

WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 21, 2000

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:44 PM.
2. **Present at the meeting:** Kathi Futornick, Bob Cullen, Stan Hill, Dave Breneman.

Others Present: Phil Lieberman, Walter Forster, Carol Paddock, Marianne Mitchell, Laura Laird, Celeste Viau-Navetta, Ron Wellborn, George W. Williams, Bozeb Beckwith, and approximately 1 other.

3. **WCAB Mission Statement:** Kathi Futornick discussed the mission statement of the WCAB, and how the board began. There were some concerns about how the watershed was being used (logging, etc.). Because of the concern that was in the community, the City Administrator and Mayor recommended forming a Watershed Committee. The Committee consists of people that live inside the City, and also people that live near the watershed, but are not citizens of Lafayette. There are also people on the board who have technical backgrounds who can assist in the development and assessments of the watershed. One of the first accomplishments of the Committee was to develop its mission. Developing a master plan was a goal for the watershed Committee. One of the primary goals of this master plan is to "preserve and maximize the quality and quantity of the water available in the watershed for use by the City in its drinking water system".

How often are the wells monitored and what tests are done? These tests are not monitored by the WCAB, but are done by the City. The source of the water in the wells is unclear.

Has there been a significant change/decrease in the water quantity over the last few years? The data that has been gathered regarding the quantity is contingent upon the management of the watershed, conservation (usage is down about 20%). Discussion ensued on conservation.

Kathi Futornick summarized the rest of the mission statement (see attached). The Master Plan will eventually provide City Council with recommendations on how to manage the watershed. Public access and public use of the watershed has also been discussed by the committee.

There was some discussion about the types of trees that have been and will be replanted in the watershed. There will be 4,500 trees planted in the watershed to replace the seedlings that didn't survive. There was discussion about the Forest Practices Act, and the regulations of planting trees on slopes that lead into water sources.

4. **Watershed Management Actions:** The decision to log the watershed occurred in the summer of 1999. Kathi Futornick knew that there was some grant money available to do some hydrogeology studies. The City was awarded about \$22,000 to conduct these and other studies. The WCAB was established, and a mission statement was developed. Kathi Futornick thinks that the master plan needs to be completed by the end of June 2001. Some issues that need to be addressed in the master plan are addressed in the handout (Hydrology and Water use, Sediment Sources, Water Quality, etc.). Long term and short term goals will be recommended to Council. The Yamhill Basin Council deals with the entire Yamhill River watershed, and the Lafayette watershed is just a small piece of that. The WCAB, through the City

Administrator, will also be dealing with federal and state agencies. The Department of Health will be doing an assessment of the water sources, and that report could be available by the middle of December, 2000. Discussion ensued on the budget for the WCAB, and how much has been expended so far.

5. **Audience Questions/Comments:**

Carol Paddock has expressed interest in making the watershed more accessible to the public. One idea was establishing a park to provide public use. This interest has brought up other issues, including the historical use of the watershed, the parks and recreations group, and to find out what the limitations of the watershed are. Any recommendations that are made to Council will have certain rules and regulations attached to them.

Walter Forster wanted to thank Marianne Mitchell for bringing a lot of these issues to City Council in the first place.

Celeste Viau-Navetta is glad to see water quality and water quantity a priority in this management plan. She is glad to have a group looking out for the goals of the watershed.

Discussion ensued on the categorization of surface water and the current quality of the City's water.

Use of Chemicals in the Watershed: The committee has elected not to use chemicals in the watershed at this time. But, the committee is going to have to come up with an alternative. Discussion ensued on which chemicals would be safe, and which ones aren't safe. The Division of Health representative will be asked this question at the next WCAB meeting. A decision will need to be made by spring, 2001.

Generating revenues for the watershed is also an important issue for the committee. The main ways of generating revenue for the watershed, that has been discussed, is forest management, raising water rates, and recreational use. Discussion ensued on what the source of revenues should be to sustain the water system. Part of the goal of this meeting is for the WCAB to listen to the public's viewpoint on how they feel the watershed should be managed, and the WCAB will be able to make a well-informed recommendation to Council.

Some ideas were brought to the attention of the WCAB as alternatives to raising revenues without having to log the watershed: additional grants, monetary gifts, bonds, taxes, loans, development funds.

6. **Next meeting agenda (December 19, 2000):**

- a. Presentation by Dennis Nelson from the Division of Health.
- b. Subcommittee report: Vegetation Forest Management.
- c. Report on Public Meeting.

7. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 19, 2000 at 6:30 PM.

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