

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

AUTHORIZING METRO TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM THE OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE PARKS AND GREENSPACES DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE APPLICATION) RESOLUTION NO. 07-3790) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Michael Jordan, with the concurrence of Council President David Bragdon

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and facilities improvements at Cooper Mountain Nature Park in accordance with the "Cooper Mountain Master Plan and Management Recommendations;" and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted and approved the Cooper Mountain Master Plan and Management Recommendations on December 1, 2005 through Resolution No. 05-3643, "For the Purpose of Approving the Cooper Mountain Master Plan and Management Recommendations" and

WHEREAS, grant funds would be used to implement Phase I of the Facility Development Plan which includes the following facilities: an entry gate, a 30-space parking lot, flush restrooms, children's play area, demonstration gardens, environmental education classroom shelter, maintenance building, 3-mile trail system including foot bridges and interpretive signs; and

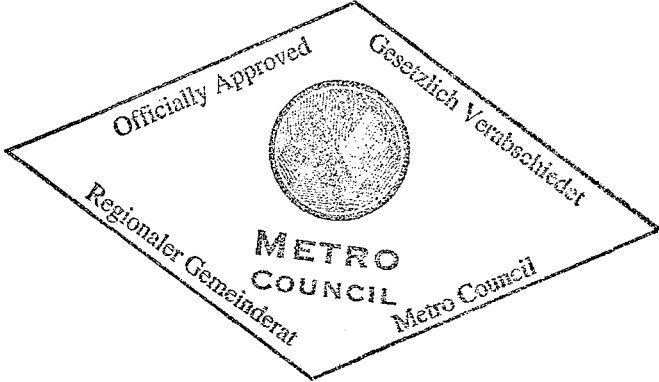
WHEREAS, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces hereby certifies that matching funds up to \$1,300,000 for this application are readily available at this time; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council authorizes Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces to apply for a local government grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for implementation of the recreation facility improvements at Cooper Mountain Nature Park and delegates authority to the department director to sign the application.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 5th day of April, 2007. David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-3790 AUTHORIZING METRO TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM THE OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE PARKS AND GREENSPACES DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE APPLICATION

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BACKGROUND

The Oregon Parks and Recreation budget includes a Local Government Grant Program that was approved by the 1999 legislature. The grant program was created by initiative petition filed on March 11, 1998 and approved by voters on November 3, 1998. The adopted administrative rules for the distribution of funds require approval by resolution from the elected officials of the governing bodies for all applicants. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission adopted administrative rules for the distribution of state lottery funds to eligible local governments, and the process for establishing the priority order in which projects are funded.

This money is to be distributed for public purposes of financing the protection, repair, operation and creation of state parks, ocean shore and public beach access areas, historic sites and recreation areas. Projects eligible for funding assistance are acquisition, development, and rehabilitation projects consistent with the outdoor recreation goals and objectives contained in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and/or recreation elements of local comprehensive plans and local park master plans.

The Cooper Mountain Master Plan & Management Recommendations document was approved and adopted by Metro Council on December 1, 2005 following an extensive public participation process. The goals of the master plan are to provide new facilities to support and enhance nature-based recreation and education opportunities consistent with resource protection goals of the natural area. Proposed improvements include the following facilities: an entry gate, a 30-space parking lot, flush restrooms, children's play area, demonstration gardens, environmental education classroom shelter, maintenance building and a 3-mile trail system including foot bridges and interpretive signs.

In November 2006, the Metro Area voters approved the Natural Areas, Parks and Streams Bond Measure that authorized Metro to issue \$227.4 million in general obligation bonds to finance land acquisitions and specific park-related capital improvements, including the development of the Cooper Mountain Nature Park, located in Washington County southwest of the city of Beaverton.

Upon adoption of this Resolution, Metro Parks and Greenspaces would apply for funds to assist with implementation of Phase I of Facility Improvements for Cooper Mountain Nature Park.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. Known Opposition: None.

2. Legal Antecedents:

OAR 736-006-0125(5) and (5)(k) require that applications “be consistent with the Local Government Grant Policies and Procedures Manual,” which manual requires in section 2.2(I) that the Metro Council approve, by resolution, Metro’s submission of an application for grant funding.

Resolution No. 05-3643 “For the Purpose of Approving the Cooper Mountain Master Plan and Management Recommendations” adopted December 1, 2005.

Resolution No. 06-3672B, “For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$227.4 Million to Fund Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection,” adopted March 9, 2006.

- 3. Anticipated Effects:** If Metro is awarded this grant, the funds will be used toward implementation of Phase I of the Master Plan.
- 4. Budget Impacts:** The FY 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan includes development of the Cooper Mountain Nature Park. The Council President Proposed FY 2008-2012 Capital Improvement Plan and Proposed FY 2007-08 Budget includes expenditure appropriation in FY 2007-08 for this capital development. The source of funds for this development are anticipated to be General Obligation Bond proceeds. These bond funds will be used to meet the matching requirements of this grant proposal of up to \$500,000.
- 5. Outstanding Questions:** None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 07-3790.