



OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY TRUST BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2014

Call To Order:

Chair Wachs called the meeting to order at 6:00pm in the Mercer Island Community & Event Center.

Roll Call:

Chair Wachs, Secretary Poor, Vice Chair Weiker, Trustee Lanzinger, Council Liaison Senn and Trustee Newman were present. Trustee Christy was absent.

Staff Present:

Bruce Fletcher, Director
Jason Kintner, Parks Superintendent
Paul West, Parks Natural Resource Manager
Alaine Sommargren, Natural Resources Specialist
Matt Distler, Natural Resources Assistant

Minutes:

There were no minutes presented to vote on.

Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

Regular Business:

(I) Introduction of Former Trustees – Paul West

Paul West introduced Rita Moore, Liz Sanderson and Don Cohen to the Trustees.

(II) Open Space Vegetation Plan Part 2 – Matt Distler

Matt Distler introduced himself and reported that he has been working with Paul West and Alaine Sommargren over the past five months completing the first part of the ten year evaluation of the Open Space Vegetation Management Plan. Matt presented the goals, methods and results of his study covered in the Staff Report.

Many expressed interest in using the data for educational outreach efforts.

(III) Open Space Vegetation & Climate Change – Paul West

Paul West reported that he and Alaine Sommargren recently attended a seminar regarding climate change. Paul reviewed the Staff Report which is intended to provide background information for a discussion of how public open space on Mercer Island will be managed in the future.

Paul opened up the question of assisted migration for discussion among the group. He mentioned three options for level of action; aggressive, constrained, none.

After some discussion, staff decided to bring back more specific questions at the next meeting to facilitate the discussion on this topic in the interest of moving forward.

(IV) Next Meeting – Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2014.

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Joel Wachs, Chair

Attest:

Deborah Alexander, Scribe