

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting moved to Gubanc's Pub and Restaurant

Friday, September 19, 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, Andy Harris, Michael Buck, Rob Amsberry, and Mark Rosenkrantz. Guests included Joe Moreck from Lake Oswego School District and Mary Ratcliff from SAB.

2. **Operations:**

- **Minutes: Resolved: Minutes for August 8, 2014 were unanimously approved.**
- With Tom not present, no financial report was given this meeting.

3. **Sensitive Lands**

• Andy started this discussion by passing out his talking points regarding the "quick fix" amendments proposed and two aspects of the Sensitive Lands proposals. Andy included our Watershed Council's vision and mission statement and three goals from our strategic plan. The hope is that our talking points will help bring a perspective of watershed function and more systemic understanding to this whole issue. Andy reiterated points regarding the science based perspective on watershed functions and upland functions. He pointed to the listed indicators that let a person know if the watershed is functioning properly. Our hope is that the language used in talking points is positive and educational, not primarily critical. Members thought pictures along with the talking points would be more illustrative in portraying our message. Mary let members know that this issue would not be over by election time but would take most of the remaining year to see how regulatory and voluntary efforts would pass muster with Metro. Phase 1 is a quick fix but Mike cautioned that permitted uses are often times hard to roll back once allowed so we must even view these with care. Members said these need to be looked at as temporary and showing no irretrievable harm or unintended consequences. Members are asked to review the Staff report and respond to one another with critical suggestions. Andy and Mike, having a refined version of our talking points in hand, will have a meeting with Scot Siegel and Shannon as a prelude to submitting testimony to the Planning Commission for their study session on October 13th.

Members talked about other issues like stream corridor buffering, TMDL effects on planning, the newly proposed Stormwater Manual, the proposed 50 acre line on the watershed that would divide non-regulatory from regulatory overlays, and an understanding of where and why fences should not go in the riparian areas. Rob mentioned a Washington State Educational program with certification after completion that gave people training on rain gardens, green roofs, maintenance, etc. It seems Oregon may begin a program based on this approach also.

Members are asked to review Andy's talking points and make suggestions on line by the weekend (September 23rd).

4. Council Business

- **Mountain Park Project:** Rob met with Kevin on Tanglewood site. Apparently Kevin is having Bruce Henderson draw up an estimate for design concepts. Since this site is listed in the City's CIP, a completed design component would help move the project up on the priority list and also help in procuring funding. Stephanie said it was too late for OWEB grant funding this year but we need to have an active project we accomplish this year. She regrets we could not draw up a simple two paragraph description of a project on a small scale for work on private land that could have garnered \$10,000 toward implementation. Rob advised that we focus what's in the CIP and do work aligned with the intent of those projects so work would not have to be undone in the future. Mike said he would get hold of Sarah for selecting an invasive removal site that would meet these parameters in collaboration with Kevin's own estimation of the right location.

5. Lake Oswego Sustainability Network: Mary mentioned the upcoming September 25th gathering at Marylhurst with networking at 5:30 pm networking followed by the 6:00 pm meeting.

Stephanie mentioned that Lecia is reviewing the post test data on watershed education given the students and will have the results in October. It will help us and the District know how well the curriculum is working.

6. Public Comments and Announcements: Mike mentioned the Iron Mountain Trail Tour sponsored by Parks and Recreation that will be conducted by Megan Bigjohn, Susanna Kuo and him on Saturday, September 20th.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 am.

Next Meeting, Friday, October 17, 2014 at 8:00 am at Gubanc's.