

City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District

Meeting Minutes

May 09, 2007

**Main Conference Room
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 6:00 p.m. on May 09, 2007 at the Tumwater City Hall.

II. Roll call

Chair Peterson conducted a roll call. The following Steering Committee members were present: Ron Lumaguip, Judith Loft, Bob Hayes, John Swander, Rosemary Walsh, Gary Bodeutsch and Staff Representative Smith.

III. Public Comment Period

No comments.

IV. Additions to the Agenda

Chair Peterson requested that a discussion on elements needing clarification be added. Discussion relating to Doug Dorling's presentation continued.

Staff Rep Smith also added that the City is pursuing a contract with a consulting firm to conduct a hydrogeologic analysis of the lake system. The intent is to determine the inflows and outflows of the lake, as well as quantify the contribution from stormwater. Updates on this study will be provided as they are available. This study is being funded by the City.

V. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the March and April meetings were unanimously approved as written. Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems reviewed the minutes from the April meeting and provided no additional comments.

VI. Open Issues

a) Public Outreach Plan Discussion

Chair Peterson recalled the April meeting at which members of the Lake Management District expressed their vision of public outreach methods. The membership felt that current methods of outreach, including e-mail and periodic letters, are sufficient.

Some members preferred more personal contact from “block captains”. Block captains are also the Steering Committee members.

Vice Chair Lumaguip stated that he could ensure that Barnes Lake LMD updates are included in the regular newsletter of the Barnes Lake Condo Association. Chair Peterson stated that all the minutes, agendas, and relevant information is regularly posted on the City of Tumwater’s website: www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/BLMD.htm. This link shall be included on all correspondence to the membership.

For future years, outreach will take the following form:

Spring Update(February through May) – 1 page newsletter to coincide with treatment application notification. The purpose is to update the membership and provide pertinent information in laymen’s terms.

Fall Update (September/October) – 1 page newsletter updating the membership on the year’s treatment activities, upcoming projects, and general summary of LMD actions.

All outreach materials are sent to the landowner. As some parcels are rental units, all materials shall contain the following statement: “Please pass these materials on to your tenants, as they may be directly affected by the lake management activities.”

A spring letter is under development by Kathy Peterson. She will have a draft for review at the June meeting.

Smith will incorporate this public outreach into the IAVMP updates.

b) Parks Plan Proposal

Chair Peterson reviewed the status of the Parks Plan proposal. On March 5, 2007, Chair Peterson attended a presentation by the City of Tumwater’s consultant preparing an update to the Comprehensive Parks Plan, presenting all recommendations included in the plan to the Parks Commission. Prior to the presentation, the LMD Steering Committee submitted written objections to some of the proposed recommendations concerning the Barnes Lake area. Peterson stated that the Steering Committee’s objections were noted, but that this plan spans 20 years and all feasible elements need to be included. Chair Peterson stated that the Steering Committee will continue to stay involved with the process and keep the membership informed.

On April 24th, Chair Peterson and Judith Loft attended a meeting with Chuck Denney and Staff Rep Smith to discuss the next steps. Director Denney stated that he will recommend removal of language reflecting active park recreation, including basketball courts, etc. Later that week, Chair Peterson submitted a letter requesting the removal of that language and would like to be informed of upcoming meetings and/or hearings. Chair Peterson stated that she has not received a response and would like Staff Rep Smith to follow-up.

c) Update on Treatment Process

Staff Rep Smith reviewed the final scope of work with the Steering Committee, acknowledging that preparing a budget for the two-year program was difficult due to

the level on uncertainty for treatment areas. The final scope represents an over-stated budget and will most likely result in costs less than outlined. The scope and contract go to the Public Works committee for review on May 18th and will be approved by the City Council shortly thereafter.

d) Budget & Assessment Update

Staff Rep Smith provided the Steering Committee with the latest assessment update. There are currently 16 parcels outstanding, of which 9 parcels have yet to pay any assessments. As this is Year 2 of the LMD, parcel owners have one more year to pay the assessments before the City begins the collection/lien process. Smith asked if there was anything the Steering Committee would like to do to facilitate payment of the delinquent accounts.

After discussion, it was decided that the process the City has developed is adequate and there is nothing further the Steering Committee would like to do independently of that process.

VII. New Business

a) Options for Vegetation Removal

The SC discussed potential locations for vegetation removal. It was suggested at a previous meeting that the best location for access would be from the Weik's Family Partners property in the southeast section of the lake. Staff Rep Smith stated that he will talk with landowner for access, but the potential for vegetative growth to impede access exists, as this area is in an identified conservancy area.

The property owned by Doug Gill was also considered as a likely spot. Staff Rep Smith will discuss these options should they be identified by Northwest Aquatics as likely candidates.

b) Assessment Roll Discussion

Staff Rep Smith provided copies of the most current assessment collection data from MuniFinancial. Smith stated that while most properties have paid, there are a few outstanding. The total amount collected to date is \$15,262, leaving \$2,043 to be collected this year.

c) Timing for Pesticide-Free Neighborhoods Program

Staff Rep Smith briefly reviewed the components of the Pesticide-Free Neighborhoods program. Given the financial needs for the complete program, which includes funding for electric mulching lawnmowers, pesticide-free educational materials, and other promotional items, the Steering Committee considered that this would be a great program in future years. This deferral will allow the Steering Committee to ensure funds are available if that is the route chosen. Staff Rep Smith will connect with staff at Thurston County for an informational presentation later this year, possibly October or November. If educational materials exist, Smith will get copies to present to the LMD membership at an informational meeting in May 2008.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2007, in the Main Conference Room at City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee