

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

(Meeting moved to Gubanc's)

Friday, April 18, 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, Rob Amsberry, Michael Buck, Tom Bland, Mark Rosenkranz, and Sarah Asby. Our guest was Mary Ratcliff, co-chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board.

2. Organization:

- **Minutes: Resolved: Minutes for March 14, 2014 were unanimously approved.**
- **Financial Report:** Tom reported a balance of \$5,733.40 in our account.

3. Council Business:

Stephanie talked about our "Lake Oswego" image not helping with the application for Americorp volunteer coordinator. So we are back to the proverbial "square one" in terms of staffing. Mark volunteered the idea that the Lake Corps could share resources with the OLWC and the City for this position. Mike wondered about the feasibility with a PSU internship possibility with environmental studies that could fulfill this staffing hope. Mark said that Lake Corps could help orient and direct this person. The current City Council and Budget process regarding a volunteer coordinator also entered into the conversation. Rob does not know the scope of the proposed position but thought that the City would want a volunteer coordinator position to have a wide perspective of all natural open spaces, not just be limited to the confines and goals of the Lake Corps and OLWC. Stephanie had sent the scope of a volunteer coordinator to Corrina Chase and will forward that to Rob for conversation with City Staff. Rob considered a partnering role with Lake Corps desirable because it helps avoid payroll for OLWC. Tom confirmed the wisdom of this approach given the time and effort of payroll responsibilities for non-profits.

- **Mountain Park Project:** Sarah, after multiple attempts at contact with Kevin, will try to work directly with the Homeowners Association Board to explain our restoration project goals. Stephanie said that in September, OWEB small grants come up worth a few thousand dollars that could be utilized for staff staff as well as project materials. Funds from CCSWCD would be a better possibility if we could obtain an OWEB grant since it would help establish credibility.

• **Sustainability Project:** Mary Ratcliff, representing Lake Oswego Sustainability Network, met Stephanie at their last meeting and both seemed to see the relevance of OLWC helping with one of the key subject areas for sustainability action: Water. Since the OLWC is already involved in activities related to this topic, it seems only natural to share what we have conceptually compiled with a partnering group sharing our goals. Mary said that 152 citizens were invited to the last meeting and the attendees represented a good cross-section of our community. The intent of this new Sustainability Network will be to focus action beyond governmental areas and control by seeking partners in the private sector that could include churches, non-profits and groups. This Sustainability Network seeks more partners and Mary asked Stephanie to take the lead on the Water Action Team with a specific focus on the storm water issues. This would be one of three concentrations on “Water” with Drinking Water Resources and Waste Water the other two targeted areas. Mike mentioned the hopes of the Boones Ferry Road Improvement Project to include green street provisions and implementation which would be one concrete construction project to follow. Mary said that the Network was very keen on developing measurable objectives. The Council discussed the need for accurate information regarding storm water treatment since some members have observed critical comments and messages in public forums regarding green street implementations. Mary asked us to help recruit people and groups for her new Sustainability Network and Tom and Mike responded that they would seek support and linkage from their own “Friend’s” groups: Springbrook Park and Iron Mountain. Sarah made a motion to partner with Lake Oswego Sustainability Network and Tom seconded the motion.

Resolved: Oswego Lake Watershed Council unanimously voted to partner with the Lake Oswego Sustainability Network in a mutual and reciprocal fashion.

Mary passed out handouts with information regarding her organization and sign-up forms for new member organizations.

Council talked briefly about new linkages with the schools and the new superintendent and Mark planned on talking to School Board member Bob Barman.

Mark mentioned that a solar powered pump dispensing aluminum sulfate was installed at Bryant Springs Park. This chemical binds with the phosphorous to prevent it feeding the algae in the water. Members shared information regarding problematic areas in the City that impact water treatment in the watershed.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 am.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2014 at Lake Oswego School District Offices at 8:00 am.