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Carl Hosticka
represents
District 3, which
includes portions
of Washington and
Clackamas counties
and the cities of
Beaverton, Durham,
King City, Sherwood,
Tigard, Tualatin and
Wilsonville.



Welcome Councilor Carlotta Collette

I want to welcome Carlotta Collette as the new Metro Councilor for district 2. She was appointed by the Council in November to fill the position vacated by Brian Newman in October. We selected her from a field of 11 applicants after interviews and a public debate that included questions submitted by people from her district. I was pleased by the large number of people interested in what we do as the regional government, and the level of their qualifications.

Councilor Collette will represent approximately 200,000 residents, as does each Metro councilor. District 2 covers most of urban Clackamas County, including the cities of Gladstone, Johnson City, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Rivergrove and West Linn. It also includes a portion of Southwest Portland in Multnomah County.

Her appointment runs through January 5, 2009. During 2008, an election will be held to fill the final two years of the four-year term. As a councilor, she will deal with everything from hotels to garbage, from growth management to transportation, from natural areas to the Expo Center, and from the zoo to recycling. For this broad range of issues, she will work closely with citizens and local governments.

She is particularly well-suited to understand the challenges faced by local cities, since she served as a Milwaukie city councilor from 2004 until she was appointed to the Metro position. She is a member of the Clackamas Community College Board of Education, serving as vice-chair. In addition, she has managed her own communications consulting business and worked for 14 years on the staff of the Northwest Power Planning Council.

I look forward to working closely with Councilor Collette. Although we have separate geographic districts, the people who reside in my district have interest in what happens in district 2 and the other districts. Many people live in one district, work in another, shop in a third district and recreate in yet another. That's why we have a regional government — to respond to lives that are lived regionally. As a team, the Council is responsible to make choices together that best serve the interests of the region as a whole. We are all in this together, and it takes collaboration to create a high quality of life for us all.

— Carl Hosticka

2008 Nature in Neighborhoods restoration grants open

Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods program is now accepting pre-applications for restoration and enhancement grants. Up to \$250,000 is available for projects in the 2008 grant cycle. Projects chosen for funding will enable citizens and communities to enhance water quality or wildlife habitat. These grants are open to community, school, faith, nonprofit, government and business groups. The only requirements are that projects be within the Metro service district boundary and applicants match their grant request with outside funding, in-kind services or volunteer hours.

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Pre-applications are due by January 16, 2008. After a panel of reviewers evaluates pre-applications, selected pre-applicants will submit a final application, due in March. The projects that receive funding will be announced in May.

Free grant writing workshops are being offered. To reserve a spot, call Janelle Geddes at (503) 797-1550 or e-mail geddesj@metro.dst.or.us. For more information, visit the Metro website at www.metro-region.org/nature.

MetroPaint receives "green" certifications

Metro is proud to announce that its own MetroPaint, the Northwest's only 100% recycled latex paint, received the first ever recycled paint certification from Green Seal™, an independent environmental standards certifying organization. Green Seal approval means that MetroPaint 100% Recycled Latex has undergone extensive environmental and performance testing.

To achieve the Green Seal certification, the paint had to meet stringent environmental standards, including that it contain at least 95 percent post-consumer content, that no harmful ingredients be added, that every batch be tested under strict quality control measures, and that the empty paint cans be recycled.

In addition, MetroPaint received certification from the Master Painters Institute (MPI). The leading paint performance certification organization in North America, MPI requires recycled paint to be sampled and tested numerous times to ensure the same high standards are met as for new paint, such as adhesion and water resistance.

MetroPaint Green Seal certified recycled latex costs less than one third the price of comparable new paint. Depending on the color, it sells for \$6-10 per gallon or \$25-44 per five gallons. Nonprofit organizations receive a further discount. Available in 16 colors, MetroPaint is suitable for both interior and exterior applications and can be brushed, rolled or sprayed. For more information, call 503-234-3000 or visit www.metropaint.info.

Metro invests in affordable housing fund

In response to the region's growing need for moderately priced housing, the Metro Council voted in October to invest \$1 million in seed money to create a permanent regional resource for affordable housing. Championed by Councilor Robert Liberty, the Regional Housing Choice Revolving Fund (RHCRF) would provide the incentive for a variety of public, private and charitable partners to invest in a \$10-\$20 million partnership to help protect affordable housing in the region. This fund would be managed by an experienced nonprofit, community-based administrator and governed by a regional board of directors.

Metro's contribution of \$1 million is contingent upon several conditions, including the establishment of a fund with at least \$10 million in capital. Looking forward, the Metro Council has set aside a period of two years during which conditions must be met and committed partners must raise at least \$10 million.

With the \$10-\$20 million resources, the RHCRF could extend low-interest loans to jump-start the development and preservation of affordable housing in the Metro area. For example, a \$10 million fund could catalyze the preservation of 250-350 affordable homes in the region every two years and could leverage an estimated \$40 million in public and private investments in the housing. It is the Metro Council's hope that this proposed fund will be a powerful tool to help realize region-wide goals of protecting and increasing the affordable housing stock.

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About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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