

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Oswego School District office

Thursday, June 13, 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 Mark Rosenkranz, Tom Bland, Donna Atherton, Stephanie Wagner, Chair Andy Harris, Rob Amsberry, Greg McMurray and Mike Buck. Linda Keast and Jamie Stamberger are guests. Chair Harris opened the meeting at 8:07 am.
 2. **Public Comments: None**
 3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
Resolved: Minutes for May 16, 2013 were unanimously approved.
 4. **Operations:**
 - **Financial Report:** Tom reported out account at \$4,395.20. He has two invoices for Linda and Jamie (\$825.00 and \$855.00 respectively). Wearing his Treasurer's prudent cap, Tom cautioned the Council to remain cognizant of expenditures and to manage our costs well. He knows an organization at its onset incurs some start-up costs so he is not an alarmist, but his words does get the Council to focus on grant cycle funding.
 - **Outreach with Jamie Stamberger:** Jamie sent over the main aspects of her scope of work for the Watershed Council (\$2500 was the allotment). She has allotted thirteen hours for the website and distributed to members a handout descriptive of this monthly work. She has three total hours remaining to devote to the website production and fine tuning. Jamie was seeking out comments for both the newsletter and the fact sheet. She then focused on the contact list which included individuals and community groups, as other watershed councils, Friends groups, etc. Jamie put each group into an organization type, and she talked with three people who will be conducting the Backyard Habitation in Lake Oswego. A question from the Board came up to Jamie regarding protocol to listing individuals' emails on our website contact list. Jamie listed the many ways that we can learn from interested people how they want to be engaged by our website: Receive the newsletter? Become a volunteer? Take a watershed tour? Become a partner on grant proposals? Whatever a person chooses, Linda is keeping

a master list. Mark recommended a spreadsheet with a couple more columns so that a person's title is separate from their name; and state and zip codes could be included. Tom will create a Dropbox folder and invite Jamie there to put this organizational list. Jamie recommends GoogleDoc and then saving to Dropbox. Anything for public consumption will be **pdf** file.

Jamie then went over the fact sheet and options for how we want it to appear: four-fold on legal size paper or two pages with four sides. Members wanted a higher resolution on the images that were being shown and our logo depicted on top. Jamie thought it best to focus on the content now and she could fine-tune it later. Tom suggested that the mission/vision statement, located on the second page of the draft, should be in a more desirable location. Jamie is focusing on the content right now and can fine-tune details later.

In regards to the Map, members decided to stay with just the Oswego Lake Watershed. Andy will correct the map so it depicts and focuses on our area of concentration. Members mentioned that creeks and waterbodies needed labeling; Tryon Park should be on the map as well as Tualatin. Other topics Council talked about concerned related links on our website: Tryon Creek, Backyard Habitat, Intertwine Alliance, our "position paper," and fact sheet issues. (Chair Harris needs to leave the meeting; Stephanie assumes chair responsibilities.)

- **Website Updates and discussion with Linda Keast:** Linda went over the newsletter's content and also how to navigate through the material in this only electronic format. Stephanie will get the new watershed tour dates and schedule to Linda. Linda already has added Mike's "1000 Tree Project" in Iron Mountain Park. Council members discussed with Linda all the aspects that make for an active and helpful website: Linkages, contacts, testimonials, personalized identification of individuals, bite size and entertaining as well as educational stories, community partnering, library resources, etc. Linda requested more pictures to help with the above tasks. She also thought the OLWC could have helpful suggestions on how citizens treat their stormwater on their residential sites. What citizens can do that is also promoted by the City is what we should help promote. Jamie will redo the content and send a copy before it goes out to the public in July.

Council members thought it best to keep both formats and we can print it as needed.

5. Council Business:

- Council will look at the Strategic Plan next meeting. Cindy Ellison could be a possible person to invite regarding Backyard Habitat. Tom will look into preparations for election of Council members as dictated by our bylaws. Donna gave a brief clarification on the establishment of science standards and when they will again change from the adopted ones of 2009—every seven years.
- STAC: The Committee expects to meet regarding the restoration plan for Iron Mountain Tributary. Rob mentioned that though David Gilbey is leaving City employment, he is retained on contract for some responsibilities until September.

6. Announcements: None

7. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2013; 8:00 – 10:00 am.

8. Meeting Adjourned 9:41 am.

