

***City of Tumwater***  
***Barnes Lake Management District***

***Steering Committee Meeting Minutes***

December 12, 2007

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Tumwater 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 6:05 p.m. on December 12, 2007 at the Tumwater City Hall.

**II. Roll call**

The following members were present: Chair Kathy Peterson, Vice-Chair Ron Lumaguip, Bob Hayes, Bill Baxter, Rosemary Walsh, Gary Bodeutsch, Judith Loft and Staff Representative Smith. John Swander was not present.

**III. Additions to the Meeting Agenda:**

Staff Rep Smith added two items for brief update. The City is making progress on the City's project to understand the hydrology, stormwater influences, and nutrient loadings to the lake. The next step of this project will take place in March when the consultant, Golder Assoc., will begin taking water level measurements in wells located around the lake. Staff Rep Smith requested any additional information on wells in the area. None was reported.

Staff Rep Smith reported that, despite postponement in 2007 for the installation of a lake level gauge, the City will be installing this item during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2008. Smith requested if there were any locations that would suit the Steering Committee better than the identified location of near the Condo Assn. Smith stated that this location would serve the best due to the accessibility of the common area and that there are multiple parties at the Condos that could participate in the volunteer recording of levels.

Chair Peterson brought in a sample of aquatic vegetation found near her property. Smith identified the vegetation as bladderwort and provided an overview of the plant. There are two varieties of bladderwort that exist in Washington – one native, one non-native. To accurately identify the species, waiting until the flowering season is necessary. Chair Peterson requested information on control to be presented at the January/February meeting.

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

BLMD-SC members reaffirmed their acceptance of the October meeting minutes.

## **V. Open Issues**

### **a) Vegetation Management Update**

Smith provided copies of Northwest Aquatic Eco-System's (NWA) completed 2007 Treatment Summary Update. Smith stated that the plan is a review of all the treatment actions, completed surveys, and maps developed during the course of the initial treatment season.

The Steering Committee reviewed the plan and recommendations for 2008. Comments were provided on the recommendations. All Steering Committee members relayed that Recommendation #10, to maintain all plants within the identified conservancy areas due to the fact that *Nymphaea odorata* (fragrant waterlily) made up approximately 90% of all the vegetation, was unacceptable. Steering Committee members maintain that the density of *Nymphaea odorata* is out-competing other vegetation and preventing native, beneficial vegetation from taking hold. The Steering Committee directed Staff Rep Smith to ensure that selective treatments would take place in the coming year or as soon as feasible, to reduce the populations of the non-native plant.

Staff Rep Smith stated that he would follow up with NWA to address the comments and to further define the scope and budget. Smith will present the revisions at the meeting in January.

### **b) Budget & Assessment Update**

Smith reported that no new payments have been made on the assessments since the last meeting. The current 2007 collected amount is: \$16,053. As of December 12<sup>th</sup>, there have been no additional payments to the Barnes Lake Accounts. There are 5 outstanding payments from 2006 = \$816. In 2007, there are currently 11 outstanding payments = \$1,565. In total, \$2,381 remains outstanding.

### **c) Lien Process Update**

Smith reported that the liens have been filed with the appropriate agencies. The City has an approved contract with a collection agency who will sign and deliver the liens for collection. To process the liens, the City is required to assess an additional \$80 on the amount to be collected (\$40 for filing the lien, and \$40 for releasing the lien), as well as a 50% surcharge required by the collection agency and state law. As the collection agency has taken over the liens, the City can not accept payment. Smith reported he would keep the steering committee posted on any new developments.

## **VI. New Issues**

### **d) Shoreline Management Act Update**

Smith informed the Steering Committee that Barnes Lake has once again been included in the Shoreline Management Act. It was removed during the last update of the regulations, as its size was under the previous thresholds. Steven Morrison, Thurston Regional Planning Council, will attend the February meeting to provide an update to the Steering Committee.

e) **2008 Work Plan**

The Steering Committee reviewed the 2007 work plan and provided items for discussion and action in the coming year. Smith will compile the suggestions into a draft document for presentation at the January meeting. Once accepted by the Steering Committee, Staff Rep Smith will provide Council an overview of the work plan and budget to Council in February 2008.

**VII. Adjourn**

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The next steering committee meeting will be held on January 23, 2008, at the Tumwater City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee