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METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 NEWS



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**Robert Liberty
represents
District 6, which
includes portions of
Northeast, Southeast
and Southwest
Portland.**

Farewell and Welcome

Ted Hallock, one of the fathers of Senate Bill 100, Oregon’s ambitious and pioneering effort to plan for our state’s growth, died on December 17 at age 85.

Hallock, a Democratic State Senator representing Northwest Portland, teamed up with Republican State Senator Hector Macpherson of Linn County, Democratic State Representative Nancy Fadeley of Eugene and Governor Tom McCall to draft and pass Senate Bill 100 in 1973.



Rusty Whitney

*Ted Hallock, Audrey (Mrs. Tom) McCall, Robert Liberty,
Nancy Fadeley, Hector Macpherson, October 2004*

After the law passed, Hallock provided stern and steady oversight of its implementation by local governments from his vantage point in the State Senate. I had the pleasure – and the peril – of testifying before Senator Hallock; no one appeared before Senator Hallock without a certain level of anxiety.

In the last ten years I talked about planning issues and the history of Senate Bill 100 with

Ted Hallock on a few occasions. His style had mellowed, but his passion for his state and willingness to champion difficult causes never did. He will be missed.

But just as one soldier in our perpetual campaign to keep Oregon “lovable and livable” (Tom McCall’s phrase) leaves the ranks, two more are joining it.

On January 2 Kathryn Harrington becomes the newest member of the Metro Council, representing western Washington County. Kathryn worked hard in her campaign, going door to door and reaching out to a broad spectrum of people. Her thoughtful positions in support of planning for our quality of life stood in sharp contrast to those of her opponent. I look forward to having her as a colleague.

Lynn Peterson, a former colleague of mine in the nonprofit part of our careers, will join the Clackamas County Commission, shifting the balance on that commission. Lynn will bring her considerable intelligence and commitment to increasing our transportation options to discussions of regional transportation. She will also play a big role in how Clackamas County responds to the hundreds of Measure 37 claims, which threaten the rich farm and forestlands of that county. We are all lucky in this region to have her as an elected official.

— Robert Liberty

Metro Council updates Regional Transportation Plan

Among its many roles, the Metro Council is elected to set the region's transportation policy. Metro does this through the [Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#), which must be updated every four years. The RTP contains both statements of policy and lists of regional transportation investments and programs. The list of proposed projects in the current RTP far exceeds reasonable estimates of funds from all sources.

Metro is currently in the process of developing criteria that would help us evaluate various investments and conducting research that would help us analyze what investment and operations strategies would deliver the best results – from congestion relief to better development patterns, better air quality and other outcomes the region wants.

Another part of this effort is to identify how much the public is willing to invest in new projects versus the money needed for preservation and maintenance of our existing investments.

The Metro Council will develop the RTP along with the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), a 17-member committee of elected officials and representatives of agencies involved in transportation. The final RTP will be adopted jointly by JPACT and the Metro Council in early 2008, and then must be approved by the federal government.

For more information on the RTP, visit: www.metro-region.org/rtp.

Food Policy Council & Metro

From farm to table, good food grown well nourishes the heart, the soul, the soil and the pocketbook. Food is at the core of a livable, sustainable community. That's why Portland and Multnomah County formed the Food Policy Council in 2002.

Through their work in health, economic development, recreation programs, solid waste, purchasing, and urban planning, local governments can influence how food gets from farm to the table and how food waste gets from table to farm. The FPC is working to ensure that policies and actions

are directed toward creating a healthy food system where residents and businesses make informed choices and where strong local market networks help farmers and food entrepreneurs grow their businesses.

In 2007, two Metro staff will sit on the Food Policy Council. Jennifer Erickson, Solid Waste & Recycling department, has been working on food donation and food composting programs since 1996. She has been involved with the FPC since its formation, joined as a member in 2006 and has been elected FPC chair for 2007. Richard Benner, one of Metro's attorneys, has extensive experience with land use and will provide a wealth of knowledge as the FPC weighs in on planning and policy decisions affecting farmland and urban agriculture. He will join the FPC this year.

The FPC invites you to come to the table, get involved and share your vision of a community where healthy food is available to everyone, grown with respect for land, air and water, produced and consumed by our neighbors and eaten with joy. For more information, visit www.portlandonline.com/osd/index.cfm?c=42290.

Second round of Nature in Neighborhoods grants closing soon

The pre-application phase for grants through the second round of Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods program is coming to a close. Interested citizen groups, businesses, non-profit organizations, school groups, neighborhoods, government agencies and service organizations must submit their applications by January 18.

Grant applications can be found on Metro's web site at www.metro-region.org/nature or by contacting Janelle Geddes at (503) 797-1550 or NINrestore@metro.dst.or.us.

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About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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