

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Oswego School District office

Thursday, February 14, 2013

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 Tom Bland, Donna Atherton, Mark Rosenkranz, Stephanie Wagner, Chair Andy Harris and Mike Buck. Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 8:06 am.**
 2. **Public Comments: None**
 3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
Resolved: Minutes for January 17, 2012 were unanimously approved.**
 4. **Operations:**
 - **Financial Report:** Tom reported our bank balance at \$4830.20 with two expenditures noted: for our post office box rental (\$58.00) and to reimburse Stephanie (\$1000.00) for Wiley's stipend. Tom said that the CT12 State form should be coming which is a "not-for-profit" form for DOJ. Discussion focused briefly on the website maintenance service and Linda Keast was mentioned as a person with local presence and reasonable costs for the services provided. Andy will ask her for a proposal and Tom could post financials on the website when we are up and running there.
 - **Jamie Stamberger's Outreach Service Proposal:** Andy has been in contact and will let her know that after strategic planning, she will be brought on board.
 5. **Council Business**
 - **Springbrook Park, Metro Grant Update:** No word yet from Metro. The pre app was approved then was resubmitted for June. Documentation procedures and follow-up on these grants are quite stringent. Council members dialogued briefly on Council priorities as budget talks get underway. A member mentioned that directors could use the City website "peak democracy" for personal input.
 - **Strategic Plan Review:** Donna helped organize this review by asking if Goal 3 needed more time for finalization? Greg replied that the objectives and

strategies were completed but the time frame and evidence of progress portions needed larger group discussion. Andy noted that other projects than the main ones were on a subsidiary list of potential projects. Donna advised that we look upon these documents as our “marching orders.” She also counseled that the plan should be reviewed biannually with a yearly update. Were objectives not able to be realized, a rewrite would be in order.

Greg offered to assemble information on the gap analysis. Rob can assemble stream information by March; and directors emphasized that new data from monitoring would be constantly changing the stream condition map. We need to know that this process is “organic.” Andy will ask Rob for a concrete time-line on this layered map. Donna again cautioned that the strategic plan has to be congruent throughout.

Though Goals 1 and 2 in their draft form are complete, directors were going to give it “fresh eyes” once more. Goal 4 on “advocating for healthy watersheds” seemed to be filtering into all the other three goals so it was concluded we need not directly concentrate on this one.

At 9:00 am., directors disbanded to work on their particular goals for the Strategic Plan. In closing, Mark mentioned attending the Urban Research Conference and related the positive participation of property owners along Johnson Creek that culminated in good information, personal and communal interest in the watershed, improved monitoring, enhanced census and inventory of species, etc. He thought it a fine example of how people can come together and avoid conflicts regarding watershed health by aiming at the bigger picture of education and knowledge of one’s environment.

6. Announcements: None

7. Next Meetings: 8:00 – 10:00 am. Thursday, March 14, 2013

8:00 – 10:00 am. Thursday, April 11, 2013

8. Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 am.

TO DO LIST: Andy will contact Linda Keast and Rob.

STAC to finish work on draft regarding projects.