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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Jerry Herrmann, Matt Kuhl, Nancy Broshot and Doug Neeley

Absent: 2 - Trent Warness and Bill Clark

Staffers: 1 - Pete Walter

2. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Presentation

3a. Portland Gas and Electric (PGE) Forestry Presentation - Matt Vellella, Certified Arborist

Matt Vellella, Certified Arborist, gave a presentation on the Portland Gas and Electric (PGE) Forestry Program. He explained how trees were trimmed for clearance of the power lines and the difficulties with trees being planted in the wrong place. He suggested the following changes: modifying the street tree list with Oregon City to make sure no trees had more than a maximum height of 30 feet, working with developers to see the planting permit applications before they were approved, delineating trees that were purposely planted and trees that were planted accidentally, working with the City to provide notifications about tree removal, and using tree growth regulators to slow the growth of the trees.

There was discussion regarding the effects of the growth regulators and replacing trees that were removed.

The NRC wanted more information about how other jurisdictions used tree growth regulators and the long term effects. Staff would work with PGE on the items that had been suggested.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Old Business

6. New Business/Discussion Items

6a. Improving Developer Communication with the Natural Resources Committee for Natural Resources Overlay District Applications

Pete Walter, Planner, discussed proposed draft language to the pre-application process to allow earlier communication with developers about applications within the Natural Resources Overlay District. He was concerned that this might overload the NRC due to the number of applications. He suggested the NRC come up with a list of best practices that would be given to applicants and applicants could choose to follow it.

The NRC discussed the proposed language and what could be included in a best practices list. Staff preferred to have a best practices guide for developers and if there were further questions, the developer could come to the NRC meeting.

Trent Warness, Nancy Broshot, and Jerry Herrmann would work on the best practices guide.

7. Approval of the Minutes

7a. Approval of NRC Minutes

The NRC would review the minutes and take action on them at their next meeting.

8. Communications

Chair Neeley discussed the map of the Filbert Run park site and how it was not an accurate picture of what was on the site. He suggested in the grant to design the park that the natural resources on the site be included in the planning documents.

Mr. Walter discussed a grant application for a Backyard Habitat Program in Oregon City and asked if the NRC wanted to submit a support letter.

There was consensus to submit a support letter.

The NRC members reported on activities they had attended.

9. Future Agenda Items

The NRC gave suggestions for future agenda items.

10. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.