

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Oswego School District office

Thursday, March 21, 2013

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 Donna Atherton, Kevin Stohler, Mark Rosenkranz, Stephanie Wagner, Chair Andy Harris, Gregory McMurray, Rob Amsberry and Mike Buck**
Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 8:13 am.
 2. **Public Comments: None**
 3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
Resolved: Minutes for February 14, 2013 were unanimously approved.
 4. **Operations:**
 - **Financial Report:** With Tom's absence, Andy gave the report from Tom: The cash balance at February 28, 2013 is \$4,830. Tom mentions that this month he will be issuing checks to the Corporation Division (\$50) and to the State of Oregon Department of Justice for annual tax filing fee (\$10).
 - **Webmaster, Linda Keast draft contract and report:** Andy used the same format as the contract offered to Molly, yet the content specified an hourly limit and a yearly monetary cap. Council recognized that initially Linda may need more hours expended but that over the year the combined hours would follow these set parameters. Her contract will run from March 1, 2013 until February 28, 2014. Andy has given Linda information on access to the website and contact help with Molly. Linda has already previewed pages from our website that can be pulled down and has suggested improvements so that a user does not encounter unnecessary layers. One example she gave would be a "donor" button. She also thought some topics could be cleaned up. Councilors saw the need that emails need be channeled to their proper direction among members and they asked for a "how to" directions for good access. Discussion ended with this unanimous resolution.
Resolved: Linda Keast will be offered a yearly contract not to exceed \$1200.00.

5. Council Business:

- **Springbrook Park, Metro Grant Update:** Unfortunately, Springbrook Park was not selected for this Nature in the Neighborhood grant. Stephanie thought that successful applications needed to emphasize the role of various partnerships. Mike mentioned that just being in Lake Oswego affects our chances due to any needs-based criteria used and the special categorization outsiders perceive for Lake Oswego. Stephanie also suggested that Springbrook could participate with another in the application process, Tryon Park for instance, which just might add the necessary synergy to the request for positive results.

- **Strategic Plan Review:** Donna led this continuation and refinement of the Strategic Plan draft by asking for “evidence of progress” in missing frames of Goal 2. Andy and Greg and members of STAC helped fill in those gaps. Completion dates of objectives were also slightly changed to reflect a more realistic time frame. It was decided that summary reports by STAC would go to the whole Watershed Council for review. A short discussion ensued on the Goal 2 objective of support data collection with the evidence of progress stipulating plans for support. The cost for these was mentioned at being around \$5,000. STAC would need to look at what other watersheds have done for models and to figure out a methodology. For the objective on supporting restoration projects, a quarterly report was listed as evidence of progress.

For Goal 3, Stephanie said she had already talked with Tryon Park about their cooperation with Backyard Habitat. Members talked about ways for neighbors and neighborhoods to participate and overcome obstacles like the ordinance against sign posting to publicize homes that were certified. Andy had a question on streamside survey usage: Would this be a blanket effort and who would participate? Kevin mentioned that it would quite easy for him to procure streamside addresses in Mountain Park. Members concluded that the questions and communication with property owners needed to be carefully thought through.

Greg proposed that the strategic plan, a living document, be adopted with the suggested changes.

Resolved: The OLWC unanimously voted to approve the Strategic Plan with changes noted.

- **Earth Day event at Methodist Church 11-3, April 21, 2013.** Donna said that the School District was invited to participate and she could have any materials from the OLWC also available and her dual capacity would make sense because of our partnership. Giving out our website was mentioned but Stephanie did not think it would be ready to go by then. Stephanie will give some materials to Donna so she has something to distribute to interested visitors to the tables. Greg would be doing the same at Arbor Day on April 7th at Millenium park.

- **Jamie Stamberger:** Stephanie is working with her and Linda. Mention was made regarding some security item in Vertical Response.

- **Steve Kaer:** This potential board member reluctantly declined our invitation due to his personal work load. One member thought a land use attorney would be a good asset to our Board. Members suggested giving names to Tom and he could vet this process through with other Council members.

- **Craig Stephens and herbicide usage in the City:** Greg gave an overview on

what came up with NRAB member, Craig. His email recommending the City “do no harm” with herbicide use was diplomatically responded to by Mike who would like to see options open given the daunting invasive threats present to the ecosystems here. Evaluative studies of treated sites would be good science based evidence to draw on for effective control and planning. Mike is in contact with Natural Resources personnel and Greg has his presence on NRAB as this issue gets vetted in the public sphere. David Gilbey is looking at creating an integrated pest management plan, similar to Portland’s, for Lake Oswego. Councilors are agreed that the right chemical with judicious use according to the specific environment targeted would be the prudent course.

• **Iron Mountain Meeting, March 25th at WEB with Friends of Iron Mountain:**

Board members of FOIM will meet with Parks Planner, Ryan Stee, to add input to the completed National Park grant funded inventory and habitat assessment and to give ideas on contents for a management plan. Mike will call and invite Ryan to our April meeting to talk about this unique plan for this natural resource area.

• **Craig Stephens: Woodmont Park area.** Greg briefly mentioned this area and the work of its adopted steward.

• **Lake Algae Item regarding Lake Erie:** Greg sent an email attachment regarding this degrading menace that has afflicted Lake Erie. It serves as a reminder that we can never lose our vigilance regarding water quality here. The algae, due to phosphorous, is the same genus as what threatens Lake water here.

6. Announcements: Next meeting: Ryan 9:00 am; Dave Stuart at 9:30 followed with a tour for those who can accompany him.

7. Next Meetings: 8-10:00, Thursday, April 11, 2013

8. Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 am.