



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Natural Resources Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: August 28, 2012

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Fanno Creek Service Center

In Attendance

Committee Members: Rod Coles, Mitch Cruzan, Eric Lindstrom, Cory Samia,
Matthew Shepherd
Staff: Bruce Barbarasch

I. Call to Order 6:35 pm

II. Approval of Minutes Correction to the date shown for the next meeting (7/24/12) to 8/28/2012 Motion to approve – Mitch Second – Rod Vote – Unanimous

III. Check-in Activity Mitch – Traveling, out of area. Eric – Short report on fishing for crawdads in Bauman Creek, caught three in less than ten minutes (trap). Rod – Site monitoring of Beaverton Creek wetlands. Saw a heavy concentration of invasives, but Ponderosa pines and other trees are getting taller than the surrounding reed-canary grass. Also attended a talk about bats provided by THPRD volunteer programs. Cory – Monitoring emails from Garden Home Next Door group related to events on the Fanno Creek Trail in that area. Also attended the dragonfly short-course presented by Xerces Society at Jackson Bottom. Matthew – Was at Cooper Mountain, studying insects.

IV. Financial Report Bruce – At last count there was over \$4,000 in the Committee's account. More funds will be put into the account soon.

Eric moves that the disposition of these funds be an agenda item for the September meeting.
Motion seconded – Rod
Approved - Unanimous

V. Old Business Natural Resources Management Plan – Matthew emphasizes that the current plan is out of date and would like to see some follow-through. The point of reintroducing this item is to begin working on having this project provided for in the next budget cycle. Accordingly, he recommends that the Committee revisit the subject of what needs to be addressed in this plan. Over the next few meetings this subject will be on the agenda. Bruce will provide some information. Bruce will also provide some additional planning resources. Matthew requests that all members search for potential planning resources.

VI. New Business Roger Tilbury Park – Bruce goes over two plans for the site and asks Committee to study and comment. Discussion of the project in general and the two plans in particular follows. Committee members weigh in

on specific aspects such as the desirability of the bridge, ADA considerations, and locations/types of playgrounds.

VII. Other

Bruce – Working on acquisitions and making progress on property that may increase connectivity among currently separated units. Asks group to provide feedback on the concept of acquiring property that may have contaminants on the site. Should THPRD involve itself with such properties.

Rod – Good idea, if liabilities can be avoided.

Cori – Agrees with Rod.

Matthew – Worried about “what-ifs?” What might THPRD experience in the way of liabilities if there’s a change in situation and/or rules. To some extent it depends on what kinds of contaminants might be there to start with.

Eric – Agrees with Matthew, but would encourage THPRD to be reasonably aggressive in pursuit of such properties.

VIII. Next Meeting will be held on September 28, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Lindstrom
Recording Secretary