

**City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District**

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 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 June 8, 2006 in the Main Conference Room at City Hall.

II. Roll call

Kathy Peterson conducted a roll call. The following Steering Committee members were present: Ron Lumaguip, Bill Baxter, John Swander, Bob Hayes, Rosemary Walsh, Judith Loft, and Staff Representative Smith. Paul Strawn attended as an Alternate committee member representing the Daisy Lane/Linwood Drive neighborhoods. LMD members Chuck Nordstrom, Ken Thompson, and Tom Oliva also attended.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from the June 8th meeting were not available for review. Staff Rep. Smith stated the minutes would be completed and sent to Steering Committee members for review. Minutes prepared by Kathy Peterson from the public meeting held on June 28th were distributed.

IV. Public Comment Period

Ken Thompson, 1010 Lake Terrace Drive SW, stated that he was concerned that the treatment of the water lilies would be unnecessarily delayed due to funding constraints and permitting requirements. Staff Rep. Smith stated that the City is working closely with Ecology to ensure that all permitting issues are dealt with in a timely manner to secure vegetation treatment this fall. As always, Ecology has the final approval as to when the treatments are applied, but the City continues to strive for a September treatment. Funding for disposal of the lily rhizomes will be dealt with once the City receives an estimate for costs, but as the LMD can “borrow” against future years, securing the funding should not be an issue.

V. Additions to Meeting Agenda – No additions

VI. Open issues

a) Review of Public Meeting held on June 28, 2006

Kathy Peterson reviewed the success of the public meeting held in conjunction with the Barnes Lake Conservancy and the LMD membership. Kathy Hamil and Kelly McLain from Ecology also attended the meeting and provided valuable input to the Steering Committee as to the design of the

conservancy areas –the main topic of the evening. Kathy remarked that it was a very positive outcome that the LMD membership reviewed the options for conservancy areas and were all able to agree on what is now the final draft.

Staff Rep. Smith also reviewed treatment options with the group; consensus being that herbicide treatment using glyphosate is the best option for control of the non-native fragrant waterlily and native spatterdock. A conversation with Ecology recommended that the City apply for permit coverage using all approved herbicides to eliminate the need for permit amendments later and permit flexibility in handling emergent issues.

b) Review and Approval of the “Final Draft” Conservancy Areas

Chair Peterson opened the discussion stating that the “Final Draft” (attached) was informally adopted by the LMD membership on June 28th. The draft reviewed at the meeting was refined based on comments received from Ecology and a few residents at the meeting. Chair Peterson recommended the Committee approve the conservancy areas as the currently stand.

Tom Oliva, 1500 Lake Park Drive, provided the Steering Committee with some comments on restructuring the conservancy areas based on his vantage point from the Condos. Tom stated that there are some areas not included in the conservancy area that would be better suited for conservancy than others that are currently included.

Bill Baxter added to Tom’s recommendation to include the northern tip of the main island near the western shore of the lake.

Discussion followed on the legitimacy of revising the conservancy areas to such an extent that would require a second public meeting to present the revisions again to the LMD membership. The committee felt this would cause too great a delay in accomplishing a treatment in the September window as planned. Kathy Peterson requested a motion be made, as tonight is the night a decision needs to be made. Bob Hayes motioned that the Steering Committee approve the “Final Draft Conservancy Area” as it stands with no further revisions. Ron Lumaguip seconded the motion. Rosemary Walsh commented that this is what the stakeholders approved at the public meeting, and it was positive that no major revisions are being made to the area. Bob Hayes agreed, adding that this meeting is for the Steering Committee to adopt a final version for the City to present to Ecology for permit consideration. Kathy Peterson requested a vote from Steering Committee members. All were in favor.

VII. New business

a) Status and Review of SEPA Checklist

Staff reported that the SEPA checklist should be done by the end of the week for submittal to Ecology. Staff will send the completed checklist to the

Steering Committee for review. Bill Baxter stated he has concerns about the Spring-time treatment of vegetation due to nesting and breeding of various birds around the lake. Ron Lumaguip reminded the Steering Committee that glyphosate is the safest herbicide for use and, according to the MSDS, has no affect on mammalian, avian, or piscine life. Staff Rep. Smith stated that while glyphosate is known to have no effects on the majority of biotic life, there are studies that suggest improper and excessive applications may have a minor effect on some aquatic vertebrates, such as amphibian species. The applicator chosen for the work will be licensed with the State of Washington and will be directed to apply the herbicide as recommended by Ecology to reduce any potential impacts, biologically and environmentally.

b) Next Steps...

Staff reported that once the SEPA Checklist and permit application are complete, solicitation for bids from applicators can begin. Staff will need to seek authorization to solicit bids from the City Council, and the Steering Committee will be informed of the date that occurs. Also, once the SEPA and application are complete, staff will begin working on the implementation part of the IAVMP – the final step for the plan. Once complete, the Committee will have an opportunity to review the plan and provide comment before submittal to the Tumwater City Council.

c) Evergreen Internship

Bob Hayes presented the idea of utilizing an Evergreen student(s) to conduct varied surveys on the lake. Studies could include an examination of best management practices for aquatic vegetation management and emergent technologies. Bob will put together a bullet list of possible ideas for the Committee to develop and present to Evergreen in the fall.

d) Alternate Membership

Paul Strawn attended the meeting as an Alternate to represent the Daisy Lane/Linwood neighborhoods at the request of John Swander. Staff Rep. Smith asked Paul if he would like to remain as a full Steering Committee member. Paul responded that while he would like to remain involved with the LMD, his personal commitments precluded him from maintaining an active role on the steering committee. He stated that he will serve until another member from the neighborhood with more vested interests requests to sit on the committee.

e) Future Meeting Date Adjustments

The Steering Committee reviewed upcoming dates for regular committee meetings. John Swander stated he would be unavailable for the August and October meetings. The August meeting date was changed to 8/2/06. Kathy Peterson requested that staff invite a WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Representative to a future meeting, such as in November, to discuss permitting issues.

VIII. Adjournment

Bob Hayes requested a minute to reflect upon the success of the LMD and the Steering Committee. Bob stated that the group has come so far in such a short time and is thankful for the active participation of both the Steering Committee and the members of the LMD. Kathy Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee