

City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2007

**Main Conference Room, City Hall
555 Israel Road SW
Tumwater, WA 98501**

I. Call to order

Chair Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the Barnes Lake Steering Committee (BLMD-SC) at 6:00 p.m. on January 24, 2007 in the Main Conference room of City Hall.

II. Roll call

Chair Peterson conducted a roll call. The following Steering Committee members were present: Ron Lumaguip, Bob Hayes, Judith Loft, Bill Baxter, and Staff Representative Smith. Committee members John Swander, Paul Strawn, and Rosemary Walsh were not present.

Lake Management District Members
Gary Bodeutsch – Daisy Lane

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The Committee reviewed minutes prepared for the regular meeting conducted in November 2006. The minutes were approved as amended.

IV. Public Comment Period

No comments.

V. Additions to Meeting Agenda

Staff Rep Smith stated he would like to add a brief discussion on the 2007 Assessments. Smith reported that MuniFinancial has prepared the assessment rolls and have mailed them to district members this week. Bill Baxter stated that he just received his earlier that day. According to the latest spreadsheet provided by MuniFinancial, ten parcels remain delinquent, amounting to \$1,223. Smith stated that MuniFinancial will be corresponding with the owners.

VI. Open issues

a) 2007 Work Plan Review & Acceptance

Staff Rep. Smith provided copies of a draft work plan for 2007 and reviewed the initial elements with the group. The Steering Committee provided additional elements to the draft plan, including a discussion surrounding assessment delinquencies for the April meeting. Vice Chair Lumaguip

requested a discussion of the membership letter to summarize the Steering Committee's activities thus far.

Chair Peterson requested clarification on Steering Committee re-appointments, as many of the current member's terms are up this year. Smith stated he will follow-up, as the process is not outlined in the operating guidance for the LMD.

Bill Baxter requested an update on MuniFinancial's activity. Staff Rep. Smith stated that MuniFinancial has recently sent assessment notices to the LMD membership for 2007. There was no change in assessment amounts for 2007. Smith stated that MuniFinancial prepares the letters to the membership, tracks necessary changes to the database, and provides reports to the City of Tumwater.

In regards to the planned treatments for Barnes Lake in June/July 2007, Bill Baxter noted that he has spoken with Rocky Beach, a manager with the WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife non-game division. Mr. Beach stated that the earliest date that treatment should take place is June 15th, due to nesting and breeding habits of species found at the lake. Mr. Beach was not concerned about chemical toxicity as the group has chosen glyphosate, but he does take issue with the potential for disturbance of these creatures before June 15th. Mr. Beach further stated that he advises against spraying of the entire lake in one treatment.

Chair Peterson responded stating that the contractor chosen for the job would be advised of Mr. Beach's comments and that the timing and extent of treatments would be determined using the contractor's best professional judgment.

Vice Chair Lumaguip motioned to accept the 2007 work plan as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Peterson requested that the work plan be posted on the City's website.

b) Review & Acceptance of the Barnes Lake IAVMP

Staff Rep. Smith reviewed the final draft of the Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan with the Steering Committee. A number of editorial revisions were made at the meeting, as well as revisions to the estimated budget. Chair Peterson requested that information pertaining to Yellow Flag Iris be included in the final version.

Smith stated that he would amend the document and provide copies of the revised pages to the Steering Committee prior to the February meeting. The Steering Committee noted that this report is the culmination of many months of work, and now that this is complete, they can focus on getting the work

done. The Steering Committee commended Smith for his work, thanking him for all the time and energy he put into the plan.

Smith stated that hard-bound copies will be made available once the City Council approves the document. Smith will review dates for Council consideration and inform the group.

Bob Hayes made a motion to accept the plan as amended during the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

c) Review & Acceptance of the 2007 Barnes LMD Operating Budget

Staff Rep. Smith reviewed the final draft 2007 budget with the Steering Committee. In 2006, \$3,392.32 has been spent from the LMD fund, which includes permit fees, assessment collection costs, water quality monitoring, and educational materials. The carryover from 2006 to 2007 is \$12,734.68. Permit fees from the Department of Ecology will increase to \$338 in 2007, as this is the first full year of the permit. \$1,967.73 was billed by MuniFinancial for assessment collection, a variance of \$27.73 for postage.

The draft 2007 Operating Budget includes the following:

- \$1,440 – Assessment Collection
- \$200 – Supplies
- \$23,000 – Year 1 Lake Management Activities
- \$5,000 – Water quality monitoring, as needed
- \$338 – Permit costs
- \$62 – Uncategorized funds

A motion by Vice Chair Lumaguip to accept the budget passed unanimously.

VII. New business

a) Review of Thurston County's Water Quality Assessment

Staff Rep. Smith provided each Steering Committee member with a copy of Thurston County's summary report on the water quality. Smith reviewed each element of the report and responded to questions pertaining to the indices of lake water quality. The Steering Committee requested some further background information on eutrophication of lakes. Smith will provide that before the February meeting.

b) Update on Tumwater's Parks Plan

Staff Rep. Smith reviewed with the Steering Committee a portion of an e-mail from Tom Oliva in regards to the City of Tumwater Parks Plan Update. Smith stated that he spoke with Chuck Denney, Parks & Recreation Director, about the plan, and asked if Tom's e-mail was accurate. Director Denney stated the information was accurate, with the exception of basketball and volleyball courts. For the Barnes Lake area, these facilities will not be included in a

passive recreation facility considered for the area. Although Director Denney stated that recreation opportunities at Barnes Lake would be passive, basketball and volleyball were identified in the Parks Dept. survey to the residents and has caused concern among LMD members, stated Chair Peterson.

There will be opportunities for public comment in the coming months. Director Denney stated he would let staff know when these hearings will take place. Smith requested that any comments be delivered directly to Director Denney. The Steering Committee discussed various courses of action, deciding that a letter from the Steering Committee will be sent to Director Denney in opposition of placing a park in the Barnes Lake area.

c) Installation of Water Level Gauge

Staff Rep. Smith requested the Steering Committee provide a location and a volunteer to monitor monthly water levels. Smith stated that the City will install a basic water level instrument that will enable a volunteer to record water levels in the lake over the course of the year. This information will be used to further the Steering Committee's understanding of the lake's function over time.

Chair Peterson stated that there is a small stick near her property that would be suitable for placing a lake level recording instrument. Peterson also stated that she would be willing to record the levels monthly.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2007, at City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee