

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

May 5, 2010

9:35–10:00 am

140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Marilyn Marler (chair), Pam Walzer, Bob Jaffe, Dick Haines, Renee Mitchell, Ed Childers, Jon Wilkins, Stacy Rye, Lyn Hellegaard, Dave Strohmaier and Roy Houseman

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Rick McCool

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of April 28, 2010 were approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS –

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS –

V. Review Conservation and Urban Wildlife Subcommittee referrals. (memo) – Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 01/11/10)(**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

It is the duty of the committee chair to review the items referred to their committee to determine if any of the items may be removed. This item was the only item in Held items for the Conservation Committee. The committee reviewed whether or not to keep the referral or to remove and have a new referral when it was deemed necessary.

Pam – the revision of the garbage ordinance was a product of the wildlife subcommittee. It was adopted by Council and there is now implementation of plan but this does not require any subcommittee efforts at this point. The other issue was related to urban wildlife. I have communicated with Fish Wildlife and Parks as to their need for any additional city involvement at this time on the deer issue.

Jason – earlier the referral include the creating of an urban wildlife plan.

Marilyn – yes that was something the subcommittee was going to write, but in working with Fish Wildlife and Parks they felt the feeding and trash ordinances were a higher priority.

Dave – the question is what issues do we want the committee to work on or should it be dissolved but there is still the urban deer problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rick McCool, a member of the Five Valley Archery Club – a good way to take care of the deer population would be to have the land owner purchase a deer permit and then hire an archer to take care of deer. This has worked in other cities. There are many viable reasons to use archery to reduce the deer population. The meat from the deer can be taken to a shelter or used by the land owner. This feeds people as well as a relatively safe process to take care of the deer population.

The committee decided to remove the referral and work with Fish Wildlife and Parks on possible solution and can be referred at a later date.

VI. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VII. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS - PER COMMITTEE CHAIR – Marilyn Marler

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.