

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Gubanc's Pub and Restaurant

Friday, January 15, 2016

The *vision* of the Oswego Lake Watershed Council is a healthy properly functioning watershed. This vision is of streams, wetlands, riparian forests, upland forests/trees, Oswego Lake, and other natural resources working together as a sustainable ecological system that supports good water quality, productive habitat for native plant and animal communities, and enhanced quality of life.

The *mission* of the Oswego Lake Watershed Council is to foster stewardship, education, participation, and financial support for the purpose of the conservation, restoration, enhancement, and maintenance of watershed functions that achieve and sustain a healthy watershed.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Directors present were Chair Stephanie Wagner, Mary Ratcliff, Sarah Asby, Tom Bland, Mark Rosenkrantz, and Mike Buck. Guests were intern Maddee Rubenson, Dwight Sangrey, and Adra Lobdell (OLWC and TCWC Project Manager), Anne Macdonald and Anthony Macuk from the *Lake Oswego Review*.

2. **Operations:**

- **Resolved: Minutes for November 13, 2015 were unanimously approved and accepted.**

- **Financial Report:** Tom passed out the year end Financial Statement for 2015. This statement included last year's annual expenditures leaving a balance of \$17,135.45. Tom reported \$1,250 in donations. Tom also is responsible for quarterly reports—useful for accountability to the City for undertaken projects.

3. **Council Business**

- **City of Lake Oswego Project Grants:** Adra and Mike met with Anne and Megan in December to present potential restoration sites for HEF. Five sites were reviewed; three were expansions of existing sites. Consideration for building on what we have accomplished appeared to manifest the direction both Parks and OLWC were headed. The two new sites were on Oswego Canal and Fernwood Creek. Anne McDonald will present our potential project list to Ivan Anderholm. Adra mentioned both positive and negative characteristics regarding the new sites, but emphasized the ownership cooperation in both circumstances. Adra also informed Council that two additional sites did not meet our criteria for selection. Anne cautioned that we should concentrate on continuing good restorative work but eschew spreading ourselves too thin. Stephanie reiterated our role in focusing watershed activity on private properties that include residential and private open space. Mike mentioned the possibility of signage for areas under restoration so citizens could know what was being done and cooperate. Using Bryant Springs as an example, Mark thought the signage was minimal in terms of asking visitors' help in refraining from entering the natural area. Anne will talk with Megan Bigjohn about this apparent need for better signage.

Adra said that Tryon Creek Watershed was not going to apply for more projects this year especially considering Corrina's departure to work for the Columbia Slough watershed.

Maddee has been doing water sampling and noted that Boutwell Creek was the lowest for phosphorous loading levels. Dwight talked about the data collection possible which was part of the Henderson design plan at Mountain Park. The flashing of stormwater is a particular problem in the Mountain Park ecosystem so ways and means to mitigate the affects would be very useful. Mountain Park still needs permits for the planned environmental improvement. The City is using Morgan Holen and Noah Herlocker for contracted natural resource professionals. Anne recommended bringing plans to the City so care for erosion control can be evaluated.

- **Schedule for Work Parties:** Adra sent out an E newsletter with work party schedule. She is focusing on Springbrook Creek site with Boutwell Creek and Hallinan moving more to the maintenance phases. January 30th and February 27th are the next two work parties for invasive removal and for native species planting. The hours are from 10:00am -1:00pm. Mark is able to use a 14 foot trailer to pick up the plants from Scholls Valley Native Nursery. He and Mike will coordinate this procurement.

- **Lake Oswego Stormwater Manual:** Ann reviewed with Council some changes made to the stormwater treatment draft especially in terms of applicability. Managing stormwater in Lake Oswego is admittedly "ticklish," she said, as the December rain levels depicted. After brief sharing of new square footage thresholds for triggering storm water compliance, conversation centered on functional incentives and on current raingarden designs. Work sessions with the Planning Commission have occurred and a February City Council session will have an open hearing on Feb. 2nd. Council thought both OLWC and SAB should work together and be present for testimony on this date. Mike will go for Stephany who has submitted written testimony; she teaches a class on Tuesday evenings.

- **Board Support for HEG projects:** Stephany took the lead in volunteering to help with the Boutwell Creek site. Dwight is concentrating on Mountain Park. Mike will take advantage of the Friends group at Hallinan and help with maintenance and the new adjacent project area. Mark will investigate the old Armory site off of South Shore for future restoration work in this Lost Dog riparian area.

4. Staff Reports: Adra further complemented her project updates on both Tryon and Oswego Lake watersheds. She has two big events at Tryon in February in addition to her work parties at Springbrook. The amount of invasive species at Springbrook may force us to investigate other removal means than manual. She also would like to remove the cut laurel at Hallinan and have the stumps removed. Mike gave her the contact, Nick Seagraves.

5. Public Comments and Announcements: Iron Mtn. Park charette for the master planning process focusing on the current staging area will be on January 30th from 9:30am -12:00pm. Mountain Park OWEB grant was awarded and work will be integrated with Tigard High School inclusion. The stormwater portion of this project is an exciting aspect and a hopeful demonstration project.

6. Meeting Adjourns at 9:30am.

Next Meeting February 12, 2016 at 8:00am.