

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

AMENDING METRO CODE CHAPTER 2.19 TO) ORDINANCE NO. 07-1163
ESTABLISH THE NATURE IN)
NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS REVIEW) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
COMMITTEE, AND DECLARING AN) Michael J. Jordan, with the concurrence of
EMERGENCY) Council President David Bragdon

WHEREAS, Metro 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,” was approved by the Metro Council on March 9, 2006.

WHEREAS, at the election held on November 7, 2006, the voters approved Measure 26-80, the Natural Areas Bond Measure; and

WHEREAS, the Measure, in addition to providing funds for regional and local share programs dedicated to the acquisition of natural areas from willing sellers, provided for \$15 million to fund a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program (the “Capital Grants Program”), intended to increase natural features and the ecological function and water quality of public lands in neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Measure provided for the creation of a grant review committee composed of no fewer than seven members to review grant applications and make grant award recommendations to the Metro Council; now therefore

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Metro Code Chapter 2.19 shall be amended to add the following text as new Code Section 2.19.230:

2.19.230 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee

(a) Purpose and Authority. The purpose and authority of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee (the “Grants Review Committee” or “Committee”) is to review all grant applications provided to the Committee by Metro staff, to make site visits, when appropriate, to the locations where prospective projects will occur, to score applications according to specific criteria, and to make grant award recommendations to the Metro Council. The Committee may also make recommendations to the Metro Council and Metro staff regarding the grant application, review, and award process in order to achieve the grant program’s goals in the most effective and efficient manner reasonably possible.

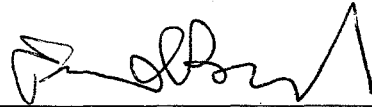
(b) Membership. The Grants Review Committee shall be composed of no fewer than seven and no more than 11 members, all appointed by the Metro Council President subject to Council confirmation. The Council President shall designate one (1) member of the Committee to serve as Chair. Except for Committee members whose positions are not term-limited, as indicated below, Committee members initially appointed to serve one (1) year terms may each be reappointed for up to two (2) additional terms as provided in Metro Code Section 2.19.020. The Committee shall be comprised as follows, with initial terms as indicated:

Background	Number of Members	Initial Terms
Metro Councilor(s)	1 to 3	Two years, not subject to term limits
Metro Natural Resource Staff	1	Two years, not subject to term limits
Water Quality Specialists	2	One for one year term; one for two year term
Fish and Wildlife Specialist	1	One year term
Community Representatives	2 to 4	Half or 2/3 for two year terms; others for one year terms.

(c) Meetings. The Grants Review Committee shall meet no fewer than two times per year.

Section 2. This Ordinance being necessary to better serve the public and to work more effectively and efficiently with communities of interest of the Metro Area to implement the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately, pursuant to Metro Charter Section 39(1).

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 1st day of November, 2007.



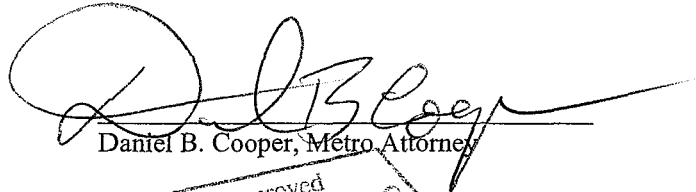
David Bragdon, Council President

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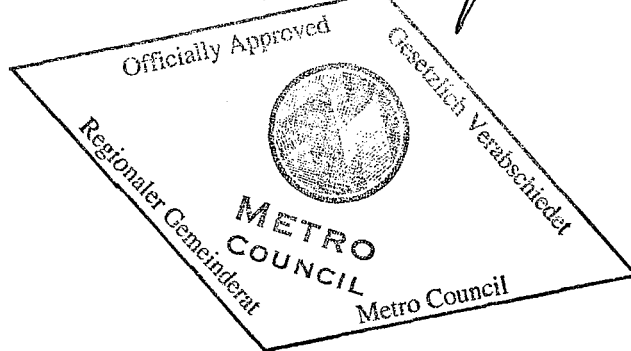


Christina Billington, Recording Secretary

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 07-1163, AMENDING
METRO CODE CHAPTER 2.19 TO ESTABLISH THE NATURE IN
NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Date: October 4, 2007

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BACKGROUND

The Natural Areas Bond Measure provides \$15 million for a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program to provide local organizations and public entities with additional funds for land acquisition and projects that protect and enhance natural resources in the urban environment.

Resolution 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," states that a grant review committee will review applications that Metro staff has screened and will make a recommendation for funding to the Metro Council. The Metro Council will award all grants under this program.

This Ordinance establishes the committee, its terms of service and its members, and describes the purpose and authority of the committee.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. Known Opposition: None.

2. Legal Antecedents:

Metro Resolution No. 06-3672B, approved by the Metro Council on March 9, 2006.

Metro Code Chapter 2.19, "Metro Advisory Committees," providing generally applicable rules for the creation of committees providing advice to the Metro Council and appointment of members to such committees.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately, pursuant to Metro Charter Section 39(1).

3. Anticipated Effects:

By approving Ordinance No. 07-1163, the Metro Council will meet the requirements of the Natural Areas Bond Measure as directed by the region's voters in November 2006. This Committee is required by the Resolution 06-3672B and will be most effective if it begins work immediately, and for that reason an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance will become effective immediately upon adoption.

4. Budget Impacts:

Budget impacts should be limited to staffing of the committee meetings (estimated to be held 1-2 times annually) and producing project summary reports on each full grant proposal received. Metro Parks and Greenspaces staff will assist the Committee on administrative and technical matters as needed.

5. Outstanding Questions: None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 07-1163.