

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Oswego School District office

Friday, February 14, 2014

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, Rob Amsberry, Michael Buck, Mark Rosenkranz, Andrew Harris, and Sarah Asby who joined us as a prospective board member. Lecia Schall, our intern, was also present. Guests were Corrina Chase from Tryon Creek Watershed Council.

2. Organization:

• **Minutes:** Resolved that minutes for January 10, 2014 were unanimously approved.

• **Financial Report:** Tom is in South Africa. Lecia mentioned that she has not yet received a 1099 form and an appropriate time frame was quickly coming to an end. But Stephanie wondered if her status required the form so she and Tom will have to confer and get back to Lecia. Stephanie reassured Board that OLWC was in receipt of the \$1500 check from CCSWD.

• **Website Report:** Stephanie announced that the newsletter was published. She also received Sarah Asby's application to join the OLWC. Providentially, Sarah will try and make contact with Kevin Stohler who still works for the Mountain Park Homeowners Association but has been preoccupied with weather-related projects.

3. Presentation: Corrina Chase addressed Council on a need recognized by Tryon Creek Watershed Council and wondered if we also shared the same need and could possibly participate in the solution which would be a volunteer coordinator, presumably an Americorp volunteer. She talked about her own planning and outreach on stormwater issues and it seemed to her that it made sense to work on both sides of the watershed. Our own Mountain Park project was entered into the discussion and it seemed sensible to collaborate with a multiplicity of partners for successful planning and implementation. Corrina said that the Americorp program would cost \$13,000 per year and Council members thought that we could use someone for three to five hours a week. Mike mentioned that the City Council of Lake Oswego was contemplating hiring a volunteer coordinator to address issues needing this organizational framework. Members felt that stormwater management and mitigation demanded the expertise derived from

knowledgable resources. Hopefully, with the affirmation of Kevin and the Mountain Park Homeowners Association, our project and those of Tryon Creek can deal with the eroding environment. Council gave Corrina a “thumbs up” when she asked about our interest in sharing this volunteer coordinator. Council had some questions regarding the starting time for this volunteer and the need to set viable parameters looking at both our project needs and affordability.

4. Council Business:

- **Lecia Schall Report:** Lake Oswego teachers of the environmental curriculum that Lecia is working with did a pretest earlier this year. Lecia reported that the Watershed Design Unit was actually proven to contribute to watershed literacy. She commented favorably on pro-environmental attitudes and behaviors by the students. This section of the curriculum also contains the engineering design work sample, applicable to the students’ own campus. Lecia shared her best teaching moments and interactions with the faculty. She wishes that the City’s Park and Recreation might add a summer program dealing with place-based interactions.

- **Recruitment and Sarah Asby’s application:** The Council welcomed Sarah’s interest to join and Mark moved for her admission to our Board. Andy seconded the nomination and Sarah was unanimously accepted by Directors for a term on the OLWC.

- **Project Work plan for January – June, 2014:** Members focused on the Preakness site in Mountain Park and conversed regarding our approach. Andy reminded the Board about the indicators of a healthy watershed that is part of our resource material. Sarah will attempt contacting Kevin to get approval for our going forward on this project. Stephanie and Sarah will confer regarding grant applications to fund the work. Mark mentioned talking with a person at the UERC regarding the Buddhist temple site on Bryant which has a potential demonstration project to break up the impervious surfaces and integrate more natural landscaping into the facility. He will get contact information. Lecia mentioned the “Depave” movement that works with schools and churches. Members mentioned the need to get schools connected to any project we attempt. Directors thought it best to hold off until next fall a program to support community rain gardens. Rob mentioned the East Multnomah Watershed and the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils as a great resource for water gardens. Talk centered on Having Eric Carr with Clackamas County Soil and Water to sponsor a workshop here with the City helping to advertise this to the public. Lecia also invited directors to go to the RCS Viewer and play with the website for familiarity.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Next Meeting: March 14, 2104, 8:00 – 9:30 am

7. Meeting Adjourned 9:30 am