

## NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 21, 2001  
Metro Council Chamber

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

Also present: Presiding Officer David Bragdon, Michael Morrissey

**Chair Hosticka** called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

### 1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the February 7, 2001 meeting were distributed to the committee members. They are attached and incorporated into the permanent record of this meeting.

**Motion:** Councilor McLain moved adoption of the February 7, 2001 meeting minutes.

The minutes of the February 7, 2001 meeting were unanimously approved without revision.

### 2. DRAFT Ordinance No. 01-894, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Title X, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces, to Increase Park Fees.

**Presiding Officer Bragdon** introduced this legislation to be effective June 1, for the summer park season. In light of the 90-day waiting period, in order for it to be considered and presumably passed by Council by March 1, it needs to be first read at tomorrow's Council meeting. If it passes this committee, the carrier will take any recommendations regarding this ordinance to Council for consideration. **Chair Hosticka** asked how the public would be able to have input into this legislation. **Presiding Officer Bragdon** said at the Council's second reading of the ordinance, March 1, 2001, there will be public testimony. Any committee feedback today is for the Presiding Officer and staff. Public notice of the ordinance will be provided.

**Dan Kromer**, Parks and Greenspaces Department, spoke to the ordinance. He distributed "Regional Picnic Fees Comparative Survey November 2000" and the revised Staff Report dated February 7, 2001, which are attached and incorporated into the permanent record of this meeting. The increases are based upon a fixed percentage. Proposed fee increases were discussed. The last fee increase was three years ago, and this increase should hold for a few years, unless other providers of the same services raise their fees. **Councilor Atherton** recommended the Council approve this legislation. The committee supported Councilor Atherton's recommendation.

### 3. DRAFT 2001 Priorities and Workplan for the Natural Resources Committee

**Michael Morrissey**, Council Analyst, began with three unresolved issues from last meeting: the Goal 5 timeline (July to September), watershed planning and stormwater, and carrying capacity. Carrying capacity in relationship to the 2040 time schedule was discussed. **Chair Hosticka** said it will be kept on the list for continued monitoring, but specific issues would be put on this committee's work plan. **Councilor Atherton** discussed his two ordinances on carrying capacity, copies of which are attached and incorporated into the permanent record of this meeting. There was general discussion regarding carrying capacity. **Chair Hosticka** said upon assignment of

Councilor Atherton's legislation to this committee, it will be debated. Until then, it will remain on the workplan with nothing specific attached to it until further notice.

**Councilor McLain**, said the order of Goal 5 work begins with an inventory, regional significance, the ESEE, and the types of programs that would create the desired result. Parallel work could be done simultaneously with a gain of three months on the timeline. If there is not sufficient staff to do this work, then that issue needs to be addressed. **Andy Cotugno**, Growth Management Director, said the inventory must be determined, the ESEE was the choice of how much inventory needed protection and how it would be protected, and the program definitions chosen. An RFP for consultant support will be forthcoming regarding the ESEE analysis. Goal 5 rules must be followed not to pre-suppose the program outcome. Consultant support would be needed to accelerate the work because of a lack of available staff. Discussion followed regarding the inter-relationship with buildable lands and urban growth boundary issues. **Presiding Officer Bragdon** said although it needs to be completed quickly, it needs to be done methodically and in a legally defensible manner, which this timeline represents. The staff has responsibly framed the work. **Chair Hosticka** said the final decision on Goal 5 would be in September 2002. On the program draft presented by Mr. Cotugno, included in the meeting packet, the deliberation process would begin July 2002 until the revision process is completed, although this committee would be involved throughout the timeline. The decision made would impact periodic review, although it is not a part of periodic review. This issue should be a retreat item. **Councilor McLain** clarified the issue: the work needed to be done correctly and in a manner that would be legally defensible; and the inventory, ESEE and program work needed to be done in that order. The finished work needed to be able to be used successfully and timely. **Mr. Cotugno** responded that possibly one month could be reduced from the ESEE schedule, and possibly two months could be taken off the program development work. The consultation needs to be factored into the schedule. He asked that an estimate of costs and time be provided. **Paul Ketcham** said a range of alternatives regarding the program could be provided at the March 2002 regional conference. The alternatives would be built into the conference report developed in the fall preceding the conference. **Chair Hosticka** suggested the information be distributed far enough in advance for people to consider the options before coming to the conference. There was discussion about incentive options. Stormwater and watershed planning issues have been recognized as elements of holistic review of water systems. **Councilor Atherton** said the moratorium statute is being legislatively reviewed and should include regional governments, who are currently excluded.

**Chair Hosticka** suggested recommendation of the workplan with the exception of the final determination of Goal 5 timing, subject to further information supplied by Mr. Cotugno. **Presiding Officer Bragdon** said amendments could be made at any time. **Councilor Atherton** moved recommendation of the Natural Resources Committee Workplan, which passed unanimously, with further review of the Goal 5 timetable.

#### 4. Goal 5

##### Timeline and Workplan Detail

**Paul Ketcham**, Growth Management Department, updated the committee, since this was a non-action item. He distributed a memo which is attached and incorporated into the permanent record of this meeting. He reviewed the status of map inventory distribution to local governments:

## **Science Paper**

**Paul Ketcham**, Growth Management Department, continued his update addressing the Committee regarding the Science Paper agenda item, which is in the above-referenced distributed memorandum. **Chair Hosticka** suggested the Committee review the information, and bring any questions to the next committee. A few editing/clarity suggestions were made by the Committee. Both Presiding Officer Bragdon and Councilor McLain commented on the excellent writing of the science paper.

## **Public Testimony**

Douglas W. Bollam, PO Box 1944 Lake Oswego, OR 97035, a long-time interested party is concerned about primary protection of Goal 5 inside the urban growth boundary, rather than only in areas related to urban growth boundary expansion. Preservation of as much land as possible inside the urban growth boundary should be explored. **No further public testimony.**

**Mr. Ketcham** continued with the Species list . He distributed a draft species list which is attached and incorporated into the permanent record of this meeting. He noted its helpfulness with regard to the science paper.

## **5. Councilor Communication.**

**Chair Hosticka** suggested a change to the physical format of the committee meetings to create a more informal atmosphere. **Councilor Atherton** was in agreement, but indicated that at times he had difficulty hearing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mannhalter  
Council Assistant

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
 February 21, 2001

<b>Document Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>RES/ORD</b>
022101.01	February 7, 200	Natural Resources Committee Minutes	
022101.02		Regional Picnic Fees Comparative Survey November 2000	Ordinance No. 01-894
022101.03	February 7, 2001	Regional Parks and Greenspaces Staff Report	Resolution No. 01-894
022101.04	February 20, 2001	DRAFT For the Purpose of Amending the Future Vision and the Regional Framework Plan to Fulfill the Charter Requirement to Describe A Process for "Carrying Capacity" in the Region by Bill Atherton	Unassigned
022101.05	Undated	DRAFT For the Purpose of Establishing A Periodic Popular Vote That Sets Metro Fiscal Policy Relating to Paying for the Cost Impacts of Growth by Bill Atherton	Unassigned
022101.06	February 20, 2001	Memorandum from Andy Cotugno to Natural Resources Committee re: Meeting of February 21, 2001	
022101.07	February 21, 2001	Appendix XXX Draft Species List and habitat associations for species normally occurring within the Metro region.	