

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 06-3731
APPOINTMENTS OF AUDREY O'BRIEN AND)
LORETTA PICKERELL TO THE REGIONAL) Introduced by David Bragdon,
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE) Council President
(SWAC)

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.130 established the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to evaluate policy recommendations to the Metro Council regarding regional solid waste management and planning; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030 states that all members and alternate members of all Metro Advisory Committees shall be appointed by the Council President subject to confirmation by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.130 authorizes representatives and alternates for the SWAC; and


WHEREAS, vacancies have occurred in the SWAC membership; and

WHEREAS, the Council President has appointed Audrey O'Brien and Loretta Pickerell, as member and alternate member, respectively, representing the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; now therefore,

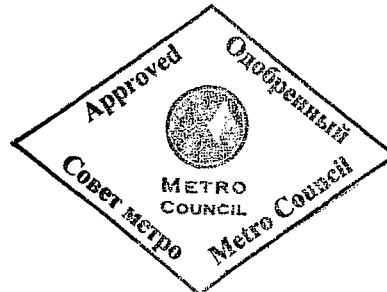
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the appointments of Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Pickerell to Metro's SWAC.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 28th day of September, 2006.


David Bragdon, Council President


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

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STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-3731 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF AUDREY O'BRIEN AND LORETTA
PICKERELL TO THE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)

Date: September 28, 2006

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BACKGROUND

The 25-member Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), representing recyclers, the hauling industry, disposal sites, citizen-ratepayers and local governments, evaluates policy options and presents recommendations to the Metro Council regarding regional solid waste management and planning.

The following individuals have been recommended to serve as member and alternate member of the SWAC:

1. Audrey O'Brien has been recommended to serve as member for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) (See Attachment 1).
2. Loretta Pickerell has been recommended to serve as the alternate member for the Department of Environmental Quality. Ms. Pickerell is the current "member" for DEQ and will now become the alternate member.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. Known Opposition

There is no known opposition.

2. Legal Antecedents

ORS 192.610 "Governing Public Meetings", Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030, "Membership of the Advisory Committees" and 2.19.130, "Metro Solid Waste Advisory Committee", are the relevant legal documents related to these appointments.

3. Anticipated Effects

This resolution is intended to appoint the following individuals for a term of service on the SWAC: Audrey O'Brien and Loretta Pickerell.

4. Budget Impacts

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Council President has reviewed the qualifications of Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Pickerell and finds them qualified to advise Metro in the matters of solid waste management and planning. Therefore, Council confirmation of these appointments by adoption of Resolution No. 06-3731 is recommended.

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EDUCATION

Masters of Arts, Urban and Regional Planning, Energy Analysis Certificate, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
Bachelor of Arts, International Relations, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota

EMPLOYMENT

June 2005 - present Program Manager, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Direct environmental engineers, environmental specialists, computer specialists and support staff to carry out DEQ's solid waste program requirements and provide hazardous waste technical assistance to municipalities, businesses, and individuals for the six northwest counties of Oregon. Responsible for permitting, technical assistance, complaint response, compliance and enforcement and public involvement and education in solid and hazardous waste programs. Supervise and oversee region computer support needs. Responsible for safety practices and building maintenance.

Successes:

- *Planned and carried out necessary budget cuts without lay offs within DEQ's clean up program and hazardous waste program
- *Developed and carrying out plan to reduce solid waste permit renewal backlog
- *Oversee and managing approach to working with generators to safely manage slightly contaminated sediments and soil

1996-June 2005 Air Quality Program Manager, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Directed air quality programs in the six northwest counties of Oregon. Supervised environmental engineers, environmental specialists, education and outreach specialists and support staff to carry out air quality permitting and inspecting of commercial and industrial businesses, appropriate asbestos handling and removal, commute trip reduction programs, air quality advisories during periods of poor air quality, incentive programs to reduce toxic air pollutants, complaint response, technical assistance, and air quality education programs designed to reduce air pollutant emissions and exposures.

Successes:

- *Managed the asbestos program and budget for the state for seven years improving how the asbestos team functions, revising and improving asbestos safety procedures, completing rulemaking to update and improve asbestos rules so that asbestos waste is managed safely to prevent exposures, developed biennial education and outreach plans, and managed expenditures and budget to maintain sustainable program.
- *Reduced air permit renewal backlog by developing performance criteria and managing staff work to meet performance criteria. Oversaw issuance of several of the first federal air operating permits issued in Northwest Region. Successfully issued several very

controversial permits for a steel foundry, bulk gasoline storage facilities, a ship yard, and several facilities in the electronics industry balancing environmental and business concerns. Directed the public involvement process for several of these permits and oversaw negotiation of permit conditions to address public concerns. Used new public involvement processes never tried before to bring together opposing sides to discuss concerns, come to common ground, and negotiate how industry would address neighborhood concerns within and outside of the regulatory requirements. Oversaw staff work providing technical and compliance assistance that has resulted in continually decreasing industrial pollution.

*Oversaw refinement and continued development of Northwest Region's air quality advisory programs to inform the public of bad air quality days during the summer from ozone pollution and during the winter from fine particulate pollution including establishment of electronic notification, programs for companies and individuals, and increased emphasis on informing sensitive populations of air quality pollution levels.

*Oversaw implementation of the commute trip reduction program called the Employee Commute Options Program, affecting 1100 businesses in the Portland metropolitan area. Supervised staff and managed program budget. Directed staff in prioritization effort resulting in focus on the largest businesses to achieve the most environmental success from efforts to reduce single commuter trips. The program successfully achieved the goal to reduce air pollution by 5% identified in our clean air plan.

*Oversaw ongoing development and completion of the Portland Air Toxics Assessment, a modeling project to evaluate sources and resulting exposure risks from 12 toxic air pollutants. Managed initiation of Northwest Region's public education program on toxic air pollution emission sources and reduction opportunities focusing on diesel emissions and dry cleaner emissions. Obtained grant funding for toxic air pollutant reduction efforts.

1991-1995 Environmental specialist and unit supervisor at the Washington Department of Ecology

Grants specialist for six months at the Department of Ecology in 1991 in the water quality grant and loan program developing criteria for grant programs, evaluating and ranking applications, and approving grant and loan projects. Developed criteria for approving grant application and reviewed and approved grant applications for the Centennial Fund non treatment plant category.

Environmental specialist/unit supervisor in the Air Quality Program for four and a half years. As an environmental specialist, participated in rule writing updates. As unit supervisor, oversaw development and revision of several air quality regulations: insignificant emissions rules for the operating permit program, new source air toxics rules, general air quality regulations and open burning regulations. As an environmental specialist, reviewed the first round of Title V permit applications for the Central Region, providing technical assistance to applicants to prepare permit applications, making completeness determinations, providing rule interpretations, researching and recommending solutions to rule applicability and interpretation issues.

1988-1990 Water Quality Program Planner, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Water Resources Bureau

Program planner participating in team responsible for developing the water quality remedial action plan to reduce toxic pollutants in the Milwaukee Harbor and River. Managed one of first research efforts to evaluate if migrating waterfowl become contaminated from short lay overs at the Milwaukee Harbor confined disposal facility or from lay overs in the Milwaukee River and Harbor. The study demonstrated that mallards could ingest sufficient quantities of metals and PCB to become contaminated from short stays in contaminated harbors.

Developed materials and set up workshops and informational meetings around the state as part of DNR's program to support and carry out the International Joint Commission Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

- 1986-87 Water Quality Community Specialist, Wisconsin DNR, Bureau of Community Assistance. Responsible for evaluating pollution control grant applications, approving grant requests and managing grants throughout the life of the wastewater treatment construction project. Participated in development of Wisconsin's state revolving loan fund program. Reviewed and approved grant applications, wrote grant agreements and managed grants for several small northern Wisconsin communities that allowed these communities to remove failing septic systems and build sewage treatment plants and collection systems to successfully treat their sanitary wastes.
- 1984 Student Intern, University of Wisconsin Construction Planning Department preparing environmental assessments for many of the university projects including construction of several new buildings and development of a horticultural garden.

VOLUNTEER WORK:

Chair, 2006 Fundraising Auction for Fruit & Flower Child Care Center. Exceeded goals of raising \$75,000 by raising \$79,000. Achieved goal of 90% parent participation. This 11th auction raised the most money in the history of auctions for Fruit & Flower. Oversaw all aspects of planning and managing the auction event from hiring the auctioneer to overseeing solicitation, developing the program, negotiating the venue, communicating with parents, encouraging attendance, recruiting and managing a committee of 14 volunteers, thanking participants, evaluating and measuring results and making suggestions for the future.

Co-chair 2005 Fundraising Auction for Fruit & Flower Child Care Center. Achieved goal of raising \$50,000 and 90% parent participation.

Auction committee assistant for Forest Park Elementary School fundraising auction 2005 and 2006.

PASSIONS: Children, especially mine. Running. Biking. Hiking and mountain climbing.