

**City of Tumwater  
Barnes Lake Management District**

**Meeting Minutes**

May 8, 2006

**Main Conference Room, City Hall**

**I. Call to order**

Kathy Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the Barnes Lake Steering Committee (BLMD-SC) at 6:00 p.m. on May 8, 2006 in the Main Conference Room at City Hall.

**II. Roll call**

Kathy Peterson conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Ron Lumaguip, Judith Loft, Bill Baxter, John Swander, Bob Hayes, Rosemary Walsh and Staff Representative Smith.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The BLMD-SC reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Bill Baxter and Rosemary Walsh requested clarification of the intent of including hazardous trees as part of the IAVMP. Staff stated that this was part of a “brainstorming” session and will not be included as part of the IAVMP. The minutes were approved as written.

**IV. Public Comment Period – No Comments**

**V. Additions to Meeting Agenda**

Stream Team “Earth Day 2006” Event – Judith Loft reported that the Barnes Lake/Stream Team Earth Day event. Four volunteers arrived to help Debbie Smith, Stream Team Coordinator, apply markers to area stormwater catch basins. After a brief instructional session, the volunteers were provided maps of the area and they teamed up to address each neighborhood surrounding the lake. By the end of the afternoon, all catch basins in the Barnes Lake vicinity – public and private – had been marked. All in all, a very successful event and each volunteer expressed they felt a deeper connection with the community and the environment. The Steering Committee thanked Debbie for her assistance with organizing the event and applying the markers to the Lakes neighborhoods.

**VI. Open issues**

**a) Review of draft IAVMP language**

The Steering Committee reviewed language previously drafted for the Phase I portion of the IAVMP. Revisions included amendments to the LMD Goals, list of stakeholders, and other minor language adjustments. Bill Baxter expressed concern relating to the sediment management and requiring the LMD to address sediment management activities. John Swander stated that

sediment management is a necessary item for study in future years. Sediment management and prevention of further accumulation is an item that many members of the LMD are looking for inclusion in the plan. The Steering Committee reached consensus through including sediment management in the plan for future study with the understanding that the outcome is dependent upon a feasibility evaluation considering financial resources, regulatory requirements, and effectiveness of activity.

Public Involvement and Outreach was discussed in terms of developing the most efficient method for reaching the members of the lake management district. The LMD has a unique partnership with the local non-profit, Barnes Lake Conservancy, that will increase opportunities for the LMD to reach the membership and interested stakeholders. Kathy Peterson stated that a number of interested LMD members contact her regularly for updates. The Committee discussed methods for keeping the members informed. Regular public meetings have been outlined in the IAVMP and meeting minutes are available at the City's website: [www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/BLMD.htm](http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/BLMD.htm)

Stakeholders – The Steering Committee reviewed the list of parties to be contacted and kept current on activities. The refined list more accurately reflects prioritized interests and will be used to provide information on upcoming events and activities.

Kathy Peterson will update a wildlife survey based on LMD member observations. The list will be included in the IAVMP and is not intended to be a scientifically valid survey but will provide valuable information to consider in the development of vegetation management activities. The list will be segregated into resident, migratory, and observed species.

Bob Hayes requested a definition be included for Conservancy Areas in the Beneficial Uses section of the IAVMP. Staff will prepare a statement reflecting the intention of conservancy areas to be used to preserve habitat for native vegetation and wildlife as well as meet state regulatory requirements.

Staff discussed options for vegetation management with the Committee. Staff will prepare a list of known control methods for review at the next regular steering committee meeting. Actions were discussed relating to post-treatment of Barnes Lake, such as removal of floating mats associated with herbicide treatments of lilies. John Swander asked if laborers could be hired to complete the removal of these islands. Staff stated that any hiring would need to be completed by the City using LMD funds. Kathy Peterson questioned whether this was necessary if the Conservancy took the lead on the post-treatment activities. Staff explained that if this is the intention, then the IAVMP must clearly represent the Conservancy's role and that the resources are available to accomplish the action. Staff believes that the City and the

LMD should maintain the lead on such actions, as resources permit.

**b) Update on Water Quality Monitoring**

Sue Davis, Thurston County Environmental Health, will conduct the initial round of water quality monitoring later this month. Ms. Davis needs to coordinate with a LMD resident for access. Bill Baxter offered to provide a boat and access from his property.

**c) Meeting/Schedule Updates**

The Steering Committee reviewed upcoming meeting dates and the work plan to determine if adjustments were needed. Some dates have been changed from the regular meeting date. These dates will be added to future agenda's.

**d) Update on Alternative Representative & By-Proxy Voting**

Staff reported that any changes in the organizational structure would need a simple amendment to the Charter. If Committee members would like to designate an alternate to attend a meeting in their stead, they can do so but that alternate would not have independent voting rights. The Committee member can provide the alternate, in writing, a vote to be brought by-proxy if there is an issue to be officially decided. The Committee may provide language revisions to staff for inclusion in the charter. Once that language is incorporated, staff will bring to the Council for their consideration.

**VII. New business**

**a) Presentation – Methodologies of Herbicide Application**

No action on this item as no applicator could make the meeting. Staff will contact area licensed applicators for attendance at a future meeting.

**b) Herbicide Permit Considerations**

Staff reported that the permit for Ecology will be filled out by the applicator hired by the City. Staff is awaiting feedback from Ecology on the SEPA process.

**c) Vegetation Control Options**

The Steering Committee will undertake a detailed evaluation of control methods during the next meeting. Staff will provide a list of options for consideration with the packet for the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**d) Conservancy Area Considerations**

Further delineation is required to determine the extent of the conservation areas. Staff is waiting for Ecology's report from the vegetation survey to finalize areas to be included for preservation during the permitting period.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Kathy Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee