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**City of Lake Oswego  
Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes**

**June 18, 2008**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Sarah Asby called the Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting of June 18, 2008 to order at 6:30 p.m. in the West End Building, 4010 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present were Chair Sarah Asby, Vice Chair Morgan Holen and Douglas Rich and Rishi Rajani (student member). Craig Diamond, William Gaar, Stephanie Wagner, and Nancy Gronowski were excused.

Staff present was Jonna Papaefthimiou, Natural Resources Planner.

**II. MINUTES**

None.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

Chair Asby reported that the City Council planned to fill the three open Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) positions after July 4th. She said some applicants for positions on the Sustainability Advisory Board had indicated their second preference would be to serve on the NRAB board.

Ms. Papaefthimiou related that she had recently attended a training conference to learn how the City could become an “eco municipality.” She explained that the process started when a city formally announced its intent to become sustainable, then fashioned a vision and action plan. She said many cities in Sweden had become eco municipalities with strategies to increase use of bus, train and car sharing; to encourage kids to walk to school; and to invest in solar and geothermal energy devices. She related that Lake Oswego’s Sustainability Planner had attended the International Climate Initiative for Cities conference, which advocated the “natural step” approach to sustainability. She noted that Lake Oswego had the distinction of serving as an example of a city that had purchased a farm (Luscher Farm).

When asked if the City of Lake Oswego was making progress toward sustainability, Ms. Papaefthimiou said the City was moving slowly in the right direction. The City had

adopted operational strategies to address garbage and water treatment, and the Sustainability Planner was working on a carbon inventory to benchmark current carbon emissions. She said staff hoped the school district would decide to work with the City. Mr. Rich related that Sunnyside Environmental School planned to utilize solar power. He advised that studies that had concluded that solar energy was not economical were outdated. Board members observed that it might be a challenge to motivate Lake Oswego residents to give up some things they felt contributed to their quality of life, and it might be a challenge for them to get anywhere on time, without driving. However, they were optimistic that with education and the City setting the example, a “culture of sustainability” would be created that would make a healthy lifestyle seem more attractive, and less of a sacrifice.

Mr. Rich commended staff for their presentation of the Cooks Butte Park Plan at a recent Palisades Neighborhood Association meeting. Staff reported that the City Council had approved the plan, but funds would have to be found in the existing parks budget to pay for it.

## **V. REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **Election of Officers**

The members present agreed by unanimous consent to postpone election of officers in the hope that more members would be present at the next meeting.

### **Education/Outreach Program**

Members indicated that they wanted to create more interest in water and energy conservation, and trees. Ms. Papaefthimiou reported that 80% of the cost of electricity used by City government reflected the cost of moving water from the Clackamas River to the water treatment plant and then to reservoirs. The Board decided to reserve a booth at the Farmers Market and a table at the Palisades Neighborhood Association (PNA) picnic on July 17<sup>th</sup>. They anticipated they would distribute educational material and water sensors for lawn sprinkler systems, and perhaps invite visitors to input data on a laptop computer to help them each evaluate their own carbon usage. They heard a suggestion to hold a contest to see who could achieve the greatest reduction in carbon emissions or conserve the most water. They agreed to discuss how to reach other neighborhood associations at their next meeting after they consulted the neighborhood planning staff. Mr. Rich related that Clackamas County had a “Cool Communities” program that outlined a “carbon diet.” The Board heard suggestions to present a signup sheet for a vanpool from the Palisades neighborhood to downtown Lake Oswego, and to show the carbon footprint of a typical hamburger at the PNA picnic.

### **Upcoming Agenda Items/Issues**

The next meeting was scheduled for July 16, 2008, when the Board planned to choose the date and materials to distribute at the Farmers Market and the PNA picnic. They planned to fashion an NRAB challenge contest inviting ideas for carbon reduction.

They planned to discuss how to reach out to other neighborhoods. They planned to consider conducting a tour of innovative conservation measures taken by the City and Lake Oswego residents.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chair Asby adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonna Papaefthimiou /s/  
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Natural Resources Planner