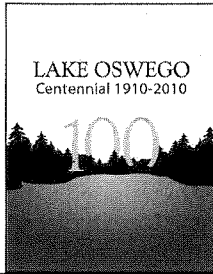


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## City of Lake Oswego Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes

February 17, 2010

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Co-Chair William Gaar called the Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting of February 17, 2010 to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Zig Zag Room of the West End Building, 4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present: Chair William Gaar, Denise Dailey, Doug Rich, Stephanie Wagner and Kara Warner. Nancy Gronowski's term had expired. Samantha Silbert (Student Member) was absent. Staff present: Sarah Selden, Associate Planner;

### MINUTES

Gaar **moved** to accept the Minutes of November 18, 2009. Rich **seconded** the motion and it **passed** 5:0. Warner abstained noting that she was not present at the November meeting. The Board corrected the draft minutes of December 16, 2009. Gaar **moved** to accept the Minutes of December 16, 2009 as corrected. Dailey **seconded** the motion and it **passed** by unanimous vote.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The staff circulated the Century Tree project brochure and photographs. Gronowski's term on the NRAB had expired and term limits prevented her from serving another term. Wagner and Gaar volunteered to submit an article to the local newspaper that profiled Gronowski and encouraged others with appropriate technical backgrounds to apply for open NRAB positions. The Mayor had asked for time on the March agenda to speak to the Board. City Councilor Bill Tierney had asked Wagner to draft a watershed goal for the City Council to consider.

### PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

### REGULAR BUSINESS

#### *Board membership changes and elections*

Gaar **nominated** Doug Rich and Rich **nominated** William Gaar to serve as Co-Chairs of the Natural Resources Advisory Board. Wagner and Dailey **seconded** the nominations and Gaar and Rich were **elected** Co-Chairs in a single, unanimous vote.

#### *Update: Sensitive Lands / Second Look Task Force*

Gaar read aloud Nancy Gronowski's written report. The Second Look Task Force had visited sites with different degrees of encumbrance; heard presentations from the Lake Oswego Stewards group and Clean Water Services; and held a public open house. Their next steps were to get answers from Metro regarding some specific questions, identify the issues, and formulate their recommendations. Meetings were scheduled through April 2010.

Wagner and Gaar had attended the open house. Their assessment was that there were some persons there who were not ready to compromise and interrupted the process; and that some of the questions at the discussion tables could have been worded differently. But there had been some new ideas including that the City could be more positive and flexible and offer tax breaks or lower fees to affected owners. Some felt the lake should be considered Sensitive Lands. Wagner said people had the perception that what "Sensitive Lands" was was not defined very well. Persons at the Landscaping for Conservation workshop had worried that what they did to their property would mean it would be considered sensitive lands. Some people asked that there be more consistency and less subjectivity in staff application of the code. The Board generally agreed to wait to see the Second Look Task Force recommendations before forwarding comments.

#### *NWEI discussion course planning*

One NRAB goal was to organize a Northwest Earth Institute discussion course. The concept was to assemble a group of 8 to 12 City and local business leaders and school district leaders who would jointly participate in the course, build awareness of natural resources issues, and build relationships. Rich and Dailey have had experience starting these courses and proposed selecting the "Menu for the Future" course, which focuses on local, sustainable, food systems. The Board talked about what approach to take to involve key community leaders in the first, core group. They suggested Rich and Dailey start by talking with the Mayor, City Manager and School District Superintendent. They should gain their support and listen to what the leaders suggested as the next step. Luscher Farm was proposed as a potential meeting site.

Gaar **moved** to direct Rich and Dailey to go forward and contact Mayor Hoffman, City manager McIntyre and Superintendent Korash with the idea that the initial goal was to build relationships amongst Lake Oswego community leaders. The outcome from that would be that those community leaders would support further dialogue regarding natural resources in Lake Oswego. Rich and Dailey were to report back to the Board by the next meeting. Wagner **seconded** the motion and it **passed** by unanimous vote.

#### *Update: Oswego Lake Watershed Council*

Wagner reported the Oswego Lake Watershed Council would hold its first meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Council would include representatives from the City, the Lake Corporation, the School District and the County.

#### *July Centennial Event Planning Farmers Market Planning*

These discussions were postponed due to time constraints. Gaar planned to circulate an email asking members to suggest a theme for the Farmers Market booth and the Centennial Celebration event.

#### *Other business*

The Mayor had asked for time on the March agenda to speak to the Board. The board recalled he wanted the NRAB to examine and comment on the City of Portland's plan for addressing invasive species. Rich volunteered to research it and email his comments to the rest of the

Board. Wagner suggested asking a Portland representative to make a presentation. Both the NRAB and the Mayor wanted to revisit the Clean Streams Plan. The NRAB thought it focused too much on piping projects. A new watershed council might suggest other ways to address water quality.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, Co-Chair Gaar adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Selden  
Acting Staff Liaison

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