



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 7 - Dorothy Dahlsrud, Trent Warness, Trent Warness, Bill Clark, Jerry Herrmann, Matt Kuhl and Doug Neeley

Absent: 1 - Nancy Broshot

Staffers: 2 - Laura Terway and Martin Montalvo

2. Election of Officers

This item was postponed.

3. Agenda Analysis

The agenda was adopted as presented.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

5. Discussion Items

5a. Project Status Update: Amendments to the Natural Resources Overlay District Map in Canemah

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, gave a background on the wetland that was found in Canemah that was outside of the Natural Resources Overlay District. It was on the list to be included in the Overlay District which would be done by the end of the budget cycle.

Chair Neeley suggested as the City was expanding and other streams delineated to create a holding designation until the area could be evaluated. Ms. Terway stated staff was looking for grants to update the inventory.

Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, discussed the history of the wetland that was found in Canemah and displayed it on maps. He would like the wetland to be put on the City's maps as soon as possible to protect the area and that Code Enforcement should enforce the wetland setbacks.

Patty Webb, resident of Oregon City, explained how she had turned in complaints to

Code Enforcement and how they required detailed reasons for why the activities were illegal, especially in regard to tree cutting. She also was not able to make complaints anonymously and it was sometimes a touchy situation between neighbors.

Ms. Terway encouraged her to contact the Planning Department as well as inviting Code Enforcement to a NRC meeting.

5b.

Role of the Natural Resources Committee Reviewing Land Use Applications for the Natural Resources Overlay District and the Geologic Hazards Overlay District

Martin Montalvo, Operations Manager, discussed what he had presented to the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council regarding the Total Maximum Daily Load of pollutants allowed in the City and mitigation measures the City was taking in partnership with the Watershed Council.

Ms. Terway explained the OC Maps program. She then gave a presentation on the NRC's role in the development review process. She discussed the City's review processes, the duties of the NRC per the Municipal Code and Bylaws, and the environmental overlays of the City. She asked if the NRC wanted to change the process for the applications that came to the NRC.

There was discussion regarding the timing for applications to come to the NRC to make comments.

There was consensus to require every Type 2 and Type 3 natural resource overlay district and geological hazard overlay district applications to come to the NRC.

6. Communications

Ms. Terway reviewed the 2017 Community Development Department statistics. She announced that the City was awarded as a Tree City USA for the sixth year and received a grant.

Chair Neeley reported that all of the stream signs had been installed.

Committee Member Herrmann discussed the planting that was done at the Environmental Learning Center.

Committee Member Dahlsrud attended the Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association meeting. She discussed the Oregon City Parks Foundation fundraisers.

7. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

8. Adjournment

Chair Neeley adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.