

# OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Oswego School District office

Friday, January 10, 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.

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**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Directors present were Chair Stephanie Wagner, Rob Amsberry, Michael Buck, Mark Rosenkranz, Andrew Harris, Tom Bland, and Mike Esping. Guests were Anne MacDonald from the City of Lake Oswego and Sarah Asby who joined us as a prospective board member. Lecia Schall, our intern, was also present. (Stephanie was not able to contact Kevin Stohler. Sarah volunteered to check with the Mtn. Park Neighborhood Association.)

## **2. Operations:**

• **Minutes:** Resolved that minutes for December 13, 2014 were unanimously approved.

• **Financial Report** Tom reported our checking account at \$4293.40. Only checks written were for internship payment and for Linda Keast. Tom will give 1099 forms for anyone receiving payment in excess of \$600.00 for 2013 year. Tom requests members to send him their volunteer hours of community involvement related to watershed in 2013. He would like to have this information in a week's time.

• **Website Report:** Articles were submitted to Linda by Tom, Lecia and Mike. Lecia sent out two newsletters which could also supply content material for our newsletter. Stephanie hopes the newsletter would be ready by mid month. Everyone on our website email list should receive it.

**3. Presentation by Anne MacDonald:** Anne took David Gilbey's position at the City and came ready to give Council a PowerPoint presentation but our room was not set up for this technology. She briefed us on the chapters in the City's new draft of the Stormwater Manual. Anne has been reviewing and editing the document and will turn it over soon to City colleagues for their own redaction efforts. She hopes the finished manual will be more user friendly for development, and it will represent a refinement of ideas from previous years. Anne gave Council members an overview of the chapters and the appendices and then apprised us of the review process leading to adoption by the City Council. Questions were asked regarding how the Code and Manual will interact

as the development community utilizes this new tool. Anne anticipates the focused workshops that will be part of the outreach for approval and adoption. She consistently stressed the importance of stormwater issues and requirements and the role we all play in sending the community and City Council a consistent message on ensuring best management practices according to well articulated principles. The new budget processes may impact her time line for passage but she remains hopeful that this stormwater manual will get adopted and it will be a significant help for water quality.

#### **4. Council Business:**

- **Recruitment of new board members:** Sarah Asby receives the spotlight as a potential new Council member and Lecia mentions she has another interested person but could not find an application on our website. A member inquired about whether we should be seeking a specific new member with legal or land use credentials. Some names from a previous meeting were reiterated with personal follow-up requested

- **Conflict of interest item:** Stephanie communicated with CCSWCD regarding language on grant application that seemed to exceed discretion.

- **Review Strategic Plan to Identify Projects:** Stephanie led us on an assessment of our Strategic Plan and went through each goal, and Council decided that some goals needed new time lines and others required some revision. Rob mentioned generically what the City had on its website and what it lacked. Our website could link to the interactive map but other data like macroinvertebrate, riparian vegetation, stream survey, etc. are lacking. Since MS4 requires dissemination of good information, our Council could be instrumental and helpful in this informational outreach. Thorough watershed collection data is contingent upon funding so Council members decided to forgo some of this focus to concentrate on specific "on the ground" projects. Stephanie and Mike visited the Mountain Park Preakness Court site where a riparian area is in need of invasive removal and then, depending on support and funding, stream corridor restoration. And Iron Mountain Park with the tributary area could be continued as a preparatory project focus for later years.

**5. Public Comments and Announcements: None**

**6. Next Meetings: Second Friday of the month (February 14<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**8:00 – 9:30 am.**

**7. Meeting adjourns at 9:45 am.**