

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 19, 2001

Metro Council Chamber

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

Also present: Councilor David Bragdon, Councilor Rod Park

Chair Hosticka called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

1. Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection, Significance and Regional Resource Designation

Chair Hosticka summarized the intent of the meeting.

Mike Burton, Executive Officer, expressed the importance of the work in protecting the fish and wildlife of the region. He referenced his letter in which he made recommendations regarding regionally significant resources, dated November 15, 2001 to Carl Hosticka, Chair, Natural Resource Committee, which is attached and incorporated in the permanent record of this meeting. **Mark Turpel**, Planning Department, briefly reviewed recommendations from Goal 5 Technical Advisory Committee which were: treat developed floodplains as a secondary consideration; forested areas not contiguous to streams be given secondary consideration; all areas with a primary or secondary rating of the first five criteria be considered as significant resources. The Water Resources Policy Committee suggested that waters of the state be considered as the streams or bodies of water under consideration with the criteria **Mr. Turpel** said it had not been intended that waters of the state include piped streams and ground water, however, there are additional stream miles which could be added. When assessing waters of the state, water rights of the state must be considered. The suggestions will be submitted to this committee in writing.

Chair Hosticka opened a public hearing.

Galen, Pat, Kit and Bodie Russell, 16358 SE Hearthwood Drive, Clackamas, OR 97015 submitted a letter which is attached and incorporated in the permanent record of this meeting.

Rachel Nettleton, 19185 SW Lisa Drive, Aloha, OR 97006, of 5 Oaks/Triple Creek, complimented Metro on its interest in the environment. As building occurs, the floodplains get wider and wider. Higher density can be planned with amenities.

Matthew Udziela, 2431 NW Irving Street, #13, Portland, OR 97210, submitted written testimony which is attached and incorporated in the permanent record of this meeting.

Jill Tellez, 9280 SW 80th, Portland, OR 97223, submitted written testimony which is attached and incorporated in the permanent record of this meeting.

John LeCavalier, 19600 S. Molalla, Oregon City, OR 97045 representing Environmental Learning Center and Coalition for a Livable Future, said his organization supports the Goal 5 Technical Advisory Committee and WRPAC recommendations. When asked by Councilor Atherton, he said the uplands and adjacent and isolated lands are all connected functions. Regionally significant areas based upon the scientific criteria are also regional resources.

James Fenner, 5765 SW Windfield Loop, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 representing Mayfair Consulting Group testified that although this project is still in the inventory stage, water rights, floodplains and restoration planning all should take place along with everything else. The work so far appears very reasonable.

Larry Deal, 6230 SW Chestnut Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97005, affiliated with the Audubon Society, said Portland is distinguished by our ability to work and live among clean waterways and thriving wildlife. He urged Metro to continue to map waterways and upland wildlife habitat, consider streams from headwaters to confluence with other waterways as significant resources, and to include restoration as part of the habitat program.

Joe Blowers, 2050 SW 78th, Portland, OR, Friends of Fanno Creek, submitted written testimony which is attached and incorporated in the permanent record of this meeting.

Thomas Howard, 14320 SW Spaniel Court, Beaverton, OR 97008, a homeowner representing homeowners of Summer Creek, spoke to the targeting of small areas (pockets of green) for homebuilding, displacing the birds and frogs.

Ed Trompke, private citizen and member of Westside Economic Alliance submitted a definition sheet, outlining legal framework. It is attached and incorporated in the permanent record of this meeting. Appropriate wildlife should be inventoried, as well as habitat.

Chair Hosticka closed the public hearing.

Councilor McLain commented that all the pieces have value. The review and discussion will identify the primary and secondary factors of significance. Those decisions should not be made before the ESEE phase of the program.

Chair Hosticka added that at this point, the question is what is the political will of the region, and therefore, the need to involve as many people who want to discuss the issue.

Councilor McLain said public involvement has been continuous for three years. The program phase will also involve public input. In March 2002, (approximately 16, 17 and 18) the growth committee will hold a large, region-wide convention regarding Goal 5, the urban growth boundary and growth issues.

5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

There was none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mannhalter
Council Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Document Number	Date	Document Description	RES/ORD
111901.01	11/19/2001	Letter from Cynthia R. Catto, Associated General Contractors to Carl Hosticka, Chair, Natural Resource Committee re: recommendations regarding identification of riparian corridors and regional significance	
111901.02	11/14/2001	Memorandum from Bill Bakke, Native Fish Society to Carl Hosticka and Metro Councilors re: Metro Fish and Wildlife Habitat/Riparian and Upland Program	
111901.03	11/19/2001	Fax of letter from Mayor Tom Hughes, City of Hillsboro to Carl Hosticka, Chair and Natural Resources Committee Members re: Metro's Goal 5 Riparian Corridor and Wildlife Habitat Criteria Mapping	
111901.04	11/16/2001	Email from Sumi Malik to Carl Hosticka, Susan McLain, Bill Atherton, David Bragdon and Lisa Naito re: Regional Fish and Wildlife Protection Plan (Goal 5)	
111901.05	11/17/2001	Email from Jodeanne Bellant Scheer, M.D. to Natural Resources Committee re: urging protection and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat	
111901.06	11/17/2001	Email from Stephanie Parent to Metro Councilors re: Metro Fish and Wildlife	
111901.07	11/17/2001	Letter from Matthew Udziela to Carl Hosticka, Chair and Natural Resource Committee Members re: continuing with Metro approach	
111901.08	11/15/2001	Letter from Mike Burton, Executive Officer, to Chair Carl Hosticka re: recommendations	
111901.09	11/19/2001	Letter from Pat Russell to Carl Hosticka, Chair re: Proposed Metro Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement Plan (Goal 5+)	
111901.10	11/19/2001	Letter from Jill Tellez to Chair Hosticka and Committee Members re: Fish and Wildlife Riparian Upland Program	
111901.11	11/19/2001	Letter from Pat Whiting to Chair Hosticka and Committee Members re: equal dedication should be given to natural resources as to higher density	
111901.12	11/19/2001	Letter from Joe Blowers to Metro Council re: continue mapping using functional criteria; declare all streams corridors from headwaters to confluence as both regionally significant and regional resources; and include restoration.	

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111901.13	11/19/2001	Summary from Larry Deal	
111901.14	11/19/2001	Definitions for Metro's Authority submitted by Ed Trompke	
111901.15	11/19/2001	Email from Tyson Smith, NW Environmental Defense Center Law Clark to Chair Hosticka re: testimony before the committee	
111901.16	11/19/2001	Memorandum from James Kimball to Chair Hosticka and Committee Members re: protection of streams, vegetation and wildlife	

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