

NRSC MEETING Minutes 3/3/2016

In Attendance: Shannon Martin, Kurt Fuerstenau, Joe Blubaum, Chair Bentley, Tracy Thorson

Staff: Councilor Widmark, Steve Fancher, Madison McGarity, Tina Osterink, Shannon Martin (former NRSC member, now Solid Waste Program Manager)

Absent: Martin Bush (ill)

Bringing the Fruit Tree Project to Gresham, Madison McGarity, Solid Waste Program Intern

3/16 Fruit Tree Project Public Meeting: Event to extend Portland fruit tree project to Gresham and talk to interested members of the public with the goal to reduce food waste and hunger. Increase access to fresh fruit. The goal is for the public to register fruit trees, call when fruit is ready and volunteers will harvest. Half goes to owner and volunteers, half goes to food pantry.

Gresham Tree Manual/Request from Urban Forestry Committee, Tina Osterink, UDP

We have decided to focus on the property owner and developer for this manual. Street tree definition and how we permit them has changed.

Right tree, right place simply tells the homeowner which types of trees should be planted where.

The difference between a properly pruned vs topped tree? The new manual will have more visuals regarding tree maintenance.

Establish standard practices for development, i.e., signage and fencing, maintenance.

The manual may be an opportunity to touch on low impact options for developers. Strategies to preserve pre-existing trees, etc.

Urban Forestry Subcommittee reached out with a letter about the illegal camping and tree destruction along Johnson Creek. They want to keep an open dialog with NRSC and have been listening to meeting recordings to stay up to date.

NRSC Sustainability Report—Updates on Member Progress

Shannon added the solid waste data from DEQ from 1996 to 2014. He also added city efforts that have been going on and rebates, as well as quick statistics working with business and schools ie green certified and composting. There is a blank section left for city data. Residential information will be included, but drop box information will not necessarily be included as it does not always have to be recorded to the city.

Trend of reduced or eliminated septic trend, worth mentioning?

Have a draft of the presentation pieces together so we can look at the data next month.

Announcements/New Business

Partnership with the county has evolved regarding the issues in Rockwood. The EPA is having a workshop in the area facilitated by a consultant hired by the EPA. They have been given tons of data and maps, they are going to be trying to meet with the community about green infrastructure.

East Multnomah Soil and Water is wanting to do a tree inventory in Rockwood this summer.

Joe will attend Urban Forestry Subcommittee meeting

2016 Council Workplan is online now, we should go over that next month during the meeting.