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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Redlinger called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Present: 4 - Douglas DeHart, Jerry Herrmann, Ginger Redlinger and Doug Neeley

Absent: 1 - Richard Craven

Staffers: 2 - Pete Walter and Martin Montalvo

2. NRC Applicant Interviews

2a. NRC Applicant Interview: Bill Clark

The NRC interviewed Bill Clark. They asked him why he was applying for a position on the NRC, what was his background in natural resources, and if he had the authority, what would he do about the sea lions at the Falls.

A motion was made by Mr. Herrmann, seconded by Mr. DeHart, to recommend appointing Mr. Clark, Mr. Boyce, and Mr. Craven to the NRC subject to the Mayor's approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Douglas DeHart, Jerry Herrmann, Ginger Redlinger, Bryon Boyce and Doug Neeley

3. Agenda Analysis

Mr. Herrmann said he would not be able to schedule a tour by chartered vehicle for the spring. He would like an update on the Cove project.

4. Approval of the Minutes

4a. Approval of NRC minutes for May 14, 2014 and August 13, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mr. DeHart, to approve the minutes of May 14, 2014 and August 13, 2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Douglas DeHart, Jerry Herrmann, Ginger Redlinger and Bryon Boyce

Abstain: 1 - Doug Neeley

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. New Business

6a. Proposed Revisions to the City's Stormwater and Grading Design Standards, presentation by Martin Montalvo.

Martin Montalvo, Operations Manager, discussed the updates to the City's stormwater and grading design standards to be in compliance with the latest version of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. He gave a background on the City's stormwater management program and the City's existing standards. He explained why they were changing the stormwater regulations and gave an update on the manual development process. He then summarized the changes that had been made. He also explained a stormwater standards case study for a commercial development and timeline of the project. This would be going to the Planning Commission on April 13.

There was discussion regarding implementing the new standards and the City's current infrastructure.

7. Old Business

7a. NRC Goals and Workplan Review

Mr. Walter reviewed what had been done so far regarding the NRC goals and workplan. The Planning Department had taken responsibility to staff the Citizen Involvement Committee and the City Commission asked staff to work on updating their bylaws as well as other City Committee bylaws.

There was discussion regarding the NRC's draft bylaws and whether the NRC should be staffed by Public Works or Planning.

Mr. Walter said the bylaws the NRC worked on would be used as a reference for the City Commission. This item would be brought back for further discussion once the Commission gave direction.

8. Communications

Mr. Walter announced Arbor Day would be held on April 13 and Earth Day Clean Up on April 11. The CIC was now staffed by Planning and Planning staff would be attending Neighborhood Association meetings. All Neighborhood Association Chairs would receive land use notifications for all land use items in the City. The annual Shred Event would be held on April 25. The Library got approval to move from the design documents to construction documents for the Library expansion. Three finalists had been selected to design the River Walk at the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. The decision would be made in June. The Urban Renewal Commission discussed the agreement for the Cove project and the deadline dates for some preconstruction requirements had been moved to July 1.

Mr. Herrmann wanted to look at the stewardship aspects of the Cove as a future agenda item.

Mr. DeHart discussed a brochure that was being created regarding good practices for

landowners and small urban streams. He would include Mr. Clark in this work.

Mr. Neeley discussed impacts to Abernethy Creek by the Street of Dreams area. A group was going to be taken down there to look at the impacts.

Mr. Herrmann discussed upcoming river cruises and tours that he was organizing. He was concerned about low river levels.

Chair Redlinger had traveled to China and discussed the topography and geology of the cities she visited. They were trying to get everyone to be environmentally engaged and cleaning their air. She was there for the China/America Administrative Exchange.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Chair Redlinger adjourned the meeting at 9:04 PM.