

**Park & Recreation Board
PARB
Tuesday, September 22, 2009
7:30AM
City Hall – Conference Room
10722 SE Main Street**

Minutes

Type of meeting: Regular

Attendees: Val Hubbard, Katie MacCready, Sherri Dow, Mart Hughes, Christie Schaeffer

Absent: Bob Cooper

Staff: JoAnn Herrigel

Minutes

Minutes of June, July and August minutes were approved.

Title 13

Brett Kelter of Milwaukie's Planning Dept described Title 13 (Nature in Neighborhoods) which he noted comes from Statewide Land Use Planning Goal Five.

- The City currently is using Metro's model ordinance
- City to adopt code by June of 2010
- Angelo Planning Group is working with staff to develop code (they worked in Wilsonville and Happy Valley on similar codes)
- It may be that the resource maps provided by Metro cover more area in the City than is necessary. Major focus of Milwaukie process will be to refine the areas covered by the new rules
- The code should not "prohibit" development but will limit disturbances and require mitigation where disturbances occur
- Habitat Conservation Areas are established under this code
- The existing Water Quality Resource areas do restrict development along water ways
- Rules will be drafted over the next 6 months
- City is forming an advisory group of both people with expertise and affected property owners
- First meeting is next Tues (9/29) at 6:30 at City Hall
- Will hold 4-5 Adv Group meetings
- Open House planned for January 2010
- Proposed rules to Planning Commission by March/April 2010
- City has a link to this work on its homepage (Natural Resource Overlay Project)
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Hughes: Do these rules regulate development only?

A: Primarily development, but also land division (partitions and subdivisions)

Hughes: How did Metro choose areas covered by these rules?

A:
Conducted inventories
Mapped streams
Showed canopy areas of 1+ acre
Vegetation shown
Conducted ESEE (Economic, Social, Environmental, Energy) Analysis
Crossed resource value with development value

Hughes: Could there be a database for Homeowners to look at to see how their property is affected?

A: The final version of the new maps should allow property owners to see whether there are designated resource areas on their property.

Dow: Has Clackamas County or Portland adopted code yet?

A: Portland is working on it currently. Clackamas County has adopted theirs.

Elk Rock Island Tree Removal

Mark Wilson, staff ecologist for the Willamette Watershed, for Portland Parks/City Nature spoke about his efforts to enhance the habitat on Elk Rock Island

- The Elk Rock management plan, completed in the 1990s – called for things that have never been realized (vernal pools and open areas on west side)
- Staff working on protecting the grassy and bald areas on the west side of the island
- There are many unusual plants for an Oak Woodland
- Portland has now found partners and some funding to help do some of the work called for in the plan
- They will focus on the meadow and the oak woodland and will use an “adaptive management” process (learn by doing). They will use the results to guide future work
- They have a vegetative inventory and hope to update this
- The Island is in jeopardy of losing the oak woodland and associated flora (like shrubs, Madrone and honey suckle)
- In an attempt to “save” these natives, Portland proposes an “Oak Release” project in which some fir trees on the island would be removed or topped
- This will be a two-phase project that will begin in spring/summer of 2010- after the Rose Festival when the water is low
- The “Witch Tree” would remain (Chestnut Tree near center of Island)
- A prescribed burn was conducted on the island recently – went well
- Mark plans to go to Island Station neighborhood meeting in October, then write assessment, get a contractor, write prescription and be ready to go when the water lowers
- Plans to develop a flier about the project and may do an island walk

City Update

Herrigel noted that there had been a meeting of people interested in Community Gardens on September 17. She noted that it had been well attended and there appeared to be some interest in establishing at least one garden in the City.

Hughes suggested that the property to the south of Minthorn wetland be considered as a garden location?

No District Update – no District staff present.

Hughes: District has reported that SDCs are very low this year and that there may be some “contraction” of their budget. He noted that next year is the year to worry about. He noted that CIP projects will be very restricted.