

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 4, 2001
Metro Council Chamber

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

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

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 21, 2001 meeting were unanimously adopted without revision.

2. Resolution No. 01-3053, For the Purpose of Granting an Easement to the Joint Water Commission for Non-Park Use Through Metro Property Adjacent to Fern Hill Road in Washington County

Charlie Ciecko, and **Laurie Wulf**, Parks and Greenspaces Department, explained this resolution would provide authorization for the Joint Water Commission to acquire an easement through 481 linear feet of property owned by Metro, off Fern Hill Road in Forest Grove. A photograph was distributed, which is attached and incorporated as a permanent part of this record.

Motion: **Councilor McLain** moved the Resolution with a do pass recommendation.

Vote: **Resolution No. 01-3053** was passed unanimously, with Councilor Atherton absent from vote. **Councilor McLain** will carry the Resolution to Council.

3. Performance Measures (Natural Resource Related)

Mark Turpel and **Gerry Uba**, Growth Management Department, distributed handouts which are attached and incorporated as a permanent part of this record, and there was general discussion about them. The Committee offered a few minor suggestions. **Chair Hosticka** said this should be used as an agency model and would suggest it to Council.

4. Parks Department Trails Criteria

Heather Nelson Kent and **Mel Huie**, Parks and Greenspaces Department, presented a schedule which is attached and incorporated as a permanent part of this record. The purpose of this presentation was to establish a regional trails and greenways plan criteria. The Greenspaces Master Plan, adopted in July 1992, included a regional trails and greenways component and map. It is proposed that this map be incorporated into Metro's new Greenspaces Protection Plan as the regional trails and greenways component, and be grandfathered into the new Greenspaces Protection Plan. **Councilor Atherton** suggested the use of the term "parkway trail." **Councilor McLain** stated the first and second levels were not clearly defined. She said the term "regionally significant" is still being defined in several current documents. It was asked if the Burlington Northern Trail would meet the current testing. **Ms. Kent** said under the proposal before the Committee, it would stay on the map, as would the previous trails by grandfathering them in. The Power Line Trail is owned by the government and PGE, is still there and continuous, and meets the second level of criteria. **Chair Hosticka** asked that in the preamble, the map representation be clearly stated, and how it relates to Metro-invested resources. **Mr. Huie** said the actual staff report and resolution would be more complete. **Councilor Atherton** said a regionally significant trail would not be built by a local jurisdiction, rather by a regional jurisdiction. **Ms. Kent** said the criteria

did not need to be adopted by the Council, as the GTAC recommendation could be used for the criteria evaluation. However, she felt this way was the better way. The Committee agreed.

5. Greenstreets Update

Tom Kloster, Transportation Department, explained the material in the packet. The purpose, through a TGM grant two years ago, was to bring the street system into the watershed thinking, protecting streams and wildlife corridors from the impact of transportation design and planned growth in rural areas. **Chair Hosticka** asked if the design held room for a heat-sink or air quality aspect. **Mr. Kloster** said yes. This is a technical project with local representation, and the sample (in the packet) reflects what has been drafted, and hopefully, completed by June. He used Pleasant Valley as a case study and explained its connectivity, given the many streams around it. He went on to explain the culvert inventory. He then went on to explain the excerpts (included in the packet). The first real draft will be ready May 1st. The handbook separates retro-fit on the major streets vs. new construction on the local streets. He mentioned the May 1, 2001 conference. **Councilor McLain** suggested that when this is printed in booklet format, sufficient quantities be made for distribution, as these types of publications are very popular. A JPACT/MPAC lunch is being planned at which time this will be further discussed.

6. Councilor Communication

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mannhalter
Council Assistant

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF April 4, 2001

Document Number	Date	Document Description	RES/ORD
040401.01		Photograph	Res. No. 01-3053
040401.02	March 22, 2001	Memo To Councilor Hosticka from Mark Turpel re: Committee Direction for Performance Measures	
040401.03	March 28, 2001	Metro Survey to Elected Officials	
040401.04	April 4, 2001	Regional Trails Proposed Criteria	