

City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2009
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 April 15, 2009 at Tumwater City Hall.

II. Roll call

The following members were present: Chair Kathy Peterson, Judith Loft, Bill Baxter, Gary Bodeutsch, Dana Day, and Staff Representative Smith. Vice-Chair Ron Lumaguip, Bob Hayes and John Swander were excused. Doug Dorling, Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems, and Steven Morrison, Thurston Regional Planning Commission, also attended.

With the South neighborhood not represented at the meeting, a quorum was not established and no formal votes were entered.

III. Additions to the Meeting Agenda: None

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The March 2009 minutes were reviewed; general consensus motioned for approval. The minutes will be distributed via email for an official vote of the Steering Committee.

V. Shoreline Management Plan Update

Steven Morrison, Thurston Regional Planning Commission's (TRPC) Senior Planner, attended the meeting to present an overview of the process and findings TRPC has completed to date and are being incorporated into the final draft plan. This draft plan will be presented to the regional cities on or near June 30, 2009 – when the contract for TRPC expires. Once the draft report is submitted to each City, there will be additional rounds of review prior to submission of a final plan to the WA Department of Ecology.

The Steering Committee commented that language included in the plan reflects Barnes Lake as having "Public Access" (Shoreline Mater Program Update – Spring 2009) through "Barnes Lake Park". Steering Committee discussions with the Parks Dept have resulted in adoption of language in the Parks Plan that should be consistent here. In the parks plan, the area is identified as an Urban Conservancy/Passive Recreational Use.

A copy of the summary presented by Mr. Morrison is attached. Mr. Morrison reported that the next “summary review” will be at the Tumwater Planning Commission meeting tentatively scheduled for April 28, 2009.

VI. Open Issues

a) Lake Treatment Update

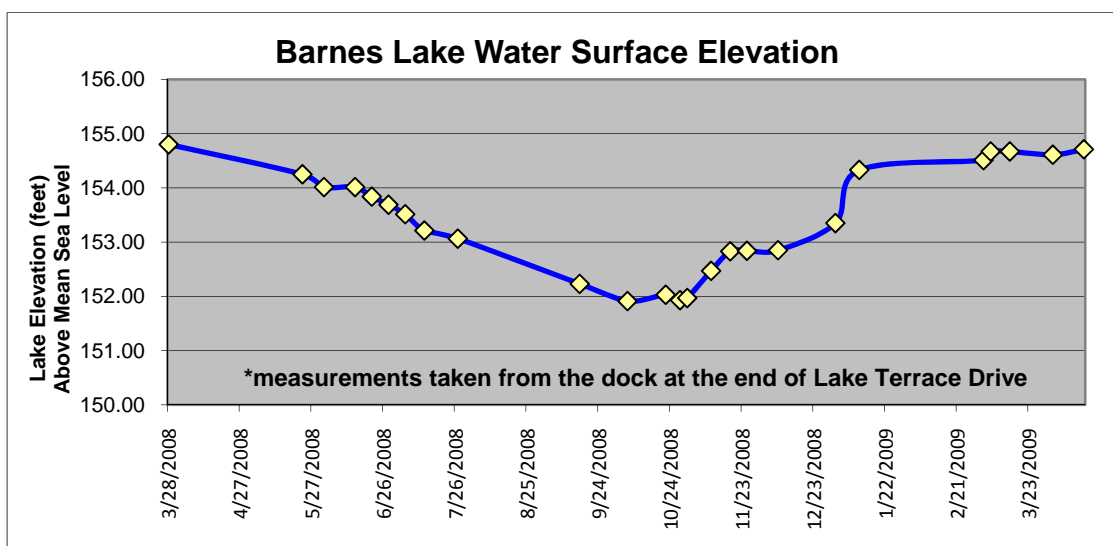
Doug Dorling, NWA, reported that they have been successfully removing vegetative debris for the last few days. They have reached the budget limit for removal. Doug requested additional funds to continue progress, as it remains too early for new treatments and the removal equipment will remain on the lake for approximately another three weeks. The southeastern portion of the lake appears dense with floating mats. In the center of the lake, the overall thickness of the mats is ~18”. Closer into shore, the thickness increases considerably. NWA would like to take representatives out towards the end of the process to review work completed to date. As a side note, Dorling reported that he has seen bass and trout swimming in the lake.

Chair Peterson stated that a quorum was not met at the meeting, but that an official vote will be taken as soon as possible via email to confirm the general consensus for approving the additional funds.

Smith reported that the budget and forecasted expenses should allow an additional \$5,000 to be added to the project. Once the official vote is tallied, Smith would inform NWA of the status.

b) Lake Level Update

Smith reported that the lake levels have leveled out. Bill Baxter continues to provide periodic reports of lake levels, the latest recorded on 4/15/09 with an elevation of approximately 154.71 feet above mean sea level.



c) Budget and Assessment Update

As of April 14th, 2009 payments from 79 parcels for a total of \$12,985.00 have been paid. Late notices will be mailed shortly on 25 assessments that have not yet paid for 2009. Three of these are properties that have not paid in prior years. The current assessments and prior year amounts have been turned over to the collection agency (liens already exist against the properties).

Additionally, there are five properties that have not paid prior years (or this year) that do not have liens placed yet. A letter will be sent shortly giving the property owners notice to pay in 30 days, or liens will be placed (with additional fees added) and their accounts will be turned over to the collection agency.

The available balance of LMD funds as of April 14, 2009 is \$35,301.00.

d) Work Plan Review

Smith reviewed the status of the work plan for the Barnes Lake Steering Committee for 2009. To date, all work has been completed or is in progress.

VII. New Issues

a) Vegetative Debris (Waste) Removal Options

Discussion centered around the placement of debris on the Peterson and Day properties. Concern was made that there is way too much debris remaining to be removed from the water for either of the properties to continue to handle.

Chair Peterson suggested a removal company be hired to remove the debris. This would alleviate the need for NWA to conduct the activity, slowing the progress of the plant removal. In the meantime, Peterson agreed to allow storage on her property until another option has been secured.

Smith was asked to check with the Condo Assn to see if there are any suitable locations for temporary storage along the shoreline. Chair Peterson would follow-up with landscaping firms that may wish to work with NWA as a subcontractor to remove the debris.

b) Pre-treatment Aquatic Vegetation Survey

Smith reviewed the scope of work with NWA, stating that the pre-treatment aquatic vegetation survey is on the horizon, once the floating mat work is complete. Doug Dorling reported that the survey is approximately three to four weeks out and there are no known issues or needs at this time.

VIII. Adjourn

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m. The next steering committee meeting will be held on May 13, 2009, at Tumwater City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee