

MINUTES OF THE METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 19, 2000

Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Rod Monroe, (Chair), Bill Atherton (Vice Chair), Ed Washington

Councilors Absent: None.

Chair Monroe called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Councilor Atherton moved to adopt the minutes of the December 8, 1999, Metro Operations Committee meeting.

Vote: The vote was 3/0. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 00-2881 For the Purpose of Appointing Kathryn Henton to the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement.

Motion: Councilor Atherton moved to approve Resolution No. 00-2881.

Karen Withrow, Office of Citizen Involvement, made a brief introduction of Ms. Henton. Her remarks can be found in the Staff Report included in the committee packet.

Councilor Atherton urged passage of this resolution.

Vote: The Committee voted 3/0. Resolution No. 00-2881 passed unanimously. Councilor Atherton was asked to carry the resolution to the full Council.

3. Resolution No. 00-2887 For the Purpose of Appointing Mike Salsgiver as School District Governing Body Representative and Annette Mattson as School District Governing Body Alternate Representative to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to approve Resolution No. 00-2887.

Chair Monroe commented in support of this resolution.

Vote: The Committee voted 3/0. Resolution No. 00-2887 passed unanimously. Chair Monroe said he would carry the resolution to the full Council.

4. Resolution No. 00-2883 For the Purpose of Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement With the City of Portland for Reforestation on Metro Open Spaces Property.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to approve Resolution No. 00-2883.

Charles Ciecko, Director, Parks and Greenspaces, gave the staff presentation. He spoke in support of this resolution. Many of the lands that Metro has acquired are in some stage of reforestation and this resolution would authorize the most cost-effective manner in which to complete the work. Because of the success of last year's intergovernmental agreement with the City of Portland, extension for another year was being requested.

Jim Morgan, Supervisor, Natural Resources and Property Management Program, spoke in support of this resolution, citing past success with the City. It has produced savings in labor and supplies, and timelines due to the rapid manner in which open spaces land was being acquired.

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Councilor Washington commented that due to the City of Portland's willingness to work with us, we were able to realize substantial labor savings.

Councilor Atherton asked about Metro developing an urban forest capability, able to provide service to the region.

Mr. Ciecko responded that specific investigation has not occurred, but that he recognized both the opportunities and challenges inherent in Metro having its own program.

Mr. Morgan said it was the direction that Metro should go, but felt that we were limited on what could actually be acquired and reforested on Metro, or public property. In the near future, we could phase into providing a sense of stewardship, including reforestation on private lands, as well as public, by lending expertise, and connecting with funding agencies.

Councilor Atherton said it might be prudent for Metro to build an expertise in urban forestry to care for our own acquisitions. Additionally, he inquired about the use of volunteers and other agencies, such as the Nature Conservancy, to assist in forest management of acquired properties.

Mr. Ciecko responded that we are working closely with the Nature Conservancy in the management of our lands, their lands, and private lands. Also, that the Metro volunteer coordinator was scheduled to provide an annual report to the full Council later in the month.

Mr. Morgan said that volunteers are already serving in management of our properties. Their services and personal involvement are invaluable to our programs.

Vote: The Committee voted 3/0, unanimously passing Resolution No. 00-2883.
Councilor Washington will carry the resolution to the full Council.

5. Resolution No. 00-2885 For the Purpose of Amending the Clear Creek Canyon Target Area Refinement Plan.

Motion: **Councilor Atherton** moved to approve Resolution No. 00-2885.

Mr. Ciecko said this resolution amended the refinement plan for Clear Creek by adding three parcels, providing better future public access, acquiring additional forest land, and better land use control.

Tim McNeil, Real Estate Negotiator for Parks and Open Spaces, explained a map that was presented to the Committee. He said that in addition to providing better public access, Metro property was affected by land uses uphill and upstream from it. There is some grazing currently occurring on up hill property. With the acquisition of this new property, we gain land use control.

Chair Monroe asked if the property owners were willing to negotiate with Metro.

Mr. McNeil said of the three land owners, one is under Metro contract, subject to the approval of this resolution, and the other two are not currently willing, but relationships are being established with them.

Councilor Atherton expressed concern about the grazing practices and their adverse impact. And why we haven't extended our refinement plan at this time to include the northern parcels indicated as second tier lands on the map.

Mr. McNeil used grazing as an example of the impact uphill activities have on downhill or down stream land. There is no current documented adverse impact from grazing.

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Mr. Ciecko stated he was not sure of the water quality status at this time, possibly, if there is not already one, a Department of Agriculture 10-10 Plan may need to be developed. With regard to the extension of the refinement plan, he said it had not been considered at this time, but did have merit.

Vote: The Committee voted 3/0, unanimously passing Resolution No. 00-2885.
Councilor Atherton will carry the resolution to the full Council.

6. Resolution No. 00-2889 For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for Management of Property in the Tryon Creek Linkages Target Area.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to approve Resolution No. 00-2889.

Mr. Ciecko said this resolution provided for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to assume management responsibility for a parcel of land connecting Tryon Creek with Marshall Park, a primary objective of the Tryon Creek Refinement Plan. This is a standard operating agreement.

Chair Monroe asked if there were questions for staff. There were none.

Vote: The Committee voted 3/0. Resolution No. 00-2889 passed unanimously.
Councilor Washington will take the resolution to the full Council.

7. Metro Operations Committee Work Plan.

Michael Morrissey, Council Analyst, commented that he will work with each of the department heads with whom this Committee meets to identify significant issues. A draft will be prepared by Monday, January 24, 2000 in time for Council Informal meeting on Tuesday.

Chair Monroe said there were upcoming issues of great importance with regard to management of our regional facilities.

8. Councilor Communications.

None.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mannhalter
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