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PARKER TREE PERMIT HEARING LIKELY TO BE POSTPONED

The Lake Oswego City Manager and City Attorney reported today that, on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., the Lake Oswego City Council will consider, and is likely to approve, a motion to postpone the public hearing currently scheduled for that date and time to consider appeals from the Lake Oswego Community Forestry Commission decision relating to tree removal permits for the lakeside property located at 1500 North Shore Road.

The reason for the proposed postponement is to give the parties an opportunity to address an issue that they have not raised in previous testimony. The City's lot coverage limitations state the maximum percentage of a site that may be covered by structures. It is expected that the City Council will request that the parties address whether or not the appropriate interpretation of these regulations should be that, when a portion of a lot is submerged under the waters of Oswego Lake, only the above-water portion should be considered as the site for the purpose of calculating the lot coverage limitation.

The requested tree removal permits are part of a controversial proposal by Mr. Parker to build a large home on the shores of Oswego Lake. This project has been strongly opposed by the Forest Hills Easement Association, which maintains a private lakeside park on adjacent property, and by other members of the community.

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