closed-door session Co-chair Diamond reconvened the regular meeting. Ms. Hamerlynck summarized what the Board members had agreed to request from the City Manager and the City Council: an update regarding recent property acquisitions; the amount of funds left over from the last bond measure; whether there were any priorities for pending acquisitions; what the role of the NRAB could be in directing or assisting with that; how the NRAB could be involved if the Metro bond measure passed; and whether they would be allowed to use their previously-established criteria regarding specific acquisition areas and advise the Council regarding priorities.

### **Sustainability Recommendations for Safeco Property**

The Board examined a draft letter to the City Council that contained sustainability recommendations for the Safeco property. Co-chair Gaar recalled there was to be a November vote related to City use of the Safeco property, and that the City had hired a design team for a community center on that property. He said development of the site could be an opportunity for NRAB to enter the public forum and advocate sustainability goals and approach for developing property in Lake Oswego. He said he had examined the 2003 draft Sustainability Plan for City Hall and the 2006/07 City Council goal of furthering community sustainability before he drafted the letter. He saw NRAB involvement as a good opportunity for NRAB and the Council to educate the public as

to the value of sustainability and using sustainable design, particularly Leadership and Advocacy in Environmental Design Standards (LEADS) for buildings of good environmental design and construction.

Ms. Asby said the Board should emphasize that the natural resources on the site should be enhanced and restored. Co-chair Gaar agreed the initial focus could be on the natural resources, and he suggested the initial letter should be fairly general recommendations. Later, after the Council asked for more specific recommendations, the Board could recommend the City use the highest level of LEADS, which was the Platinum standard, and specifically address how the building footprint should relate to the stream, wetland, and trees on the site. He suggested the Board encourage the Council to arrange for the City to take the lead in the region and state and go beyond the threshold to the Platinum standard. He reported there were very few Platinum certified buildings in the country. He acknowledged, however, the Councilors seemed to be currently inclined to build to the LEADS “Gold” standard. The members discussed whether to simply initially say this was an opportunity for the City to set a very high standard, without specifying which standard. They also suggested the letter should acknowledge that there were other issues to be considered besides sustainability, including natural resource and economic factors. There was general agreement to do that. The members wondered whether “green” building standards also addressed the surrounding landscaping, parking lot and walkways.

**Ms. Gronowski moved to allow the Co-chairs and Ms. Holen to make some editorial changes and to circulate the draft letter via email to the members for their responses and comments by the following Friday, before the Co-chairs signed and forwarded the letter to the City Council.** Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote of members present.

#### **Tryon Creek Watershed Council Letter – NRAB Response**

The Board examined the draft letter to the City Council regarding the December 9, 2005 recommendations of the Tryon Creek Watershed Council. **Co-chair Gaar moved to adopt the letter as drafted.** Ms. Asby seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote of the members present.

#### **NRAB Meeting Policies and Procedures**

The Co-chairs asked the members to comment on whether emailed communications were acceptable to find consensus when the NRAB had to act between meetings. He encouraged all to help the NRAB operate as a collective body.

#### **NRAB Goals Update: 2006 Work Plan (postponed)**

#### **New Member Update (postponed)**

### **Joint Meeting with PRAB in April**

Ms. Hamerlynck explained the upcoming Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on April 20, 2006, was to facilitate a discussion of zoning of parks and natural areas.

### V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Co-chair Diamond adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hamerlynck  
Natural Resources Coordinator