

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Oswego School District office

Thursday, January 17, 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, Tom Bland, Stephanie Wagner, Chair Andy Harris and Mike Buck. Guests were Jamie Stamberger, Beth Gardner and Riley Meinershagen. Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 8:14am.**
 - 2. Public Comments: None**
 - 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
Resolved: Minutes for December 13, 2012 were unanimously approved.**
 - 4. Operations:**
 - **Financial Report:** Tom reported that with no expenditures for the month, our account has \$5,088.20 for a balance. We received two donations from members.
 - **Watershed Education Intern:** Riley Meinershagen and Beth Gardner were introduced by Stephanie to share their involvement with developing the watershed education program in the Lake Oswego middle school curriculum. Riley distributed a handout to Council and briefed members on the background for this watershed-engineering unit. Riley developed this program with the intent of having students use their own familiar environment: their school—to understand impervious surfaces on school grounds and buildings, determine runoff and how to mitigate it through strategic design solutions. Students become involved in problem solving and learning to think systemically about their environment. They brainstorm their own solutions and submit their ideas for critique and scrutiny in a refinement process resulting in redesign and more appropriate solutions. This sixth grade month long unit allows the students to present their findings and articulate their concrete solutions. At the students' presentations, parents could be invited to attend and even further benefit the educational outreach through transference of information that has potential residential application.
Beth Gardner came in as a student this year and has middle school science teacher

aspirations. She has worked with Riley and shares the excitement of place-based scientific inquiry for students. Beth is utilizing this curriculum development unit as part of her thesis in studies at Lewis and Clark College. She also hopes to see this watershed-engineering unit become an embedded part of the school culture. Stephanie sees this work done by Riley and Beth as fulfilling national science standards and becoming a model to present on district, state and national venues. Such an integrated program should provide a true benefit not only to the students' science education but to the community at large. To help supplement their work, Riley received a \$1000 stipend from OLWC and he and Beth both received a \$1000 from Friends of Tryon Creek Park. May is the targeted month for this program to be instituted.

- **Jamie Stamberger:** Jamie had worked in outreach programs for the City of Gresham and schools and has started her own outreach business. She wishes to become more familiar with our needs in order to strengthen our network within the community. Stephanie said that Jamie already understands the nature of watershed functions and would have the expertise necessary to formulate our position paper and to draft talking points helpful in our discussion with decision-makers. Council members talked with her about the content of our communication being science based and also about the strong resistance in our community to regulatory provisions. We shared with her our need to relate to a host of community entities: schools, City Council, City departments, environmental partners like Backyard Habitat, neighborhood and homeowners associations, etc. We mentioned the significance of having a supportive website for content and for contact in our public relations endeavors.

Though OLWC members voted for committing funds (\$2500) to Jamie for deliverables in outreach as position paper and a more formal work plan with definite projects over the first year, after a more reflective critique by Donna and extended discussion among Council members, the group decided we first needed to solidify and finalize our strategic plan so we could provide clear direction for outreach. Jamie understood our struggling with formative processes and seemed content to let us finish our ground work that will definitely influence and impact our public relations goals—what we will ask of her. Andy will in the meantime share with Jamie what we already have done in terms of putting together a position paper. He has the drafts submitted by Jessica and Lillian. Donna suggested at our next meeting to have us break into smaller groups for more productive work sessions. Council members realized the need to just get the planning work done, no more delays or distractions on other business. Committees each need to finish their work and STAC will come with a finished draft next meeting. Jamie will proceed to fill out a W-9 for Tom.

Members resolved to hold a special meeting, Monday, January 28th from 9:00 till 12:00pm. to finish the completed first draft of our strategic plan.

- **SWCD Collaborative Meeting: January 22, 2013 from 9:00 – 10:30 am.**
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- **Lake Oswego City Council: Rob missing due to morning meeting after City Council hired new City Manager in last night's session.**

5. Council Business:

- **Springbrook Park:** Tom reported on Paul Lyon's Metro Grant application that seeks

funds for restoration use in three phases of time over different geographies of the Park which include a riparian area. Andy toured the area and advised on the native plant use.

6. Announcements: None.

7. Next Meetings: Special Meeting January 28, 2013, 9:00 – 12:00 pm.

February 14, 2013, 8:00 – 10:00 am.

March 14, 2013, 8:00 – 10:00 am.

April 11, 2013, 8:00 – 10:00 am.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 10:06 am,