

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 19, 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.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Directors present were Chair Stephanie Wagner, Mark Rosenkranz, Rob Ambsberry, Jim Fisher, Barbara Fisher, Dwight Sangrey, Mary Ratcliff, and Mike Buck.

2. Operations

- **Minutes:** April 14, 2017 minutes were not presented by Chair for comment or vote.
- **Treasurer's Report:** With our Treasurer, Tom, absent, this report was skipped.

3 Reports

• **Project Manager Postion:** Stephanie launched right into dealing with our current Project Manager, Adra, submitting her resignation effective June 30th in order to relocate with her spouse to California. Much of our Council discussion, following recognition of Adra's competencies, involved the contextual realities of this split position with Tryon Creek Watershed Council. Stephanie related the changing realities for ongoing cooperation with Tryon given their own accommodating decisions based on financial constraints. Council turned its attention to making sure we formulated an accurate and comprehensive job description, reviewed our funding mechanisms for this position, and then confirmed a process for interviewing and hiring. The OLWC would be accepting payroll responsibilities for this position. Benefits are not part of the package though Stephanie thought that this job would still have a favorable entry level attraction. Adra has previously confided that she foresaw this project management potentially moving to a 30 hour/week. Mike volunteered to receive applications with their cover letter and written narratives from our website. He will check with our host, Linda, to make sure of this facility. Rob and Jim can help vet the applications and Dwight, if available, can help also in the interviewing with Mike and any other willing Council member. Dwight mentioned having success with finding qualified people through Clackamas County College landscaping program graduates. Other members briefly suggested other educational venues they were familiar with. Details regarding project management work space, file storage, tool inventory and storage were discussed. Rob will be checking with Ivan Anderholm at Parks and Recreation regarding any opportune space at Palisades. Stephanie will submit an application

draft to Council members for preview this weekend. Council hopes that the posting for this project management position will go out by May 22nd with a June 5th deadline for submittal. A finalized hiring decision by mid month will allow precious collaborative time with Adra before her departure. Mike will follow the protocol of gratefully responding to each applicant.

- **HEF Projects:** Our grant application to the City is due in June and Council addressed future project venues which included both new sites and proximate sites to current work areas. Mark will engage the Methodist Church next to the Park Academy in addition to the adjacent residential property owner to help solidify positive criteria for this site selection. Mike asked if this contemplated targeted site could be rendered on a map. Council entertained a brief discussion of neighborhood concerns with Lost Dog Creek water quality conditions.

Dwight updated members regarding restorative habitat work at Mountain Park. Suzie's replacement as Mountain Park HOA landscaping manager is Zsolt Lehoczky . A June planting day is planned with ongoing partnerships according to Dwight. He also has sights on the Gress Park area for future restorative work.

Barbara said that she will continue working with Hallinan School contacts for ivy removal on the school property. Jim briefly updated members on the Yates and ongoing McNally property work sites. He said the owners of the Yates property were needing to amend development plans and will be scheduling a new pre-app with the City. Mike said he will engage Adra regarding her own evaluative assessment regarding adhesion to current work sites. Stephanie said she will be working with Adra and Council members to formulate a budget for sites, estimated volunteer hours needed for site goal completion, management objectives including treatment choices as well as coordinating details—all necessary data for HEF application criteria.

4. Meeting Adjourns at 9:30am.

5. Next Meeting: June 9th, 8:00am.