

# OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Gubanc's Pub and Restaurant

Friday, June 12, 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.

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1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Directors present were Chair Stephanie Wagner, Mary Ratcliff, Tom Bland, Mike Buck, and Mark Rosenkrantz. Guests were intern, Maddee Rubenson, and Project Coordinator, Grady Shelton.

### 2. Operations

- Stephanie reported that Andy Harris had resigned from the Council.
- **Resolved: Minutes for May 15, 2015 were unanimously approved and accepted.**
- **Financial Report:** Tom reported receiving and depositing into the OLWC account the Habitat Enhancement Grant check from the City. Tom and Secretary Buck signed paperwork at Banner Bank to coincide with officer standings and update statuses. Andy has been deleted and Stephanie will also be included in the system. Tom requested the use of a bookkeeper to help record Quickbooks general ledger which facilitates running reports and categorizing expenses for each month. The person Tom mentioned to help in this regard is Aleta Mekvold.

Stephanie confirmed this contractual service has already been approved in our budget. Tom outlined the process for members who have project invoices to turn in; and he gave members a description of what constituted "in kind contributions:" things needed to fulfill a project but are donated rather than purchased. They must constitute valid expenses. The Project Coordinator, Grady Shelton will be paid on the first of the month. He can email or bring invoices to Tom.

### 3. Council Business

- **City of Lake Oswego Projects Grant:** Grady gave an update on Boutwell Creek. Grady and Mike working together to get this project finalized so work can get focused on the Hallinan site. The next work party is June 13<sup>th</sup> and parking will be on Iron Mountain Blvd. Replanting natives constitutes a problem given the continuing unseasonably hot weather. Jim and Barbara Fisher are the neighborhood contacts for Hallinan. Grady has a contact who will make a video of the Hallinan project that can be put on the OLWC website. Mike will send Grady a list of property owners' emails for continued communication regarding Boutwell Creek.

Babs Hamachek, the City's Volunteer Coordinator, organized a Friends' barbecue at Lusher Farm for all residents who contribute to stewardship activities in the City. Mike and Grady attended. Newly updated posters were given to our Webmaster, Linda, by Grady.

- **Mt. Park Project Update:** Stephanie said she has not heard from Dwight Sangrey on whether this Nature in the Neighborhood project made the first Metro cut. She said, however, that Touchstone School was "totally jazzed" about the anticipation and hopefully integrating it into their curriculum. Apparently the City will also donate fees for the project since this site has been listed on their CIP. Were this grant to be received, work would commence in the Fall. It would provide a great model for other HOA projects and hopefully this Nature in the Neighborhood grant would help leverage an OWEB grant in September to reinforce project scope.

- **Schedule for Watershed Tours:** Stephanie announced a Watershed Tour for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. The tour will feature different sites in the Springbrook Creek watershed.

- **LOSD Watershed program update:** This program is finished! Stephanie reported that the teacher who instructs the curriculum will do revisions according to what really works in the classroom. A stipend will be given by Friends of Tryon Creek (supported by a John Gray grant program).

- **TCWC sharing position with OLWC.** Stephanie handed out a drafted position that would start in September for twenty hours a week. This constitutes more money than we have in our budget but the Lake Corps may pitch in for this volunteer project coordinator. Tom suggested a change in the draft from "agrees to pay" to "agrees to administer." He also suggested getting clarity on what constitutes paying associated expenses. Lastly, Tom contemplated Tryon's status with our humble own and worried about whether this "half-time position" would actually result in a dual, equitable sharing of invested work time. Members discussed accountability measures on time spent as being a good solution. Hopefully, grant writing expertise will be on this position's reference qualifications. Work space was another talking point in the discussion and possibly some space may come from the cooperation of the Lake Corps. This person would be charged with identifying future project sites according to selected criteria. Work days would be set and a weekend day every other weekend would be set. Members were asked to give suggestions on the draft to Stephanie. Main point: we are looking for a "watershed coordinator."

- **NRAB and draft on revised Natural Resources Program:** Members were updated on the newly anticipated draft in response to Metro letters of critique. OLWC sees the need to retain systemic language that depicts our linkage with watershed health. Individuals wanted specificity and built in redundancy because residents will be reading sections rather than the whole plan. Mike recommended Stephanie talk with Greg McMurray to get his feedback. Stephanie mentioned that EPA was broadening the scope with mandated headwater preservation.

**4. Public Comments and Announcements:** Mary announced that the new OHSU Healing Center will be a LEED building at the waterfront.

**5. Meeting Adjourns 9:30 am.**

**6. Next Meeting Friday, July 10, 2015 at Gubanc's Restaurant.**