

# OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 14, 2017

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 Mark Rosenkranz, Mary Ratcliff, Jim Fisher, Barbara Fisher and Mike Buck. Staff present was Adra Lobdell, OLWC Project Coordinator. Guests were Larry Zurcher from Lake Oswego School District and Ryan Lentz, Erosion Control Officer for City of Lake Oswego.

## **2. Operations**

- **March Minutes:** No minutes for OLWC March 17, 2017 meeting were taken since our full agenda was devoted to updating the Strategic Plan.

- **Financial Report:** Adra has two updates: Brighton and Tanglewood reimbursements for \$4500. Project management and contractual work.

## **3. Staff Reports**

- **Updated contact and information list:** Adra will be updating and sending out to members current phone numbers and contact information.

- **HEF:** Adra reported on two March work parties at our project sites. The March 18<sup>th</sup> Springbrook work party suffered under “pretty miserable” conditions due to weather and the concomitant result of saturated ground. The March 25<sup>th</sup> work party at Hallinan had fifteen volunteers and 150 native species were planted in an hour. Jim, Mike and Adra worked feverishly on the south side of the riparian area. Herbicide treatment is contemplated for the northern side due to the prevalence of invasives like laurel. However, Adra said that Ash Creek was backlogged due to the unusual seasonal wetness.

- **Yates property;** Adra mentioned the maintenance phase status of this project site and said the riparian zone was looking good. There is a concerted neighborhood effort to purchase the whole two acre site for public preservation. Adra has drafted a letter for directors to review that attests to the ecological assets of this site though our Council must refrain from any direct endorsement due to collaborative efforts with the property owners who are trying to residentially develop the areas not under resource protection. A pre-app was held yesterday regarding this property and it appears the developer has more work to do for approval from the City for the plan. One aspect from the pre-app showed that two sub-size lots were created as a result of resource protection. Jim mentioned that two vacancies on the PARKS Board were open and he was contemplating offering himself in that capacity and sought member advice. Mark asked him “Where would you be most effective in light of goals you wish

to serve? Council members, especially with the intimate knowledge that Jim and Barbara have on the Yates property, continued to brief themselves regarding our role in support of public acquisition. Mike mentioned our need for care and sensitivity in light of our cooperative agreement with the property owners to restore the delineated natural resource area in a way not to impede development plans. Park Plans on other properties like Woodmont entered into our discussion. In the end, the Board members present all voted unanimously for Adra as our Project Manager to send the draft letter affirming the ecological attributes of the site to Hallinan Height Woods. She would be the signatory on the letter, not the OLWC.

- **OWEB sites:** Adra spoke in very complimentary terms about the Tanglewood site and Henderson's role along with Mountain Park to create a more natural stream corridor at this project site. A work party on April 28<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with Arbor Day, will take place from 9:00am- 12:00pm and Adra will be present to help coordinate. There seems to be no negative feedback received from neighbors regarding the enhancement of this riparian area. A question of whether this restored area would be included under the City's resource protection remains unanswered. Adra did say she has "before" and "after" photos of the site. In conclusion, funding from OWEB for this project work will be closed in October, 2017 when all should be wrapped up. Brighton site has also progressed and Adra reported on the improvements to this HOA greenspace and bioswale. Henderson, through regrading, is sloping the soil for increased drainage. All seems on track with native grass vegetation incorporated along with a fall planting palette. The OWEB grant for this project work also finishes in October.

- **Season of Watershed Tours:** Stephanie's watershed tours are on the third Saturday of each month from May to September. They are family oriented and students can receive extra credit for their attendance,

- **Future of HEF:** With Anne MacDonald gone from City Hall, Adra questioned who would be receiving new reports as well as funding and time-line considerations. Ryan offered to do some investigation to help provide answers.

- **Project Manager News:** Adra announced to a stunned board that she would be leaving the Council at the end of June. Her husband is graduating and they are relocating to Sonoma, California in July. While board members absorbed this transitional news, Adra spoke briefly about her role at Tryon and what the State Park is challenged with. She added this dimension since her position as project manager is split with our two watersheds. Members confessed to wanting a clone of Adra for her replacement and poured on accolades regarding her many talents from organizational to relational skills. Though we had to move on, feelings of loss were quite apparent

- **Lake Corps renovating;** Mark reported that work was happening on the Lake Corps building. In addition, he contemplated expanding the work site project at the Park Academy with the adjacent Methodist Church property. He said there will be a work party in April. Board members lastly mentioned water quality concerns regarding watershed streams and how to best communicate the information from tests to residents.

**4. Meeting Adjourns at 9:30am**

**Next Meeting: May 19, 2017 at 8:00am**