



CITY OF OREGON CITY

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact ocplanning@orccity.org for the meeting link.

NRC INTERVIEWS

6:00 pm

The committee held interviews with applicants Samantha Wolf and Doug Neeley.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

6:34 pm

Present: Nancy Broshot, Emily Lisborg, Samantha Wolf, Brian Kvisler, Dave Trotter

Staff: Pete Walter, Planning Manager

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6:35 pm

Agenda was accepted as is.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Street Tree Code

6:36 pm

The committee discussed street trees affecting sidewalks. There may be a scenarios where trees may be cut down based only on the presence of damage to the sidewalk. The NRC as a group would like to suggest that trees should not be removed if the only reason for removal is damaged sidewalks.

The committee suggested making public comment to the city commission about street tree removal. Samantha reminded the committee that the city does not currently assess a fee for a street tree removal permits.

Nancy suggested language like "I'm here to voice a concern about how street tree removal is handled and request a work session to consider alternatives to the current process."

Samantha suggested that we may want to plan talking points and submit them as a committee.

There was discussion about improving/rewriting the tree code to be more focused on conservation.

Pete offered to prepare a comparison of area tree codes and invite public works staff to attend a future meeting to talk about the sidewalk repair and permitting process.

Climate Friendly And Equitable Communities

7:19 pm

Pete provided an overview of the Statewide Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) legislation and timing for city compliance with this program. The program requires that local jurisdictions adopt new standards for reduction of minimum parking requirements, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, climate friendly urban design, roadway design, bicycle parking and other standards. The city already adopted many of these requirements and will be working on implementing the remaining standards with City Commission input and direction throughout 2024-2025.

NRC Work Plan Topics

7:28 pm

Nancy suggested the committee wait for the appointment of new members to the committee before evaluating the work plan. The committee generally agreed and this item was tabled for later discussion.

MEETING MINUTES

7:38 pm

The Committee unanimously approved the October 11, 2023 minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communication items.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Street Tree Code / Sidewalk Permitting.
2. Discuss topics on work plan for agenda topics.
3. Discussion about when to elect new positions, in January after new members appointed.

ADJOURNMENT

7:39 pm