



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Natural Resources Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: June 22, 2010

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Stuhr Center

In Attendance

Committee Members:

Rod Coles, Mitch Cruzan, Cory Samia

Staff:

Bruce Barbarasch, Julie Reilly, Patty Freeman

I. Call to Order

Rod opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mitch, seconded by Cory to accept the minutes from the May 18, 2010 meeting as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Financial Report

There was no financial report since the committee has not yet raised funds.

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

V. New Business

Natural Resource Bond Measure Projects

Bruce stated that all the Natural Resource bond measure projects will be presented to the NRAC for review and to receive feedback.

North Bethany Trail – Segment No. 2

Patty Freeman made a presentation to the NRAC about the North Bethany Trail – Segment No. 2 bond measure project. The trail segment will connect the Rock Creek Trail network with the PCC Rock Creek Campus and Rock Creek Recreation Facility.

The trail surface options were discussed. The current surface proposal is to use wood chips or fine gravel. An asphalt surface was not planned due to financial considerations.

The NRAC questioned the environmental condition and the topography of the trail corridor. The general concern of the NRAC was that the trail surface was bicycle “friendly”. It was felt that this connecting trail had strong potential for bicycle traffic and that an asphalt surface should still be considered.

Commonwealth Lake Park -- replanting natural area

Julie Reilly made a presentation to the NRAC about the Commonwealth Lake Park -- replanting natural area bond measure project. Issues with bank erosion and restoration were discussed, which included the pros and cons of fishing at the lake. Since the NRAC had made a visit to this park on May 23, 2010, they had a good concept of the issues and agreed with the proposed project plans.

Foothills Park -- replanting natural area

Julie Reilly made a presentation to the NRAC about the Foothills Park -- replanting natural area bond measure project. The removal of invasive plants and the wetlands expansion were discussed. The location of the

basketball court was discussed. Since the NRAC had made a visit to this park on May 23, 2010, they had a good concept of the issues and agreed with the proposed project plans.

THPRD Natural Area Tour Review – May 23, 2010

The NRAC tour of the selected natural areas received very favorable comments. The group felt that future tours should be planned. The following was suggested for future visits:

- Give the NRAC members the Natural Resource Department fact sheets for areas being visited.
- Visit areas with upcoming bond measure projects.

Summer Meeting Planning

To take advantage of the later sunset during the summer, it was proposed to hold the July meeting at one of the natural areas. Bruce will select a park where the NRAC will meet for the July 27, 2010 NRAC meeting.

There will not be an August 2010 meeting of the NRAC.

VI. Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 6:30pm, at a selected park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Coles