

City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 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 6:00 p.m. on July 11, 2007 at the Tumwater City Hall.

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the May meeting were approved as written via e-mail due to cancellation of the June meeting. Chair Peterson requested any additional comments on the May minutes; none noted.

IV. Open Issues

a) Vegetation Management Update

Staff Rep Smith reported that Doug Dorling has been assessing the lake over the past few weeks to gauge access and treatment activities. An initial treatment is planned for the week of July 23rd. Results from the pre-treatment survey have not been received by the City as of the meeting. Smith is in the process of requesting that information and will relay to the Steering Committee once he receives that information. Chair Peterson requested that any new information received on the Barnes Lake treatments be relayed to the group via e-mail.

b) Budget & Assessment Update

Staff Rep. Smith reviewed the status of assessment collection. To date, \$15,575 has been collected for the 2007 assessments. Fourteen (14) properties have outstanding assessments, of which eight (8) have not paid since the inception of the program.

Smith stated that the City will begin reviewing the assessments later this year and will initiate the lien process as outlined by state statute. Vice Chair Lumaguip asked whether bankruptcy can be declared by a property owner, relieving them of paying further assessments. Smith stated he would ask the Finance Dept. and get an answer as soon as possible. *[Post meeting update: Per the Finance Dept, declaring*

bankruptcy does not relieve a property owner of owing for the lake management district assessments.]

V. New Business

a) Work Plan Update

Staff Rep Smith reviewed some recent amendments to the 2007 Work Plan. After repeated attempts to request a presentation to the Steering Committee from WDFW on the Aquatic Plants & Fish “Pamphlet Permit”, Smith recommended this item be postponed to a later date. WDFW would like to see a definitive plan put together by the LMD prior to making comments on what can and should be done. Steering Committee agreed to move this item, possibly for consideration for 2008.

Smith recommended two other revisions to the schedule for consideration during the 2008 work plan development: (1) Develop plan for shoreline emergent vegetation, and (2) Presentation on Thurston County’s Pesticide-Free Neighborhood program. Both these items require data and/or funds that are not yet available. Steering Committee acknowledged both revisions, requesting that they remain for future consideration.

b) On/Near Shore Vegetation Management

Discussion centered on developing a plan for dealing with on/near-shore native and nuisance vegetation, as well as emergent weed issues. Smith stated that without a plan and data to support the plan (such as pre & post vegetation surveys), discussing actions would be difficult. The Steering Committee recommended discussing an overall approach at the August meeting, as this would be the first step toward developing the plan WDFW would like to see before they can provide comment and determine if additional permits would be needed.

For the August meeting, staff will prepare an aerial photo for outlining areas the Steering Committee would like to review for vegetation management. Smith will also provide an informal review of the Critical Areas Ordinance.

Chair Peterson asked whether the “islands” found in Barnes Lake could be treated as part of the on/near shore vegetation management. Smith would follow-up with Ecology for comment. *[Post Meeting Update: Dependent upon the results of the initial treatments, it may be possible to rearrange the conservancy areas to exclude the islands. **CONSERVANCY AREAS CAN NOT BE MOVED INTO AREAS TREATED PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE STANDING PERMIT** However, if an area did not receive treatment and is still contiguous with the shoreline, it should be ok for new treatment. Conservancy maps will need to be revised and the application will need to be reviewed and approved by Ecology.]*

VI. Adjournment

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 8, 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