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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Neeley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 4 - Matt Kuhl, Nancy Broshot, Doug Neeley and Dorothy Dahlsrud

Absent: 1 - Jerry Herrmann

Staffers: 2 - Laura Terway and Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

3. Nominations and Elections of New Officers

This item was postponed.

4. Public Comments

Sharon Selvaggio, Oregon City property owner, discussed two projects funded through the Oregon City Community Enhancement Grant program. These were pesticide free outreach and stormwater management workshop.

5. Old Business

5a. Discussion of City Commission Items

The NRC discussed their requests to the City Commission for the Commission Goal Setting for the 2019-2021 biennium. The requests were: updating the inventory of streams and wetlands, heritage tree designation, stream naming, geologically significant designation, and removing trees during annexation.

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, discussed staff's recommendations for these requests. This included that clearing trees during annexation and wetland designations would be dealt with outside of the City Commission goals. They were projects currently underway and would continue to be worked on. Funding for Heritage Tree designations would be requested for the 2019-2021 biennium. The inventory of wetlands and streams, Tree Code amendments, stream naming, and geologically significant designation would be considered in a future biennium.

There was clarification of these requests.

The NRC and staff would need to look into the geologically significant designation

process and a process for naming streams and possibly involving neighborhood associations in identifying and naming streams. These items would need more clarity before being taken to the City Commission.

5b. Recommendation to Planning Commission: Natural Resources Overlay District - Phase 2 of The Cove Development Plan.

Pete Walter, Planner, said following the presentation by John Van Staveren of Pacific Habitat Services on December 5, 2018, the NRC suggested that native plantings be recommended beyond the fifty-foot vegetated corridor for landscaped areas not within the Natural Resources Overlay District boundary previously approved by the Planning Commission in 2008. The attached draft recommendation would formalize the NRC's suggestion and place it in the record for the Planning Commission's consideration at the public hearing to consider Phase II of the Cove Development on January 28, 2019. He explained how the fifty-foot corridor had been established, cut and fill on the site, proposal for early grading, and native species requirements. He read Committee Member Herrmann's written comments about the cut and fill and plantings.

Ryan Schera, Deacon Development, was the co-applicant with the Cove LLC. Regarding the cut and fill, it would level out and pull back the steep slopes towards the ordinary high water line to flatten it out for the Esplanade and future Agnes Street.

Chair Neeley suggested putting in a variety of plantings. Committee Member Dahlsrud discussed the beaver in this area and mitigation for removing some tall trees.

There was discussion regarding the mitigation. The Committee made edits to the proposed recommendation to the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kuhl, seconded by Committee Member Broshot, to approve the recommendation to the Planning Commission regarding the Natural Resources Overlay District - Phase 2 of the Cove Development Plan as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Matt Kuhl, Nancy Broshot, Doug Neeley and Dorothy Dahlsrud

6. New Business/Discussion Items

7. Approval of the Minutes

7a. Approval of NRC Minutes for February 14th and March 14th, 2018.

A motion was made by Committee Member Broshot, seconded by Committee Member Dahlsrud, to approve the February 14 and March 14, 2018 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Matt Kuhl, Nancy Broshot, Doug Neeley and Dorothy Dahlsrud

8. Communications

Mr. Walter gave an update on the equitable housing and other code amendments.

Ms. Terway gave an update on the Friends of Trees planting.

Committee Member Dahlsrud gave an update on the NRC's activities during the

Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association meeting. She also reported on the Oregon City Parks Foundation fundraising.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.