

## METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES OF THE METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 4, 1999

Council Chamber

Members Present: Ed Washington (Chair), Bill Atherton (Vice Chair), Jon Kvistad

Chair Washington called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

#### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### 3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 1999, METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Consideration of the July 21, 1999, minutes of the Metro Operations Committee was postponed until the next meeting of the Metro Operations Committee.

#### 4. STATUS REPORT ON MERC/METRO PARKING

Casey Short, Administrative Services Department, showed a chart illustrating how Metro deals with parking for employees.

Councilor Atherton asked about Metro's policy to encourage use of alternative transportation. He said the chart did not show that as an active operation.

Mr. Short said that developing a transportation demand management program was required by the City of Portland when Metro moved to this building six years ago. It included car pool incentives and a passport program. He said the zoo and two of Metro's transfer stations had similar programs.

Councilor Atherton asked if the value of the free parking had ever been discussed.

Mr. Short said he was not certain, but he would check.

Councilor Atherton said people were paying more than \$70 a month for parking downtown; Metro's rates were much lower. He thought it might be appropriate to consider a parking policy to contribute to Fareless Square.

#### 5. RESOLUTION NO. 99-2817, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-APPOINTING STEVE SECHRIST TO MCCI IN A NEW COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Karen Withrow, Office of Citizen Involvement, said Mr. Sechrist was already a member of MCCI representing District 4, but he had moved to District 6. MCCI sought to re-appoint him to an opening in his new district.

Chair Washington asked Ms. Withrow if she had discussed this with Presiding Office Monroe, as this was his district.

Ms. Withrow said no.

Chair Washington urged her to do that as a courtesy and to be certain he had no concerns.

Ms. Withrow said she would.

Chair Washington asked for a motion, with the understanding that Ms. Withrow would check with the Presiding Officer before this comes up at Council.

**Motion:**

Councilor Kvistad moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution 99-2817.

**Vote:**

Chair Washington and Councilors Atherton and Kvistad voted aye. The vote was 3/0 in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Washington assigned Councilor Atherton to carry the resolution to the full Council.

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 99-2819, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE COOPER MOUNTAIN TARGET AREA REFINEMENT PLAN**

Jim Desmond, Regional Parks and Greenspaces, said this amendment would pave the way to add more acreage to the target area. He showed a map Tier 1 on which areas of interest were marked. (The map is in the packet that is part of the meeting record.) He said the proposed changes would aim to increase access, especially from Scholl's Ferry Road. He also said Washington County is deficient in parks. Approval of this resolution would allow the department to seek willing sellers for a number of parcels, potentially expanding the target area by 200 acres.

Councilor Atherton asked about the area's being parks-deficient. He wondered if Metro were getting into the business of providing city parks.

Mr. Desmond said he meant the area lacked large, regional-scale parks. He said Washington County was one of the few counties in the state that did not have a single state park. It has only two parks of over 100 acres--a county park at Hagg Lake, and the new Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Nature Park. He said citizens wanted more.

Councilor Atherton thought part of Metro's strategy was to provide larger scale facilities and look for connectivity with linear trails.

Mr. Desmond said that was partly correct. He said there were about 57 parcels scattered around the region that should be protection and connected, but they were not necessarily trails. Some would become parks or parts of parks and some would simply be preserved to the extent possible. An example of the latter was the north bank of the Clackamas River, which would never be a park but would be protected. He said there were similar areas along the Tualatin River.

Councilor Atherton asked if there were target areas for potential trails.

Mr. Desmond said there were 14 target areas in the bond measure, some of which were trails and some of which were greenways. He said the Burlington Northern trail was on hold at this time.

Councilor Atherton said he was trying to understand how large blocks of property integrated with the trail system and with Metro's goals of providing connectivity. In his view, more people use linear parks and trails than they do large blocks of park property. He said 2,200 people a day use the Springwater Trail, and he doubted that that many people could be found in a single day on a large block-style park.

Mr. Desmond thought Forest Park usage was close to that figure, but he said it does have trails that attract people. He said the Cooper Mountain area would have extensive trails as well. The goal was a minimum of 400 acres, which would offer a lot of potential for a trail system.

**Motion:**

Councilor Kvistad moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution 99-2819.

**Vote:**

Chair Washington and Councilors Atherton and Kvistad voted aye. The vote was 3/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Kvistad will carry the resolution to a meeting of the full Council.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 99-2824, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TROUTDALE FOR MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTIES IN THE BEAVER CREEK CANYON GREENWAY TARGET AREA AND APPROVING AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE TO ONE PROPERTY IN SUCH TARGET AREA**

Mr. Desmond said the property was not unusual and the acquisition was not before the committee--it was a Tier 1 property that had met all the parameters of its refinement plan and the open spaces work plan. The issue here was that the property had been in agricultural production for 50 years, and the seller had a condition that required a 10-year agricultural lease-back to the seller, with a five-year optional extension. Because of the length of the lease, it needed Council approval.

He said the seller had agreed to a lease agreement that would move farm activity back farther from the creek bank, to protect the riparian zone.

Councilor Atherton asked if there was an SB 1010 plan for the property.

Mr. Desmond said this was a standard agricultural lease.

Jim Morgan, Metro Parks and Greenspaces, said that the standard forms were routinely tailored for each property. He said the department had requested Farm Management Plans according to SB 1010 from many tenants, particularly in the Tualatin drainage area.

Councilor Atherton said he was surprised the standard form did not use stronger language. He thought the word "refrain" was not strong enough.

Mr. Morgan said the wording was developed as a way to appeal to some farmers, who were not used to dealing with long contracts but did their business with handshakes. He thought the contract made clear the intent even though parts might differ from typical farm practices.

**Motion:**

Councilor Atherton moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution 99-2824.

**Vote:**

Chair Washington and Councilors Atherton and Kvistad voted aye. The vote was 3/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Washington said Councilor Park would carry the resolution to a meeting of the full Council. He asked Michael Morrissey, Council Analyst, to provide Councilor Park with the necessary information.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(1)(E), DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED TO NEGOTIATE REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 99-2825, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FANNO CREEK GREENWAY TARGET AREA REFINEMENT PLAN.**

**Motion:**

Councilor Kvistad moved to recommend Council Adoption of Resolution 99-2825.

**Vote:**

Chair Washington and Councilors Atherton and Kvistad voted aye. The vote was 3/0 in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Washington said Councilor Bragdon would carry the resolution to a meeting of the full Council.

**10 Councilor Communications**

None.

**11 ADJOURN**

There being no more business to come before the committee, Chair Washington adjourned the meeting at 4:15 PM.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 1999**

The following have been included as part of the official public record.

TOPIC	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Metro Employee Parking	July 1999	Chart of number of employees using parking including fees and TDMs	