

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 24, 2008
Native American Youth Association

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Robert Liberty, Rex Burkholder, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent:

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Nichole Maher, Executive Director, Native American Youth and Family Center, welcomed the Council to the Native American Youth Association (NAYA) center. She noted that Portland was one of the largest native communities. She spoke of the priorities of their community and their center. She noted two documents that she distributed to the Council (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). They were also a low-income housing provider. They had a strong commitment to sustainability. They needed to do a better job of letting people know they existed. Metro provided a \$10,000 Nature in Neighborhood grant for replanting areas around the school. She talked about their partnership with Metro. They were trying to do a better job of telling the native story. Portland provided a good opportunity for support of their community. Councilor Collette talked about telling the native community story. She came from Milwaukie and they were rejuvenating their park. They wanted to have a portion of the park focus on the native history. She asked whom she would contact to provide the history around the park. Ms. Maher said she would see what she could do and explained why this information was not readily available. Council President Bragdon asked Jim Desmond, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Director, about how much we knew about our own lands and native history? Mr. Desmond responded that information was spotty.

Mr. Desmond introduced his daughters, Lily and Luisa.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Swaren, Third Bridge NW, 1543 SE Umatilla, Portland OR said Councilor Liberty was on the Willamette Week talk show. He felt the Columbia River Crossing was becoming a great concern. He noted we had ten bridge crossings across the Willamette River. He felt there was a need for more than two ways to get across the Columbia River. He felt we needed a third bridge. He provided several options for the type of bridge that could be built. His question was why not put all of those desires into one project? There had been a proposal for a multi-model bridge. He talked of the downtown Vancouver growth. He said that the Burlington Northern Corridor had been considered an option. This corridor could take care of all of the requests. As long as development continued, you could expect more congestion. He said if we just replaced the bridge, it would create more traffic. Councilor Burkholder said the Columbia River Crossing Task Force would be releasing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on May 2nd.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of minutes of the April 17, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Liberty moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the April 17, 2008 Regular Metro Council.

Vote: Councilors Burkholder, Harrington, Liberty, Park, Hosticka Collette, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 **Resolution No. 08-3934**, For the Purpose of Amending the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to add a Safe Routes to Schools Pedestrian Project.

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3934.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder said this would allow money for pedestrian improvements around elementary schools. This resolution would amend the Regional Transportation Plan and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to include dollars for this project so they can be expended. He urged support.

Vote: Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Hosticka, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

4.2 **Resolution No. 08-3937**, Designating Council Projects and Confirming Lead Councilors and Council Liaisons for Connecting Green Trails

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3937.
Seconded:	Councilor Hosticka seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder said this resolution supported the Connecting Green activities. There was a large community movement to take care of the natural world. There were five elements to the Connecting Green initiative: natural area restoration, trails development, natural area acquisition, regional parks system and conservation education. This would set up a project to focus on a trails program. They were trying to build trails more rigorously. He also explained Resolution 08-3936, which would establish a trails oversight committee. He felt there was a lot of community support. He urged endorsement. He was hopeful to hear Councilors desires. Council President Bragdon said last night was a great celebration for Connecting Green. He felt that the trails project was a good focus. He said this was an opportunity, which required them to elevate their sense of purpose for trails. He talked about trail connections. He talked about federal funding possibilities for reauthorization on non-motorized demonstration projects. He felt we needed to be mobilized to be on that list. He noted that the state transportation package should include these types of projects. He felt Metro was a perfect place to lead this initiative.

Councilor Harrington said she believed that this was a great opportunity to serve on and provide energy for the coalition. The number of long time participants struck her. There were many who had lived in Oregon longer than she had. She spoke of a need for a sense of place. How do you givw more folks opportunities to contribute to their communities? This was an opportunity to

help develop that sense of place. Councilor Collette felt this was an exciting program. She was concerned about how we connect and balance animal habitats with human habitats. She urged that as much as we could when we were doing this work, we should bring in the native stories. She loved biking on corridors as opposed to streets.

Councilor Liberty felt it was great opportunity. He said it was important to be mindful of this as part of our transportation system. He said this was a part of our urban design. One of his hopes was that this would add to city building plans.

Councilor Hosticka echoed much of what others had said. He spoke of the list of committee members and how stellar the list was. Councilor Park said when the words Connecting Green came up he thought of dollars and quality of life. This type of initiative was just good business.

Councilor Harrington asked about Resolution No. 08-3936 and the second whereas. She asked about the phraseology used with regard to the definition of sustainability. Councilor Burkholder said this was a good question.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Hosticka, Harrington, Liberty and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.

4.3 **Resolution No. 08-3936**, For the Purpose of Establishing the Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails

Motion:	Councilor Burkholder moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3936.
Seconded:	Councilor Collette seconded the motion

Councilor Burkholder said this set up a process to make the trails project happen. David Yaden had agreed to serve as chair of the Trails Blue Ribbon Committee. Council President Bragdon introduced Mr. Yaden and said his background included transportation, energy and public opinion. Mr. Yaden said Metro had a terrific staff doing great work already on trails. The opportunity for him and other committee members to serve was truly an honor. He explained that he loved trails. They were ornaments of the community. He believed this project had the capacity to create a new mental map, to create a stronger sense of what it meant to be a green community. It was a great project and had a terrific staff. He was thinking of Glenn Jackson who felt caught between greenspace and transportation. They were doing greenspaces that would be terrific transportation modes. Council President Bragdon noted the composition of the committee. He shared some of the credentials of the committee members. Councilor Burkholder talked about the new mental map of the region. Councilor Liberty provided some history of an abandon toll bike path in Seattle when streetcars began to replace bicycles. Council President Bragdon said this mental map had turned into a real map.

Vote:

Councilors Park, Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Hosticka, Liberty, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 aye, the motion passed.
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5. **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Michael Jordan, COO, was not present.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Harrington asked the Desmond twins to come forward and speak to the Council. She said a lot of the work we did was to help them. She asked the girls what grades they were in and what they enjoyed today. Lily said she was in second grade and she liked to Zoo. Luisa said she was in second grade and she liked to go to her Daddy's office.

Councilor Harrington asked about the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting.

Council President Bragdon reported on the SWAC meeting. He said the Grabhorn folks were going to be making the rounds again asking for money for closure. Washington County Commission had turned them down when they had asked for closure money. SWAC had also discussed the transport contract. The top three proposals were all truckers.

Council President Bragdon talked about the transportation finance presentation at the work session. Staff would bring these principles to Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation.

Councilor Collette said she attended the first meeting of the Clackamas County Committee on Urban and Rural Reserves. People were looking to Metro for guidance and leadership. She felt it was a very representative group. She also talked about the south corridor light rail project and her meeting with Milwaukie community members. She noted the shift in attitude. She felt Lynn Peterson was a great facilitator and that helped with the community interface.

Councilor Liberty said Tuesday night he had attended the Portland Planning Commission's first update on the Portland Plan. Second, starting tomorrow he would be participating in Lentz Design Community Workshop. He noted those who were participating in this event.

Councilor Burkholder reported on a meeting on the headquarters hotel. Councilor Liberty asked about sustainability components in the design of headquarters hotel. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, responded to his question. Councilor Park added comments about the meeting.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
 APRIL 24, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
3.1	Minutes	4/17/08	Metro Council Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2008	042408c-01
6.0	Memo	4/24/08	To: Metro Council From: Janelle Geddes, Nature in Neighborhood Program Re: NAYA Nature in Neighborhoods Grant	042408c-02
4.3	Exhibit A	4/24/08	To: Metro Council From: Lake McTighe, Council Office Re: Amended "A" version to Resolution No. 08-3936	042408c-03
1.0	NAYA document	4/24/08	To: Metro Council From: Nichole Maher, NAYA Executive Director Re: Local Native Agencies Speak Out on Portland's Contemporary Urban Native Community	042408c-04
1.0	NAYA report	4/24/08	To: Metro Council From: Nichole Maher, NAY Executive Director Re: Urban Indian America: The Status of American Indian and Alaska Native Children and Families Today	042408c-05