BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 07-3779
APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS)	
OF THE BROWNFIELDS TASK FORCE)	Introduced by Michael Jordan, Chief
		Operating Office with the concurrence of
		Council President Bragdon

WHEREAS, establishing a Brownfields Program that complements ongoing efforts by cities and counties in the Metro region will enhance the efficient use of land, eliminate environmentally contaminated sites and generate additional tax revenues for local governments; and

WHEREAS, identifying and prioritizing Brownfields in the Metro region is an important part of increasing the developable short-term land supply in the region and could provide significant redevelopment opportunities for affordable housing in local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council, by Resolution No. 05-3644 (For the Purpose of Establishing a Brownfields Program and a Brownfields Task Force), adopted on December 1, 2005, directed the Chief Operating Officer to develop a strategic work program and a draft membership list for the Brownfields Task Force;

WHEREAS, Metro received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of developing and maintaining a region-wide inventory of Brownfields, and prioritization and assessment of select sites; and

WHEREAS, a notice soliciting membership in the Brownfields Task Force was distributed on January 3, 2007;

WHEREAS, the Metro Council, by Resolution No. 07-3765A, adopted on January 25, 2007, established the duties and responsibilities of the Brownfields Task Force and confirmed appointment of its initial members; and

WHEREAS, the Council President has appointed Ms. Gisel Hillner, Ms. Cara Nolan, and Mr. David Pollock to be additional members of the Brownfields Task Force; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council confirms the appointment of Ms. Gisel Hillner, Ms. Cara Nolan, and Mr. David Pollock to be additional members of the Brownfields Task Force.

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ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 15th day of February 2007.

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

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STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-3779, FOR THE PURPOSE CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE BROWNFIELDS TASK FORCE

Date: February 7, 2007 Prepared by: Lisa Miles

BACKGROUND

The Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 07-3765A, For the Purpose of Establishing the Duties and Responsibilities of the Brownfields Task Force, and Confirming Appointment of Its Members on January 25, 2007.

The purpose of the Brownfields Task Force (BTF) to provide guidance in developing and implementing the brownfield program, including:

- Provide recommendations on developing and maintaining a region-wide brownfields inventory;
- Review criteria for selecting brownfields sites for further assessment;
- Prioritize sites for environmental assessments;
- Provide recommendations regarding redevelopment of brownfields sites throughout local communities.

In recommending members for the BTF, staff carefully considered the varied expertise and perspectives that will be helpful to support the efforts of Metro's Brownfields Program. The 11 members appointed to the Brownfields Task Force under Resolution No. 07-3765A represent a range of experience in environmental and regulatory aspects of brownfields, economic development, affordable housing, construction project management, real estate, banking/investing, local government and community development. However, as the Metro Council discussed Resolution 07-3765A, prior to passing the resolution, the Council President suggested that the task force would be strengthened if additional members were appointed to bring added expertise in the industrial lands and banking/finance sectors. Ms. Gisel Hillner is a manager of Key Bank in Lake Oswego, Ms. Cara Nolan is an industrial lands broker with Capacity Commercial Group in Portland, and Mr. David Pollock is the former President and CEO of Stormwater Management, Inc.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the appointment of these members.

2. Legal Antecedents

The appointment of the additional members of the Brownfields Task force is consistent with Metro Council Resolution No. 05-3644, For the Purpose of Establishing a Brownfields Program and a Brownfields Task Force, as well as Resolution No. 07-3765A referenced above.

3. Anticipated Effects

The BTF will contribute valuable expertise to help to shape the work of Metro's Brownfields Program. Identifying brownfields sites throughout the Metro region and assessing the level of contamination of select sites will lay the groundwork for possible future redevelopment of such sites, and thus support Metro's efforts to focus development and investment in existing Centers and Corridors.

4. Budget Impacts

Staff resources for this program will be provided from staff assignments that are included in the 2006/2007 budget for economic development. Grant funds will cover costs of interns; data resource center staff time to support mapping; communications efforts and consultants to complete this work.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 07-3779.