

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING) RESOLUTION NO 00-2931
EIGHT ACRES OF THE EXPO PROPERTY)
FROM THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION) Introduced by Councilor Ed
RECREATION COMMISSION TO THE PARKS) Washington
AND GREENSPACES DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, Metro owns a parcel of real property consisting of approximately eight acres of undeveloped property located in the southwest corner of the Expo property and adjacent to Expo ; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That administrative responsibility for that eight acre parcel of property located in the southwest corner of the Expo property adjacent to the Expo Center is hereby transferred from the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission to Metro's Parks and Greenspaces Department.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of _____ 2000.

WITHDRAWN
David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-2931, FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING EIGHT ACRES OF THE EXPO PROPERTY FROM THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION TO THE PARKS AND GREENSPACES DEPARTMENT.

Date: April 18, 2000

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Proposed Action: Resolution 00-2931 transfers management of an approximately eight-acre parcel in the southwest corner of Expo to the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department.

Factual Background and Analysis: The property in question (see attachment 1 to staff report) is part of the Expo complex that was transferred to Metro from Multnomah County via a 1996 Intergovernmental Agreement. That agreement also included transfer of Multnomah County's parks, Glendoveer Golf Course, pioneer cemeteries and Memorial Coliseum.

The eight acres in question are not exactly delineated at this time, and are part of a slightly larger undeveloped parcel of roughly ten and ½ acres. The eight acres contain some wetland areas that neighbors would like to see preserved in an undeveloped state. However, the area also contains some fill, and may also be environmentally degraded due to pollution, based on an August 1990 Report, conducted by PBS consultants for Multnomah County.

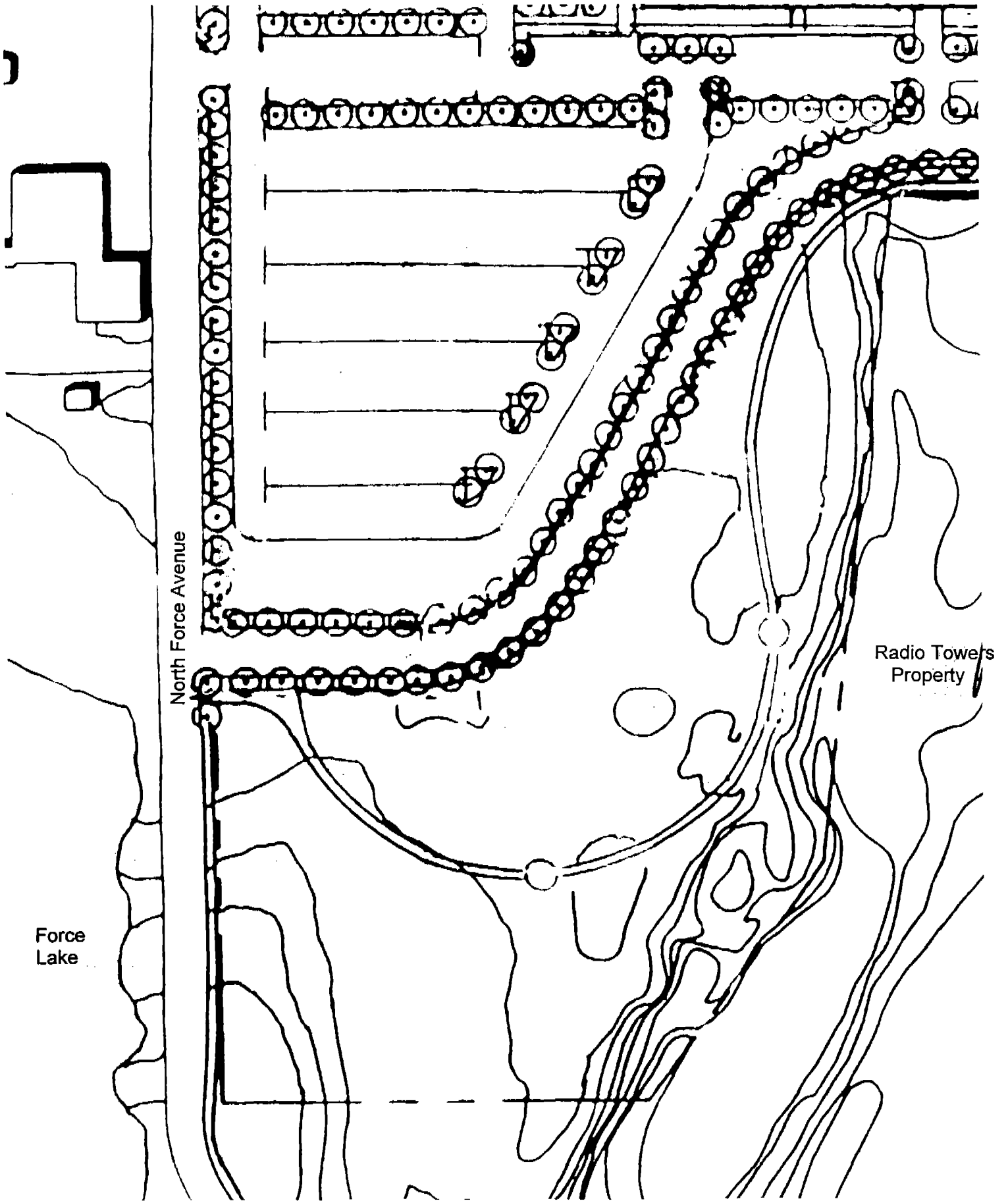
Expo has been considering alternative uses for this property, including its use in conjunction with a small pavilion. However, Expo has now entered into a master planning process for the entire Expo complex, minus a waterfront parcel, that could help determine the future use of the eight acres in question. The master planning process is being carried out according to City of Portland code requirements (Conditional Use Masterplan), including those related to notice, citizen involvement, city staff review, and others. The masterplan process has been contracted out to the firm of Barney & Worth. A pre-application conference is scheduled for May 10, 2000 with the city. Final approval of the masterplan by MERC and the city is scheduled for mid-December.

The Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department may want to explore the possibility of exchanging this eight acres with the Port of Portland for land known as the triangle property, near Smith and Bybee Lake. Such an exchange would allow the parks

department to create better access to Smith & Bybee, in light of the Marine Drive widening project. Such a transfer could include some level of protection for the eight acres.

Existing Law: Metro owns this property, and transfer of management from one department to another is only an administrative matter.

Budget impact: Transfer to the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, in-and-of itself is not expected to have a significant impact. If the parks and greenspaces department were expected to undertake restoration activities for this parcel, that would involve additional expense.



North Force Avenue

Force Lake

Radio Towers Property