

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Oswego School District office

Friday, March 14, 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, Donna Atherton, Michael Buck, Tom Bland, Mark Rosenkranz, Andrew Harris, and Sarah Asby. Lecia Schall, our intern, was also present. (Donna informed members that Michael Esping was no longer employed by LOSD.)

2. Organization:

- **Minutes: Resolved: Minutes for February 14, 2014 were unanimously approved.**
- **Financial Report:** Tom reported a \$5733.40 cash balance. He also said that 1099 Forms were filed. Stephanie will drop off State forms due in May to Tom. Lecia has her 1099. Riley's bounced back but we learned he is in Africa this year. Stephanie will request a new address for him. Any distribution of funds nudges Council to be thinking of grants and planning ahead.
- **Intern's Report:** Lecia has all student pre and post tests. She attended the Clean Water Festival held at the University of Portland. She said about 1500 students participated and besides learning about watersheds, it provided good networking opportunities. Storm water resources by Green Girls Land Solutions was very favorably mentioned by Rob, Lecia and others.

3. Council Business:

- **Recruitment of new members:** Chair Stephanie said that Marty Stevens was not available now but interested to join in the future. The new, well-attended and represented sustainability group in Lake Oswego had their second meeting and Stephanie attended. She reported that they had eight areas of concentration around sustainability, one of which is dealing with water. She encouraged a leadership role by the OLWC on stormwater issues for this area in need of action items that had a positive community impact. Mike inquired about a committee to work on this sustainability group topic of water.

- **Mt. Park Project Update:** Sarah talked to Kevin about Nature in Neighborhood grant. Kevin said that he tried procuring this in the past. But she thinks he has this grant confused with Neighborhood Enhancement Grant program. Next step for Sarah is to set up a meeting with him. She will attempt to arrange a meeting with herself, Stephanie and Mike on site with Kevin.

- **Partnership with TCWC for shared AmeriCorps volunteer:** Corrina Chase, Tryon Creek Watershed Council Coordinator, is going to put in for an AmeriCorps position and offer OLWC a quarter time position, amounting to eight hours a week. This person could be used for helping us recruit, plan, organize work parties, identify work project areas like Mountain Park and the Buddhist Temple site. This position is contingent upon our getting funding for it—which

translates to another task for this AmeriCorps person to do—grant application writing. Stephanie will work with Corrina on this person's job description. Other areas we need experienced help on consist of coordinating volunteers, mapping invasive plant presence, mapping these locations, coordinating removal, project identification, coordination among stakeholding groups. Stephanie wants to write a letter mentioning these aspects that would be part of the application Corrina will send in.

On the City's desire to hire a volunteer coordinator and also in regards to the new person working in Natural Resources Department with Parks and Recreation, Mike will get information. It would seem that the Budget Committee is meeting in March to start the budget request process.

4. Public Comments and Announcements: Sarah will do an outreach to the Sustainability Advisory Board. Stephanie will be doing tours around LID principles. Friends of Iron Mountain has two spring work parties to remove invasives: March 16th and April 27th. Andy gave Watershed Health Document to Lecia

5. Next Meeting: April 18, 2014, 8:00 am - 9:30 am. (Note the adjustment!)

6. Meeting Adjourns at 9:25 am.