

Vector and Code Enforcement Advisory Committee Minutes

Oaks Bottom Park, May 21, 2009, 1-3 p.m.

03/17/09 MINUTES

MOTION A motion was made to approve 03/17/09 minutes.
SECOND The motion was seconded.
MOTION PASSED The 03/17/09 minutes were approved.

Old Business Updates

Animal Services Taskforce: Michael Oswald discussed the Animal services Taskforce, a committee that is joint committee with the City of Portland charged with providing recommendations on how to improve animal services in the City of Portland. Due to the economic downturn, Animals Services has had a reduction in services. Two years ago, 2 officers in the City of Portland were cut. 70% of Animal Services Revenue is from County General Fund, 30% comes from animal license and enforcement fees. The Taskforce has met for one year and Lila Wickham, Environmental Health Services Manager, is a member of committee.

Budget Update-Lila gave an update of Vector Control and Code Enforcement budget. We are still losing a .5 FTE and we will no longer be able to service the catch basins.

New Business Updates:

City of Portland gave an overview of Oaks Bottom, 170 acres of wetland. COP has a Pest Management Program that works together with Multnomah County. A water control structure was put in at the mouth of the creek and its purpose was to backup the water and impound it in effort to control mosquitoes. With the emergence of West Nile Virus the focus shifted to the culex mosquito. The culex mosquito has a different life cycle resulting in alignment of managing the wetland and the mosquito population. In the winter time, Oaks Bottom is 50-60 acres of water and in the summer time; it is 20-30 acres of water. The water structure is planned to be removed to improve the natural wetland. They are making lots of strides when it comes to Oaks Bottom. The week of May 11, they were able to measure the depth of the reservoir.

Recently, they are working with red-legged frog amphibians study which they did not know was in the Oaks Bottom area. They recently got a grant to duplicate the wetlands. There are 140 different species of birds.

VCEAV members:

One member has stepped down from the committee and a second member would like to step down as soon as we recruit a replacement. We will be recruiting for two volunteers to take their place and one of the members we would like to see would have homeless population experience.

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 21 from 1-3 pm at Vector Control, then to Sauvie Island

Suggested Agenda Topics:

Urban Coyote