

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISSOLVING THE)
GREENSPACES POLICY ADVISORY)
COMMITTEE (GPAC) AND REPEALING)
METRO CODE SECTION 2.19.160)

ORDINANCE NO. 07-1157
Introduced by Council President David
Bragdon

WHEREAS, Metro's Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) was formed on January 14, 2004 to provide consultation and advice to the Metro Council on regional park policy regarding Metro Council's Regional Framework Plan, Chapter 3 Nature in Neighborhoods - parks and greenspace issues, goals and funding, and in compliance with Title 13 Nature in Neighborhoods of the Metro Code Section 3.07 Urban Growth Management Functional Plan which concerns the provision of parks and open spaces region-wide;

WHEREAS, GPAC has completed work to define the vision of a region-wide system of parks, natural areas, trail, open spaces and recreation opportunities for the greater Portland-Vancouver region;

WHEREAS, as a result of that work, the GPAC Vision Statement was adopted by the Metro Council by Resolution No. 05-3581, For the Purpose of Council Adoption of Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee Vision Statement adopted on May 5, 2005;

WHEREAS, this vision recognizes the importance of parks and recreation to the region's economy, tourist trade, air and water quality and the sense of place;

WHEREAS, the work of this committee has laid the groundwork to develop an integrated network of parks, greenspaces and trails that will serve the region, both now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Council is appreciative of the committee having fulfilled its purpose; now therefore

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Metro Council hereby dissolves the Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee; and
2. Metro Code Section 2.19.160 is hereby repealed:

~~“2.19.160 Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC)~~

- (a) ~~Purpose. The purpose of the Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) is to provide consultation and advice to the Metro Council on regional park policy regarding:~~

~~Regional Framework Plan—Parks and Greenspaces Related Issues. In particular, GPAC will participate in development and implementation of policies related to Chapter 3 of the Regional Framework Plan, including but not limited to the recommendations contained in the~~

~~April 4, 2001, Final Report of the Parks Subcommittee
of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee.~~

~~The possible inclusion in the Regional Framework Plan of
additional or new policies related to the establishment,
protection and development of a regional system of
parks, natural areas, trails and greenspaces.~~

~~The development of goals and funding recommendations for all
public properties included in the regional parks system,
regardless of ownership.~~

~~Compliance with specific portions of Title 12 concerning the
provisions of parks and open space regionwide.~~

~~Other questions related to parks, natural areas, trails and
greenspaces that may be referred to this committee by
the Metro Council.~~

~~(b) MPAC Advice and Consultation. The purpose of the GPAC is
not to detract or interfere with the role of MPAC. Any issue that
requires MPAC advice or consultation will be referred to MPAC
prior to Metro Council action.~~

~~(c) Membership. The GPAC is composed of a total of 15 members,
all appointed by the Metro Council President subject to Council
confirmation. The Council President shall designate one (1)
member to serve as Chair. Seven (7) of the initial GPAC
Committee members shall be appointed to serve a one (1) year
term and may be reappointed for up to two (2) additional terms
as provided in Section 2.19.030.~~

~~(1) The GPAC Committee membership shall be as follows:~~

~~(A) One (1) member shall represent the largest City
in the region;~~

~~(B) One (1) member shall represent a park provider
located east of the Willamette River;~~

~~(C) One (1) member shall represent a park provider
located west of the Willamette River;~~

~~(D) One (1) member shall represent cities or park
districts in the eastern part of the region;~~

~~(E) One (1) member shall represent cities or park
districts in the central western part of the region;~~

~~(F) One (1) member shall represent cities or park
districts in the southern part of the region;~~

- (G) — One (1) member shall represent cities or park districts in the western most part of the region;
- (H) — One (1) member shall represent cities or park districts in the southwest part the region;
- (I) — One (1) member shall represent non-profit land trust organizations actively protecting land in the Metro Area;
- (J) — One (1) member shall represent environmental groups active in parks and greenspaces related issues in the Metro Area;
- (K) — Five (5) members shall be appointed at-large.”

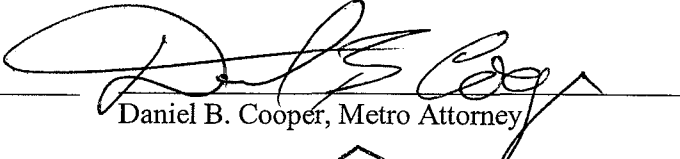
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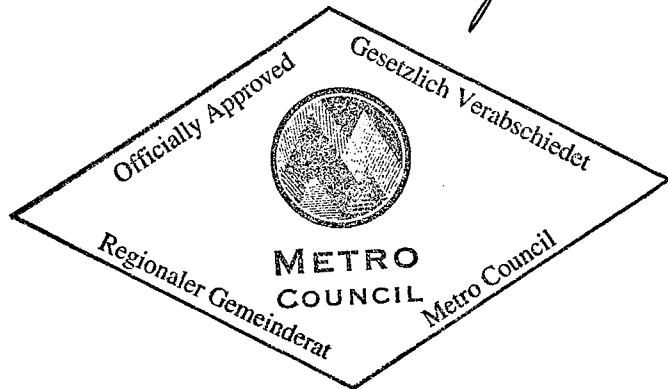

 David Bragdon, Council President

Attest:


 Christina Billington, Recording Secretary

Approved as to Form:


 Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 07- 1157, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISLOVING THE GREENSPACES POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GPAC) AND REPEALING METRO CODE SECTION 2.19.160.

Date: June 14, 2007

Prepared by: Lydia M. Neill

BACKGROUND

Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) was formed through the passage of Ordinance No. 04-1030, For the Purpose of Amending Section 2.19.160 of the Metro Code to Establish a Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee; and Declaring an Emergency adopted on January 4, 2004, which created an advisory committee to provide consultation and advice to the Metro Council on regional park policy. Prior to the passage of Ordinance No. 04-1030 similar work was performed by the Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC) that was established by Resolution No. 90-1344, For the Purpose of Establishing a Technical Advisory Committee to Assist Metro Council in Coordinating the Metropolitan Greenspaces Program adopted on December 27, 1990. The work of GTAC was concluded in October 2002 shortly after GPAC was formed.

The GPAC Vision Statement was adopted by the Metro Council by Resolution No. 05-3581, For the Purpose of Council Adoption of Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee Vision Statement adopted on May 5, 2005 to clearly articulate the importance of developing a region-wide system of parks, natural areas, trails and open spaces. The vision also described the value of parks, open spaces and trails to the economy, the need to preserve natural areas for wildlife habitat and the value to the region's air and water supplies.

GPAC has been instrumental in laying the groundwork to establish a integrated network of parks, open spaces and trails to serve our growing region. The committee has also provided the necessary work to market this system to the public and begin discussions on both completing construction of the network and maintaining the resources that the region has invested in parks and open spaces. Implementation of this vision will be pursued by inter-agency cooperation and a series of short-term task forces rather than a standing committee.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition-** None.
2. **Legal Antecedents-** GPAC was formed on January 4, 2004 by Ordinance No. 04-1030. Ordinance No. 05-1077C, For the Purpose of Amending the Regional Framework Plan Relating to Nature in Neighborhoods adopted on September 29, 2005 and the Regional Framework Plan, Chapter 3 Nature in Neighborhoods.
3. **Anticipated Effects-** By approving Ordinance No. 07- 1157, the Metro Council will shift implementation of the Greenspaces Vision to short-term implementation task forces rather than a standing committee.
4. **Budget Impacts-** This action will allow FTE to be shifted from the extensive requirements of staffing a standing committee (GPAC) to short-term task forces. After completion of the task force work the

FTE will be shifted to implement the recommendations of the task force as approved by the Metro Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 07-1157 to dissolve GPAC and repeal Metro Code section 2.19.160.