



## **Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Natural Resources Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date: April 24, 2012**

**Time: 6:38 pm**

**Location: Stuhr Center**

#### **In Attendance**

Committee Members:	Rod Coles, Eric Lindstrom, Martin Mendelson, Don Nearhood, Cory Samia, Jack Shorr, Matthew Shepherd
Staff:	Bruce Barbarasch
Guests:	None

#### **I. Call to Order**

##### **Check-In:**

- Jack – Part of the Saturday SOLV-THPRD/Greenway project; removed invasive plants including teasel, blackberry and flag iris.
- Rod – Friends of Nature Park having native plant sale this coming Saturday April 28; checked out trails in the park.
- Cory – Lowami Hart walk-through and noticed trees with tags. Bruce explained that they were surveyed as part of the planning process. Tags don't mean that the trees are coming out. Also did a Cooper Mountain Nature Park walk with naturalist, Deb Scrivens.
- Don – Visited Foege Park and walked the trails over to Barnes Road. Thinks it follows the Baseline Route. Also noticed that trees were coming down, some cut but most are rotten. Asks if THPRD has a proactive program re: these kinds of situations.
- Eric – Visited the Beaverton Creek wetlands with Friends of Beaverton Creek.
- Matthew – Saw an otter in the beaver pond in Bethany Creek (east of West Union Road – near College Park). Downstream CWS had done some channel work including installation of big wood. Noted that the Rock Creek Trail through the golf course is only 5' wide. Also went to Cooper Mountain and noted that the burned area is flowering nicely.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

##### **Discussion**

Motion to approve – Martin

Second - Jack

Approved unanimously

#### **III. Financial Report**

a. Remaining Challenge Grant fund ideas (15 min) Bruce

Discussion of various camera kits including standard SLR and wildlife cameras.

Motion to approve camera purchases as outlined by Bruce, not to exceed \$2,000 –

Second by – Martin

Approved unanimously

#### **IV. Old Business**

a. Natural Resources Functional Plan Status (20 min)

Discussion of Budget Committee's decision to wait until next financial year for work on Comprehensive Plan. Work on Natural Resources plan must wait until Comprehensive Plan is ready.

Bruce provides a handout showing original and revised time-line for future work on the NR Plan showing that Natural Resources plan will be produced FY 2013/2014.

Matthew suggests that the NRAC use the extra time to look at plans and planning processes used elsewhere that might provide the Committee with some modeling information.

Note: THPRD Fiscal Year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**V. New Business**

a. Hideaway Park Bond Project (15 min) Bruce

Bruce presents general information related to the park. Basically the plan is designed to enhance the wetlands. The west end of the park area was reconfigured by ODOT during the Oleson Road renovation. Public meeting to be held on May 16.

b. Agency Roles in NR Operations (15 min) Matthew

Discussion of a diagram/flow-chart that shows the coordination that takes place between THPRD and the other agencies (Washington County, Department of State Lands, Clean Water Services, etc.) that from time-to-time have a stake in a given project.

**VI. Other**

a. Field Trip Details, as needed (10 min) Bruce

NRAC will meet at Harman Swim Center Sunday at 8:30 am, then convoy to multiple parks.

b. Reappointment of Eric to committee.

Motion by Matthew

Second by Jack

Approved unanimously

c. Natural Resources Staff Report

Discussion of March Report. Clarification on "alternate mobility device" aka "other powered device." These would be vehicles like golf carts. THPRD is working on basic criteria in order to enhance access but limit potential environmental and/or safety impacts.

**VII. Next Meeting** moved to May 29, 2012, 6:30pm, Stuhr Center.

Don asks about the possibility of meeting at a site near his church because the congregation will soon be moving forward with restoration of a nearby wetland. Group will try for a June date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Lindstrom

Recording Secretary