

**MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, April 3, 2002  
Metro Council Chamber

Present: Susan McLain (Chair), Bill Atherton, David Bragdon, Rod Park

Absent: Carl Hosticka (Vice Chair)

Chair McLain called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

**1. Consideration of the Minutes of the March 20, 2002 Natural Resources Committee Meeting.**

**Motion:**

Councilor Park moved to adopt the minutes of the March 20, 2002 Joint Natural Resources and Solid Waste & Recycling Committee meeting.
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**Vote:**

Chair McLain and Councilors Atherton, Park and Bragdon voted to adopt the minutes as presented. The vote was 4 aye/ 0 no/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed. Councilor Hosticka was absent from the vote.
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**2. Draft Letter to DLCD Regarding Urban Growth Report and Relation to Fish and Wildlife Habitat ESEE and Program**

Chair McLain noted that the Community Planning committee had reviewed the letter at their meeting yesterday and recommended some changes. Councilor Park said he had not seen the redraft with clarification of the Title 11 question that Mr. Benner and Mr. Cotugno were going to produce. Ken Helm, Senior Assistant Counsel, said Mr. Benner was on his way to the meeting.

**3. Revised Corridor and Inventory Schedule**

Chair McLain noted the schedule in the agenda packet and a handout that Michael Morrissey had prepared for her (see copy of *Remaining Components of Riparian Corridor and Wildlife Habitat Inventories Needed for Council Decision* included with the permanent record of this meeting).

Mark Turpel, Long Range Planning, reported that they were working to complete the inventory stage of the fish and wildlife habitat work. He noted revisions regarding treatment of developed floodplains and map corrections. He said there were a number of things outstanding on the wildlife habitat work and they were striving to catch it up to the riparian corridor work. He commented that MTAC was currently in the process of reviewing material and when that was completed, it would lead into the program stage of the work. He noted the proposed options included in the agenda packet may be overly optimistic, given that additional information about unique and sensitive species was forthcoming from the Audubon Society and others, such as the Port of Portland. He said they wanted the maps as accurate and up to date as possible before coming back to the committee with the model.

Chair McLain felt the dates were not as important as being sure they had completed all the tasks. She said they needed to challenge themselves to diligently keep at the work. She asked staff to look at Option 2 realistically, with the additional information and with the inclusion of a cut off

date for information to be received, and bring it back so the committee could look at the dates and see how it affected other work being done.

Councilor Park recalled a different recommendation than Option 2 that would require less work by staff. Chair McLain said she had heard staff say they needed a week or two to decide which options to include. She added they might recommend whether an item was mandatory or optional after they reviewed the additional information they had received. Councilor Park thought they were going for Riparian Corridor Option 3 because of the staff work involved to digitize things. Mr. Turpel answered that they had a methodology and were in the process of distinguishing between developed and undeveloped floodplains. Councilor Park asked about the anticipated future correction process. Mr. Turpel said council had already directed that there should be a process for additions and deletions. Chair McLain noted that there could be changes in floodplains for the simple fact that water changes course. She said the inventory would be frozen for the ESEE process, but they could never say that map inventorying was done. She said the process was set up clearly and concisely and they could continue to refine and improve their maps. Mr. Turpel added that it would certainly be easier to add items than to delete them from the list. Mr. Helm said it was a good idea to create the map as soon as they had as good information as they could get, and process any new information individually as it came through public processes. He added that staff had a good matrix for tracking that info. Councilor Park concluded that if you were not on the map at this time, the odds of being added were slim.

**2. Draft Letter to DLCD Regarding Urban Growth Report and Relation to Fish and Wildlife Habitat ESEE and Program (continued)**

Mr. Benner said he had worked on additions to the letter, particularly with regard to incorporating Title 11 into the second question (see draft included in the agenda packet with the permanent record of this meeting) and had sent a redraft of the letter to Andy Cotugno. Chair McLain noted there had been a recommendation from the Community Planning Committee to send the letter with corrections.

There was committee discussion regarding the clean water act. Mr. Turpel noted there had been a meeting with DEQ last week specifically about the clean water act, to get a better understanding of the requirements, and said they were planning additional meetings to figure out how to coordinate any common issues.

**4. Resolution No. 02-3176, For the Purpose of Adopting a Draft Map of Regionally Significant Fish Habitat Pursuant to Resolution No. 01-3141C, and Adopting a Draft Map of Regionally Significant Fish Habitat**

Mr. Turpel reviewed what the resolution would do, if adopted. He said it was one half of the fish and wildlife habitat protection plan to address the riparian corridor portion. He said it needs to be completed before the ESEE analysis.

Chair McLain carried this item forward for additional committee work.

**5. Resolution No. 02-3177, For the Purpose of Establishing Criteria to Define and Identify Regionally Significant Wildlife Habitat and Adopting a Draft Map of Regionally Significant Wildlife Habitat Areas.**

Mr. Turpel said this is the other part of the “twin document” (with Resolution No. 02-3176), dealing with the wildlife habitat portion. He noted there would be additional advisory committee meetings before they came back to this committee with recommendations. Mr. Ketcham Long Range Planning, briefly discussed the components of the wildlife habitat inventory. He said they were proposing a revision of the scoring mechanism to give connector habitats a higher value, rating them by their proximity to water. He said there was a lot of support for that approach from the technical advisory committees, although there was not unanimous consent from the jurisdictions for even including connector habitats on the inventory. He distributed a memo about sensitive species (see copy of the memo to Paul Ketcham from Lori Hennings RE: *Wildlife Habitat Inventory – Sensitive Species data and Model Score Calibration* included with the permanent record of this meeting). He updated the committee on the process for inventorying habitats of concern. He said they would try to tie the identified habitat to sensitive and threatened endangered species utilization as well as other wildlife species that represent the diversity of bio-diversity of our region in the narrative.

There was additional committee discussion regarding scoring of connector habitat patches.

Chair McLain carried this item forward for additional committee work.

**6. Resolution No. 02-3175,** For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Ron Carley, Clifton Deal, Linda Dobson, Rebecca Geisen, Chris Hathaway, Lynne Kennedy, Joel Komarek, Debrah Marriott, Chris Noble, Lorna Stickel and Tom Wolf to the Water Resources Policy Advisory Committee

Mr. Turpel reviewed the resolution which confirms appointments to the Water Resources Policy Advisory Committee (WRPAC).

**Motion:**

Councilor Park moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 02-3175.

**Vote:**

Chair McLain and Councilors Bragdon, Atherton and Park voted recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 02-3175. The vote was 4 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain and the motion passed. Councilor Hosticka was absent from the vote

Chair McLain will carry the resolution to the full council.

**7. Analysis of ESEE Scope**

Mr. Turpel said a meeting was planned with ECONorthwest, the only respondent to the Request For Proposals (RFP) that was released last week. He said the meeting would include staff members and two outside representatives who would review the proposal and come back to the committee with a recommendation regarding whether to proceed or advertise again.

Malu Wilkinson, Long Range Planning, distributed handouts that would help frame the ESEE Scope question for the committee (see *DRAFT ESEE Process* and *DRAFT 2040 Design Type Hierarchy* included with the permanent record of this meeting). Chair McLain noted the Council/Executive Officer Informal meeting on April 9 to review ESEE issues. The committee reviewed the information contained in the handouts. In response to a question from Councilor Park, Ms. Wilkinson said they had not asked the firms who did not responded to the RFP why

they had not. She guessed it was a matter of timing, or that it was such a specialized task. She said they certainly could find that out. Ms. Wilkinson reviewed the key questions listed in the 2040 Design Type Hierarchy handout.

Councilor Park asked if there were scoring categories that recognize there are things that cannot be moved, i.e. an airport. Mr. Turpel said they were trying to start from basic classifications, but there was flexibility within the categories. He said they were trying to provide a helpful framework to start from. Mr. Helm agreed. He found no statement in the rule indicating a particular weight should be given to any one category, which meant they should consider all of them. He said important values in one category could definitely rise to the top, but the matrix and table were a first step of the analysis, and other data added later, from the consultant or site specific information, could end up stacking up a lot of reasons in one category. Councilor Park wondered if they should address up front any areas where they knew there would be problems. Mr. Turpel said they would want to make sure the decisions were made in a deliberate manner with all the facts on the table. Councilor Bragdon wondered if redevelopment opportunities were treated differently because they had a higher economic or social priority. Mr. Turpel said it was certainly something to think about. Councilor Atherton said the charm of the model was that it naturally took you to the conclusion that it is better to redevelop.

## **8. Fish and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Approach**

Heather Nelson Kent, Parks and Greenspaces, reviewed the history of the project, which is based on the Greenspaces Master Plan. That plan identifies incentives, cooperation and coordination with private landowners as a key strategy for implementation. She summarized reports regarding interviews with property owners about incentives for natural area protection (for more detail, see copy of Memo to Incentives for Natural Area Protection Project Team from Davis, Hibbitts & McCaig RE: *Findings from Property Owner Interviews* included with the permanent record of this meeting) and strategies and incentives for natural area protection (see copies of *Overview of Incentives for Natural Area Protection* prepared by ECONorthwest, Davis, Hibbitts & McCaig and Winterbrook Planning, and *Implementation Strategies for Natural Area Protection* prepared by Winterbrook Planning and Adolfsen Associates included with the permanent record of this meeting). She said the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) had asked to review the study on April 24 and other technical advisory committees were anxious for presentations as well. She noted that the main policy question to the council was whether there was enough interest in any of the options that had been identified by the consultants or some of the 17 options on the list that need more work. Mr. Helm said he had been involved in the work as the Salmon Recovery Coordinator. His major concern was that they did not confuse a fee with a tax.

There was additional committee discussion regarding natural area protections and strategies. Councilor Atherton commented that collecting a betterment tax when moving boundaries had been tried before, with unsatisfactory long term results. Councilor Park felt they needed to move ahead on this because it was a piece they needed in their toolbox. He said offering choices was very important.

## **9. Basin Approach**

Mr. Helm reported that the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Metro and the Tualatin Basin Natural Resources Coordinating Committee was through its first iteration. He said staff had commented on it and recommended changes. He said they were in good agreement about the core terms and needed to discuss some details and get back to the committee with some imbedded

timelines. He expected a second iteration of the document to the committee by next week sometime.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Natural Resources Committee meeting, Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2002**

<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc Number</b>
3	Corridor & Inventory Schedule	3/3/02	Remaining Components of Riparian Corridor and Wild-life Habitat Inventories Needed for Council Decision	040302nr-01
5	Wildlife habitat inventory	3/21/02	Memo to Paul Ketcham from Lori Hennings RE: Wildlife Habitat Inventory – Sensitive Species data and Model Score Calibration	040302nr-02
7	ESEE Analysis	n/a	DRAFT ESEE Process , Metro Council Decision Points	040302nr-03
7	ESEE Analysis	4/2/02	DRAFT 2040 Design Type Hierarchy	040302nr-04
8	Natural area protection project	11/7/01	Memo to Incentives for Natural Area Protection Project Team from Davis, Hibbitts & McCaig RE: Findings from Property Owner Interviews	040302nr-05
8	Natural area protection	8/30/01	Overview of Incentives for Natural Area Protection prepared by Winterbrook Planning	040302nr-06
8	Natural area protection	12/2001	Implementation Strategies for Natural Area Protection prepared by ECONorthwest, Davis, Hibbitts & McCaig, and Winterbrook Planning	040302nr-07
5	Riparian habitat maps	4/3/02	Letter to Chair McLain from Lise Glancy, Port of Portland RE: support of approving revised riparian habitat maps. (NOTE: Ms. Glancy submitted this letter for the record although the item was set over to a future meeting).	040302nr-08

**Testimony Cards:**

None.