



APPROVED

City of Lake Oswego Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes

September 19, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Sarah Asby called the Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting of September 19, 2007 to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the West End Building (SAFECO), 4010 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present besides Chair Asby were Vice Chair Morgan Holen and Craig Diamond, William Gaar, Nancy Gronowski, Douglas Rich, and Stephanie Wagner. Kate Mogentale (student member) was excused.

Carolyn Jones, Glenmorrie Neighborhood Association, was a guest.

Staff present included Jonna Papaefthimiou, Associate Planner; and Chelsea Smith, AmeriCorps worker.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of August 15, 2007 were corrected and approved by unanimous agreement of those members eligible to vote on them.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

Debrief Joint NRAB/PRAB Meeting

Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) members recalled and discussed their recent joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). They decided it was a good idea to regularize communication with PRAB so both boards were aware of the parks-related issues and pressures each was experiencing and so each could help the other. They anticipated they would meet with PRAB every six months and they were especially interested in sharing ideas related to community forestry and parks maintenance. Staff agreed to arrange for each Board member to receive copies of PRAB agendas and minutes.

The group wondered if there were other City boards dealing with issues the NRAB should know about and could help with. They wondered if the Transportation Advisory

Board was addressing pathways and street trees and decided to research that. They decided to look into what groups were working on issues and projects connected with the wastewater treatment plant, Green Streets, boat dock issues, stormwater management, water conservation and Foothills redevelopment planning activity in order to become aware of activity that might affect open space and natural resources and street trees. Staff clarified that the Trails & Pathways Master Plan had been adopted, but the related map had only been accepted, so it served as a guide to where trails might be installed.

The Board agreed to look for a location for a natural areas maintenance demonstration project. They heard suggestions to look at the temporary dog park site across from Luscher Farm and an ivy-infested area along the pathway near the bridge in George Rogers Park. They decided to continue to look for locations and discuss them at their next meeting. They anticipated placing a related photographic display on their website and finding someone who would build an interpretive sign.

Update on Sustainability Board

Mr. Gaar and Mr. Diamond reported that they had presented the NRAB recommendation to create a Sustainability Advisory Board at a City Council study session the previous Tuesday. They reported that Susan Millhauser had presented the draft Sustainability Plan at that meeting and the Councilors had indicated they would examine the final draft and adopt the plan soon. Mr. Diamond reported that the Councilors seemed to favor the NRAB recommendation, but some of them preferred to see the Sustainability Advisory Board composed of chairs of other citizen advisory boards. He said he advocated inviting “fresh faces” to serve on the board and he had found that when he asked them, many people in the community were interested in serving on such a board. He added that members of the business community had expressed great interest. He reported that the Councilors had asked NRAB to recommend a structure for the new board. The members suggested examining the City’s Sustainability Plan to see how NRAB activity could fit into it. They asked staff to arrange for Susan Millhauser to present the Sustainability Plan at a Board meeting.

Ms. Papaefthimiou related that the City Council was concerned about adding a new board because they had been considering how to reduce the number of City boards. She said that the Council was finding it a challenge to fill the many other City boards and commissions and provide the necessary related staffing resources. NRAB members indicated they believed there might be more public enthusiasm for serving on a Sustainability Advisory Board because that board would work on more interesting issues than the Planning Commission or Development Review Commission. They considered a suggestion to reserve a few seats on the new board for non-voting liaisons from other boards and commissions in order to promote citywide information sharing. They suggested those representatives might not have to come to every Sustainability Advisory Board meeting, just those in which overlapping issues were discussed. Ms. Papaefthimiou reported that the City Manager had suggested that the NRAB invite the public and members of other boards to a work session to collect ideas for the format of the new board and report those options to the City Council at the same time the Council considered adopting the Sustainability Plan. She said that would help assure the

Councilors that the idea for the new board had public support. The members agreed to host such a meeting because the new board had been their idea and one of their goals was to advocate for a citywide sustainability initiative. The Board also decided to put together a discussion outline and questions related to the potential mission, goals and makeup of the new board to examine at their next meeting, when they anticipated they would also finalize the proposed public meeting date of October 24th. Ms. Papaefthimiou agreed to issue a press release to publicize the public meeting on the City website and in the newspapers.

Carolyn Jones agreed that more citizens would be interested and qualified to serve on a board that addressed sustainability than on the Planning Commission or the Development Review Commission. She suggested the new board hold periodic public roundtable discussions to solicit new ideas.

Code Revisions

Ms. Papaefthimiou reported the City Attorney had advised that NRAB-suggested Code revisions that updated the Board's Mission Statement could not be inserted in a Code updates application, but it could be proposed and considered as a separate application.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for October 17, 2007. There being no further business Chair Asby adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonna Papaefthimiou /s/
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Natural Resources Planner