

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING) RESOLUTION NO. 01-3100
CRITERIA FOR THE GREEN RIBBON)
COMMITTEE TO OPEN AND OPERATE) Introduced by Presiding Officer David
CERTAIN METRO GREENSPACES SITES TO) Bragdon
THE PUBLIC)

WHEREAS, The Metro Council approved Resolution 01-3088, "For the Purpose of Creating a Green Ribbon Committee to Examine and Nominate Certain Metro Greenspaces Sites to Open and Operate for the Public" on July 19, 2001; and

WHEREAS, This resolution specified that "Council will set the criteria for the selection of a specific number of programs and projects, its dollar range for expenditure and the method of obtaining such funds for the Green Ribbon Committee to consider"; and

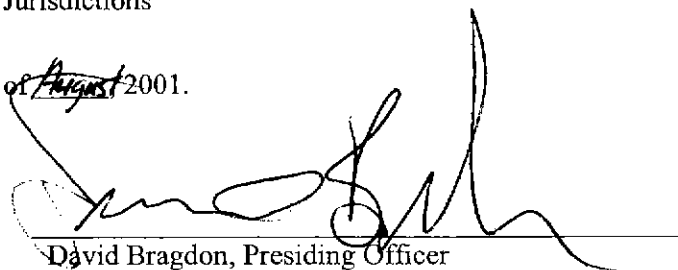
WHEREAS, The Green Ribbon Committee's charge in site selection will be limited to properties in existing target areas approved in the 1995 bond measure or other existing Metro properties and established Council policy relative to the Regional Parks and Greenspaces program, and will not include recommendations for further acquisition; and

WHEREAS, The Green Ribbon Committee will begin its work in the month of August and requires Council direction regarding site selection criteria; now therefore

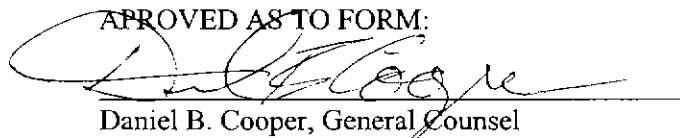
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby authorizes and approves the following broad criteria for evaluation of sites by the Green Ribbon Committee:

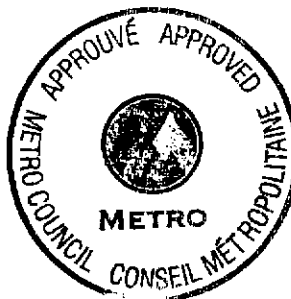
1. Access and Linkage
2. Readiness for Development
3. Public and Government Support
4. Potential for Partnerships with Other Jurisdictions

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of August 2001.


David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-3100, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE GREEN RIBBON COMMITTEE TO OPEN AND OPERATE CERTAIN METRO GREENSPACES SITES TO THE PUBLIC

Date: August 16, 2001

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BACKGROUND

At their meeting of July 19, 2001, Council created a Green Ribbon Committee to examine and nominate certain Metro sites to open and operate for the public. The charge of this Committee was to: a) identify 8-10 priority projects within Metro's existing openspaces properties to provide greater access to the public, operate more efficiently, and responsibly fulfill maintenance needs; b) Quantify the cost to accomplish these projects in a fiscally realistic manner and validate budget requirements; and c) recommend to Council an appropriate revenue source (property taxes, expansion of solid waste excise tax, or regional park utility fee) to accomplish priority projects. This resolution proposes the following necessary criteria to be used by the Committee in its site evaluation process in order to ensure regional balance, readiness of proposed sites for public use, community support, fiscal responsibility, and fit within the regional system.

- 1) Access and Linkage Access to a site should be appropriate for its intended use. Adequate trails or roads, potential for disability access, proximity to mass transit, adequate parking options and an ability to control access should all be considered. Linkage is measured by how the use of one site or trail may lead to the use of other sites or trails belonging to Metro or to other jurisdictions.
- 2) Readiness When assessing sites, the existence of prior planning or masterplanning and the availability of appropriate infrastructure (such as roads or utilities), the contiguity of sites, and minimal impact on natural resources in site development should be considered. Additional factors to be considered include:
 - a) Availability of outside resources (monetary, volunteers, materials)
 - b) Special circumstances applying to land use, such as potentially significant modifications or permitting processes, valuable species or habitats, or life estate agreements
- 3) Public and Government Support History of site support will comprise advocacy, resources, and volunteer work. Documentation of site support by advocacy groups, local governments and local residents; volunteer efforts to improve the site; and an existing or expected site management agreement should all be considered.
- 4) Potential Partners Potential partners are defined as other jurisdictions interested in assisting with developing, maintaining, and operating sites.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- **Legal Antecedents** Resolution 01-3088, For the Purpose of Creating a Green Ribbon Committee to Examine and Nominate Certain Metro Greenspaces Sites to Open and Operate for the Public
- **Anticipated Effects** The use of the criteria will aid the Committee in objectively conducting a comparative analysis of potential sites.
- **Budget Impacts** There are none.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council approve Resolution 01-3100, For the Purpose of Establishing Criteria for the Green Ribbon Committee to Open and Operate Certain Metro Greenspaces Sites to the Public.