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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - Trent Warness, Jerry Herrmann, Matt Kuhl, Doug Neeley and Bill Clark

Absent: 2 - Nancy Broshot and Dorothy Dahlsrud

2. Agenda Analysis

Chair Neeley added some discussion items under Old Business.

3. Presentations

Presentation by John Van Staveren regarding Natural Resources Overlay District - Phase 2 of The Cove Development Plan.

John Van Staveren and Bryan Sherrat gave a presentation regarding the Natural Resources Overlay District - Phase 2 of The Cove Development Plan. They explained how the NROD buffer had been reduced in 2009 and discussed what the Cove Development Plan included. They then described the water quality and habitat improvements that were proposed.

Chair Neeley suggested planting conifers along the bank.

There was discussion and questions about the project and future development.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

5. Old Business

Chair Neeley discussed an application that had come to the NRC regarding a dock easement where no mitigation work had occurred. He had testified to the Planning Commission about this application and they had recommended the mitigation plantings along the dock and invasive removal to the north of the site. The majority of the mitigation would be done off-site through a fee in lieu, however because of the difficulty of planting in this location.

There was discussion regarding the fee in lieu, off site mitigation, and cut and fill.

Pete Walter, Planner, reviewed the proposed Code amendments which would be going

to the City Commission in January.

The NRC discussed the new Code language regarding applications in the NROD coming to the NRC for input and advice.

Chair Neeley then discussed the NRC's recommendations he presented to the City Commission including Code changes that would permit the establishment of a temporary wetland area overlay, funding for a part time arborist, changing the requirements for Heritage Tree applications, geological designation of Water Board Park, and Code requirements for tree removal prior to annexation and development. He thought these needed to be formally approved by the NRC and sent to the City Commission.

6. New Business/Discussion Items

7. Communications

Mr. Walter gave an update on the NRC applications that had been received for two open seats. The deadline was the end of December. He reported on the Friends of Trees planting event on December 1. The City's Tree City USA application was due by the end of the year.

Chair Neeley discussed the activities of the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council as well as the stream naming effort.

This was Committee Member Clark's last meeting.

Committee Member Herrmann discussed the work of the river assets group.

8. Future Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.