

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Gubanc's Pub and Restaurant

Friday, January 9, 2015

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, Andy Harris, Michael Buck, Mark Rosenkranz, and Tom Bland. Guests included Mary Ratcliff from SAB, Ryan Lentz, Erosion Control Inspector for the City, Maddee Rubenson, intern with LOC, and Lecia Schall, our intern, and Anne MacDonald, Water Quality Coordinator from the City who is attending this session in lieu of Rob Amsberry.

2. Operations:

- **Minutes: Resolved: Minutes for December 12, 2014 were unanimously approved.**
- **Treasurer's Report:** Tom reported three donations of \$275.00. One is on an annuity and Tom said that PayPal is functioning on our website and our account balance stands at \$1941.36. Tom noticed the need to change our letterhead to be current with new titles of Council members. He also initiated the request to get our current Chair, Stephanie, as a co-signer for checks. **Resolved: Council moved and unanimously passed the motion to make Stephanie the alternative check signer conducive to her role as Chair.**

3. Introductions: Ryan Lentz was introduced to OLWC Council by Anne. Mark introduced Maddee Rubenson from PSU.

4. Council Business:

- **City of Lake Oswego Projects—application update:** Stephanie reported that our submitted three projects and scope of works may be approved by the City. Anne briefed members on the process to review and approve Watershed Councils' submissions and where Staff is with selecting the granting vehicle, working out management responsibilities and contractual frameworks. Megan BigJohn will be responsible for projects on public lands and Watershed Councils will have private properties as their purview. Anne said that she will be our liaison as we undertake management with the need for accountability. As Chair, Stephanie will be the contact person for Anne at the OLWC. Anne is still in conversation with Ivan Anderholm (Parks and Recreation) regarding the contractual side delineating and clarifying deliverables with reimbursement procedures. On the public side, Anne with collaborative help from Megan Bigjohn and Shannan Stoll (past Natural Resources Coordinator) prioritized public parcels to target with a high priority given for stream corridors.

The question remains whether funding will be continued over future years for similar restoration

projects. As part of our educational mission, OLWC will be asked to help spread the word for continued funding of this "Habitat Enhancement Grant." The OLWC with other partners like Mary's Sustainability network would be very instrumental in lobbying for this need. Stephanie will be in touch with Corinna at Tryon Creek Watershed Council to coordinate activities even though Corinna will not be the project manager for their scopes of work. Mary Ratcliff said she has a native plant resource provider located on Sauvie Island.

Anne noted that February 21st would be a "watershed event" at Tryon Creek's project sites, all of which are on Nettle Creek. Volunteers will use the United Church of Christ as a staging area for gathering and dispersal. Stephanie thanked Anne for her tremendous amount of work on this current habitat enhancement grant process, and then turned attention to Maddee Rubenson to inquire about any potential connections she might have of fellow masters degree students who could participate with us.

Our last attention on this topic regarded signage for when project work was occurring. Mark thought signage would be helpful when work was taking place. Mike said that Ryan Stee was looking in to making signs for Friends groups and Anne will ask Ryan about signs that could help educate and give contact information. Mike mentioned the idea of being able to mark invasive removal and show restoration progress in an ongoing fashion on a City watershed map.

- **Mt. Park Project Update:** Sarah was not present, but Stephanie said Sarah had contacted Mountain Park's Board of Directors in terms of partnership with homeowners over future project issues with their involvement. Sarah is awaiting responses. Stephanie mentioned that OWEB grants would be good for this kind of work and that \$15,000-\$20,000 would be available. Again, it all depends on activating energies to obtain this.

- **2015 Budget Discussion:** Stephanie put together a tentative budget with project coordination. Anne added a contingency amount to this total. Stephanie will work with Tom on the OLWC budget for these projects that will address tools, plants, labor and administration.

- **Strategic Plan Review—work plan for 2015:** Stephanie wants members to review this plan with our three goals in mind.

- **Recruitment:** Stephanie needed to look no further than Mary's continued presence at the OLWC's meeting to enhance her involvement. She invited Mary to fill out an application and members can discuss her formal board membership at our February meeting. Stephanie reiterated that Joe Morelock is our liaison with the School District. Members talked about giving Kevin Stohler an auxiliary status but removing him from Council directorship.

Ryan Lentz presented Council with his own personal introduction to Lake Oswego from being a waters resource engineer in Madison, Wisconsin. He started working here on October 1st and resides with family in the Blue Heron watershed. Briefly, Ryan talked about the interconnection with streets and stormwater and the challenges of infiltration for neighbors and neighborhoods. Future workshops will be held to deal with this subject matter.

5. Public Comments and Announcements: Lake Oswego Sustainability Network event on January 22, 2015 from 5:30 – 7:30pm.

Maddee will update us next meeting regarding her work with LOC.

6. Meeting Adjourns at 9:40 am.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2015; 8:00 am at Gubanc's.