

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 7, 2001
Metro Council Chamber

Members present: Carl Hosticka, Chair, Councilor Susan McLain, Councilor Bill Atherton

Also present: Michael Morrissey

Chair Hosticka called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 17, 2001 meeting were approved without revision.

2. Resolution No. 01-3029, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Relinquish Title to Metro Property to the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services.

Dan Kromer, Parks and Open Spaces Department, explained the resolution, per the staff report, and distributed a map, which is attached and incorporated into the permanent record.

Chair Hosticka asked what a public purpose was. **Charlie Ciecko**, Parks and Greenspaces Department replied that the broad meaning could include low income housing, public office buildings, things beyond the realm of natural resource protection or flood mitigation. **Councilor Atherton** asked how Metro became the owner of this property. **Mr. Ciecko** said the property was tax foreclosed, transferred to the Parks Services Division of Multnomah County, with the hope of being included in Beggar's-tick Wildlife Refuge Management area. BES has become the lead agency regarding flood management in the Johnson Creek Watershed and this property would remain as it currently exists being used a backup flood water storage. **Chair Hosticka** suggested a photo would be useful to more clearly identify the land. **Councilor McLain** commented that the Parks Advisory Committee recommended this legislation and that a spokesperson from BES be present to answer questions of the Council, in particular, a more definitive response to Chair Hosticka's question of public purpose.

Motion: Councilor McLain moved approval of the resolution.

Vote: The resolution passed unanimously. **Chair Hosticka** asked Councilor McLain to carry the resolution to Council.

3. Resolution No. 01-3030, For the Purpose of Confirming the Nomination of Chris Noble to the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee

Ron Klein, Parks and Greenspaces Department, explained this resolution nominated Chris Noble to an advisory seat representing District 1. He reviewed her credentials. The term expiration for this seat is March 2003. Recruitment will begin for Districts 2, 3 and 6. **Councilor McLain** stated that adhering to term limits was important, as amendments had recently been made in the advisory section of the Metro Code.

Motion **Councilor Atherton** moved adoption of Resolution No. 01-3030.

Vote: The resolution passed unanimously. **Chair Hosticka** assigned Councilor Rod Park to carry Resolution No. 01-3030 to Council, as it was in his district, otherwise, he would carry it to Council.

4. DRAFT 2001 Priorities and Workplan for the Natural Resources Committee

Michael Morrissey, Council Analyst, explained the Natural Resource Committee workplan. **Councilor Atherton** stated that he felt that the work of this committee was to bring to Council limits to growth; environmental protection standards and its effect on agency issues regarding the urban growth boundary and the growth report; and watershed planning and storm water issues. The workplan indicates stormwater and watershed planning in 2002 which is too late to influence policy setting for the growth report and the urban growth boundary work. "Carrying capacity" did not have a date on the timeline. **Mr. Morrissey** suggested Andy Cotugno could address the committee regarding the water issues. **Councilor Atherton** mentioned two pieces of legislation he had drafted regarding carrying capacity. **Chair Hosticka** asked if Councilor Atherton's legislation was included in the committee's workplan, it could then be scheduled appropriately for discussion. **Mr. Morrissey** said legislation was assigned to committee at the Presiding Officer's discretion. **Chair Hosticka** asked how discussions were formalized. **Councilor Atherton** suggested that formulating the workplan was the method of prioritizing and formalizing discussion items. **Chair Hosticka** suggested that since carrying capacity was on the workplan, any legislation referred to the committee would be scheduled as appropriate. He asked Mr. Cotugno why stormwater and watershed planning appeared on the workplan in 2002. **Andy Cotugno**, Growth Management Director, said staff resources dedicated to stream corridor habitat program were limited. The habitat program focuses on the habitat along the stream itself, not the whole stormwater issue. Over time, upland habitat should be included, as should the stormwater and watershed planning for the watershed as a whole. It is an incremental process. Metro's role, or niche, with regard to watershed planning has not be clearly identified. **Councilor McLain** said a commitment has been made to understand the integrated elements of stormwater. Watershed planning should be the driving force. **Councilor Atherton** said that in cases like Tryon Creek, watersheds are protected from the top down. He suggested a plan to limit activity in the watershed area until it was taken off of the 303(d) list. **Paul Ketcham**, Growth Management Department, said that the work on state Goals 5, 6 and 7 is a fundamental building block for watershed planning and storm water management. The department has begun looking at what areas function well, what has been damaged and needs restoration, and what type of regional mitigation plan is needed for developed areas. This process is underway. **Councilor McLain** stated the workplan draft reflected the committee's priorities, but also that the timing and integration of Goal 5 work, with the urban growth boundary decisions, is paramount. This work must progress in a timely manner with sufficient staff resources allocated to produce a result that coincides with other Metro issues, such as the urban growth boundary and growth report. She stated that the first six months of the workplan timeline were accurate, but parallel work needed to be done from July 2001 to the following year. It was decided that more discussion needs to be held on these issues at the next meeting. The workplan would then be forwarded to Council.

5. Goal 5 Inventory Map: Paul Ketcham, Growth Management Department, distributed two maps which are attached and incorporated into the permanent record. These preliminary maps (1 - 800) are in the process of being distributed for wide public review to planning directors

in the region for scrutiny and technical correctness. These maps are a compilation of all the current data regarding the existence of streams, flood areas, steep slopes, forest canopy, wetlands, inferred streams, culverted streams, and much more. A significance determination will be made using the information gathered. Points of disagreement will be discussed and documented, hopefully in a public forum. **Councilor McLain** suggested WRPAC review this project, to lend its support, if needed.

6. Councilor Communication. There was none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mannhalter
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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
February 7, 2001

Document Number	Date	Document Description	RES/ORD
020701.01	July 26, 1996	Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Regional Facilities	Resolution No. 01-3029
020701.02	February 5, 2001	Metro Goal 5 Inventory Map, Section 1N3E26	
020701.03	February 5, 2001	Metro Goal 5 Inventory Map, Section 2S1E136	