



## City of Lake Oswego Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes

August 16, 2006

**APPROVED**

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Co-Chair Craig Diamond called the Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) meeting of August 16, 2006 to order at 6:36 p.m. in the City Council Work Room of City Hall, 380 "A" Avenue, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present besides Co-Chair Craig Diamond were Co-Chair William Gaar, Morgan Holen, Nancy Gronowski, Stephanie Wagner and Greg Wells (student representative). Sarah Asby and Douglas Rich were excused. Staff Liaison was Jonna Papaefthimiou, Natural Resources Planner.

### II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board agreed to change their regular meeting start time to 6:30 p.m. and to schedule their next regular meeting for Thursday, September 21, 2006.

### III. REGULAR BUSINESS

#### **Election of Officers**

**Co-Chairs Craig Diamond and William Gaar were re-elected by unanimous vote of those members present.**

#### **Lake Oswego Sustainability Strategy**

Co-Chair Diamond distributed a memorandum to guide group discussion. He explained the City had already implemented much of its 2003 Sustainability Plan, which he explained was specific to City Hall. He suggested that the City's sustainability goal be expanded to apply to the entire community. He reminded the Board members that they had agreed to make supporting the City Council goal of Sustainability an NRAB goal. He related that he had discussed how the NRAB could assist the City efforts with Susan Millhauser, Sustainability Planner, and Stephan Lashbrook, Community Development Director. He asked NRAB members to consider whether the Board should recommend a vision and strategy toward that end to the City Council, and how to present it. Co-Chair Diamond said he saw it as more than a series of "programs." It should make the City of Lake Oswego a nationally known leader in sustainability.

During the subsequent discussion members wanted to know more about what stage of the process the City was in and what staff was doing. Co-Chair Diamond explained that he

had not defined the term “harmful substances” because it was not in Lake Oswego statutes. He provided as an example a goal that the City of Lake Oswego to reduce water consumption by 50% by 2030. However, he clarified that the City should determine and set its own percentages of reduction goals. He listed several cities and other jurisdictions (including Multnomah County) that had addressed sustainability, and individual Board members volunteered to research how those entities approached sustainability and report back at the next meeting. They each agreed to look into how each jurisdiction approached sustainability, and whether it used mandates to achieve it.

Ms. Papaefthimiou related that Ms. Millhauser had been working on sustainability-related aspects of City operations, including converting City trucks to bio-diesel; and assembling a committee of representatives of City departments to consider how to incorporate sustainability efforts into their management practices. Co-Chair Diamond said he believed the Board could move forward in “lock step” with staff, and he reported they had suggested the NRAB could be “another voice” promoting sustainability. He suggested the Board first promote the vision that Lake Oswego would become a leading Sustainability City, and he anticipated the Council could adopt the vision and then direct staff to suggest specific policies, percentage goals and implementation measures. The members indicated they preferred to ask staff and City consultant, Dorothy Atwood, to speak to the Board and tell them what they were currently working on and suggest strategies the NRAB could use. The Board generally agreed to try to have their research completed and a message ready to present to the City Council during the Council’s January goal-setting process. However, they were not all sure what it would be they might actually go forward with in January. Co-Chair Diamond suggested that the NRAB ask the Council to adopt a vision statement and perhaps suggest principles and lay out a strategy to achieve it in the community.

### **Code Changes**

The Board postponed their discussion of this item.

### **Lake Grove Village Center Plan**

Board members crafted their recommendations regarding the draft Lake Gove Village Center Plan. They wanted more emphasis on adequate pedestrian and bike pathways in the Village Center, but they agreed not to take a position related to the possibility of installing a pathway segment over a controversial segment along an old easement. They agreed to support the concept of street medians because they would help address storm water management, filter air-borne particles and provide buffering. Co-Chair Diamond related that the group that had fashioned Leadership, Energy and Environmental Design Standards (LEEDS) for “green” buildings had just published, “LEEDS Neighborhood Development” standards for a sustainable community. Ms. Papaefthimiou confirmed that staff had read the document and found it focused on site planning and street layout considerations the City had already implemented.

## **Clean Streams Update**

Ms. Holen distributed handouts that described the City process to be used to update the City's Surface Water Plan, which was now referred to as the "Clean Streams Plan." She explained the program had to be updated because of scientific and technology changes. She said the City planned to hold a September 23, 2006 workshop to involve and educate the public about surface water management and to let them know how they could become involved. She said she planned to attend more meetings and she encouraged others to do so. Board members agreed to compile a list of how the NRAB could become more active in the process and help educate citizens about water use and water pollution in the City, and discuss it at the next meeting.

## **Community Forestry Two-Year Goal**

**Co-Chair Diamond moved to recommend to the City Council that the City develop a Community Forestry Plan within two years. Ms. Holen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote of those members present.**

## **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jonna Papaefthimiou  
Natural Resources Planner