



City of Lake Oswego Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes

November 30, 2006

APPROVED

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Co-Chair William Gaar called the Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting of November 30, 2006 to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Adult Community Center, 505 G St, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present besides Co-Chair Gaar were *Co-Chair Craig Diamond, Sarah Asby, Morgan Holen, Nancy Gronowski and Douglas Rich. Stephanie Wagner was excused. Guests were Lisa Volpel, Carolyn Jansen and Joy Friday. Staff Liaison was Jonna Papaefthimiou, Natural Resources Planner; and *Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator, was also present.

II. REGULAR BUSINESS

Natural Resources Management Budget

Lisa Hamerlynck, Natural Resources Coordinator, proposed a Natural Resources Management Budget. She pointed out it contained new line items related to a program to remove invasive species and a mapping project. She suggested that if the Board decided to support it they should indicate that in writing when the next budget was being considered.

*Ms. Hamerlynck then left the meeting and Craig Diamond joined the meeting at 5:45.

Goals Discussion

Proposed Sustainability Goals

The board examined draft Sustainability Goals. Co-Chair Diamond modified them to reflect minor suggestions from the City's Sustainability Planner. He encouraged members to adopt language that would allow the Board to work with other regional entities to take advantage of their "best practices" and as part of a regional sustainability effort. Not all Board members agreed that was entirely within the mission of the Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB). Ms. Gronowski and Ms. Asby suggested the NRAB could encourage the City to establish a separate sustainability advisory board. They were concerned the proposed goal did not focus enough on natural resources in the City. Co-Chair Diamond read aloud the NRAB Mission Statement and stressed that it was the NRAB's role to address trends in air, water and land quality. Members suggested the NRAB could recommend the separate advisory board, but stay involved as a transition board until it was established, or limit the sustainability goal to a focus on natural

resources, and not issues like greenhouse gases, climate change and economics. Co-Chair Diamond suggested the Board could discuss greenhouse gases and climate change in their educational meetings with the City Council. He related that mayors in some jurisdictions were signing a “Mayors” Agreement on Climate Change.”

Ms. Gronowski moved to adopt the draft Sustainability Goals, with the modifications the board members had discussed:

Subgoal 1 was to be amended to incorporate changes suggested by the Sustainability Planner. Subgoal 2 was to remain as drafted. Subgoal 3 was to be amended to read, “Support the staff to engage a broad range of stakeholders in Lake Oswego in creating a community wide sustainability plan.” New Subgoal 4 was to call for the NRAB to support the establishment of a sustainability advisory board. Subgoal 5 was to be removed. Ms. Asby seconded the motion but it failed in a 3:3 tie vote.

Co-Chair Diamond then proposed an amendment to the motion **to add a statement that the Board was not opposed to the presentation of drafted Subgoal 5 as an oral presentation to the City Council to encourage them to take a leadership role in addressing climate change.** In another vote, the amended motion **passed** by unanimous consent.

Proposed Community Forestry Goals

Ms. Holen presented draft language to support a two-year goal to create a community forestry program. The members generally agreed to remove the words “on an as-needed basis” from Item 3. They considered what kind of overview authority the Board should have and agreed that the word “participate” was flexible enough to allow them to define how involved the Board would become during the year. They anticipated that if the City Council adopted the program the NRAB could become involved in the specifics of implementing it.

Gronowski moved to adopt the draft language related to a goal to create a community forestry plan as amended in the discussion. **Diamond seconded** the motion and it **passed** by unanimous consent.

Proposed Clean Streams Goals

Ms. Holen presented draft language for this goal. She reported the City was already working on a Clean Streams Program and was forming a technical advisory committee that would begin its work in December. She suggested NRAB examine each draft produced by the committee, offer comments, and spread the word about the program. She reported that it was to be a two-year process and the City planned to schedule community workshops and forums in the spring. The members modified draft language that called for the NRAB to provide “feedback to City staff as requested” by removing “as requested,” before they voted. They agreed this did not need to be their highest priority goal because the City was already working on it.

Co-Chair Diamond moved to adopt the draft goal as NRAB Goal 4. Co-Chair Gaar seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

Proposed Natural Area Management Goals

The Board examined draft language for this goal and agreed it should be, “Support the development and implementation of a natural area park management program.” They also agreed to remove Item 3 because the City Council had already adopted a Natural Area Management Plan. They anticipated they could wait until later to discuss whether to support the budget Ms. Hamerlynck recommended in their oral presentation of NRAB goals to the Council. They observed there was currently no Natural Area Vision Statement, and it was also a sustainability goal to develop a comprehensive approach to City property. Ms. Asby offered to find and forward the criteria the Board had used to determine what property to recommend the City acquire.

Co-Chair Diamond moved to adopt the drafted language for Natural Area Management Goals as amended during the discussion. Co-Chair Gaar seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

Proposed 2006 Accomplishments

Ms. Gronowski moved to approve draft NRAB 2006 Accomplishments as drafted. Mr. Rich seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Priority of Goals Discussion

The Board established the four top priority goals as follows by unanimous vote, except that Co-Chair Gaar abstained from the vote on Priority Goal III.

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| Priority I. | Community Forestry Program |
| Priority II | Sustainability Goals |
| Priority III | Support the development and implementation of the Natural Area Park Management Program already in progress. |
| Priority IV | Clean Streams Program |

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Co-Chair Diamond adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonna Papaefthimiou
Natural Resources Planner