

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Gubanc's Pub and Restaurant

Friday, March 18, 2016

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, Tom Bland, Mark Rosenkrantz, Mary Ratcliff, Rob Amsberry and Mike Buck. Guests were Dwight Sangrey and Adra Lobdell (OLWC and TCWC Project Manager)

2. **Operations:**

• **Resolved: Minutes for February 12, 2016 were unanimously approved and accepted.**

• **Financial Report:** Tom passed out a Financial Income and Expense Statement for January through February that did reflect invoices received. OLWC brought in \$100.00 and Tom noted no grant monies had yet been received. Project expenses totaled around \$4,000. Balance sheet shows \$12,700 in the account. Stephanie and Tom both reminded the Board of long term maintenance costs for accepted projects. New grant monies for NEF should be forthcoming following Ivan Anderholm's review. Adra will inquire with Anne MacDonald regarding the delay of fund allocation. Ivan had talked with Anne regarding an "invoice process" rather than a lump sum distribution. Stephanie does quarterly reports to justify what has been spent; and she recommends that OLWC retain a \$5,000 buffer amount to pay invoices subject then to reimbursement.

• **New Board Member Application:** Dwight handed in his official application. Mary moved to accept and Tom seconded his nomination.

Resolution: OLWC Board unanimously approved Dwight Sangrey as an official Board member. Stephanie praised Dwight's competence. And Dwight responded with an eager delight to "weigh in" on forthcoming OLWC pursuits.

3. **Reports**

• **OWEB Small Grant Project Update:** Adra has heard that Brighton is moving forward with Henderson on restoration planning and work. The Brighton HOA has also made a small donation to help in this project. Adra will meet with Dwight regarding the Tanglewood site. A Lake Oswego High School community service day work party is scheduled for April 8th. And Tanglewood School would also like to do a work party at some future date. In addition, a community group from Mountain Park would also be willing to help out. About fifty percent of the invasives have already been extracted and a Fall

planting is planned. Two April work parties have been set. Kevin Stoller has left Landscape Maintenance at Mountain Park to work in a management position at Pacific Landscape. Mountain Park will be hiring a replacement for his position.

- **City of Lake Oswego Grant:** Adra gave a status report regarding the ongoing work party sites selected by OLWC. She and Mike met with Dina McNalley, a resident on Hallinan Creek. She signed the land owner agreement. Mary asked if Adra has talked with the Hallinan Neighborhood Association, and Adra said that she has conversed with Jim and Barbara Fisher of the newly formed Friends group there. She said she would follow up with the Neighborhood Association Board. Attention turned to Springbrook Park and the erosion observed on the tributary in the Park. This corridor would benefit from a hydrological study that would address stream velocity and flows. Board members talked about ways to address the problem including informational articles like "Citizen's View," contacting Henderson, establishing a priority list of what natural areas need resource expenditures, consolidation in some assessment document, and contacting Ryan Stee in Parks and Recreation. Rob reflected on what an "assessment" would involve and the need for a template. This possibly could enlist the work of an intern like Maddee. Mention was made of the complications working in stream corridors since all waters are also under the umbrella of the Oregon Division of State Lands and "wetlands" also could enlist involvement with Army Corps of Engineers. Rob will check into a general permit possibility. Current Iron Mountain Park Tributary planning may provide a model for future work on similar creeks. A field trip to the Springbrook Creek Tributary is planned for April 8th at 8:00am.

Adra advised us of the possibility for webinar conferencing on removal of English ivy. She also was contacted by Clackamas County Soil and Water for a grant proposal which would be due at the end of the month.

- **Schedule for Work Parties:** April 1st: A corporate group from Wieden and Kennedy with "Hands On" will be doing invasive removal at Springbrook Creek on Friday, April 8th. April 23rd will be a SOLVE event at Boutwell Creek, Stephanie's adopted site for this year. Adra said the Country Club will permit parking in the upper parking lot on Fairway.

- **Lake Oswego Stormwater Manual:** The finished draft was approved and hopefully now loaded on the City website. There is a link on our OLWC site to this connection. Mary and Mike both testified in favor of this Manual's adoption by City Council.

- **School Outreach:** Stephanie continues to participate in long term educational outreach along with Mary and Sarah. They have a current list of principals and are working on developing a system to intersect when opportunities arise. Their main goal continues to be effective promotion of watershed education. Mary will set up a meeting with Heather Beck who has written a supportive letter for school volunteers for Mountain Park work projects. Stephanie will work on her watershed tour calendar which combines students and parents. Adra asked about help in materials for an April newsletter.

4. State of Watershed Event: Stephanie brainstormed with Board regarding an "Event" in which we could celebrate with partners and share what we have accomplished in our watershed. She suggests an early Fall date when work parties are not going on. Dwight thought that Mountain Park auditorium would be a fitting site to host such an event. This gathering could be a useful recruitment tool with publicity potential as well as a forum for gratitude. Also, Parks and Recreation may even donate Palisades space. Focus started to

turn to an August date with an optional field trip as part of the event.

- **Forage fish support:** A handout was received by members.
- **Tryon Creek culvert:** Board members passed a resolution for this replacement.

Resolution: OLWC supports the fish passage culvert on Tryon Creek. A letter will be drafted by Adra and sent.

5. Staff Reports: Already covered above.

6. Public Announcements: April 13th Sustainability Event: featured are stories by students and a climate plan. Rob mentioned that Anne MacDonald was working on signage for our watershed and sites were being prioritized.

7. Next Meeting April 15th at 8:00am.