

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 2, 2002
Council Chambers

Present: Susan McLain, Chair, Carl Hosticka, Vice Chair, Bill Atherton

Absent: David Bragdon (excused), Rod Park (excused)

Chair Susan McLain called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

1. Consideration of the Minutes

September 18, 2002 Natural Resources Committee Meetings

Councilor Atherton made a motion to approve the minutes. Without changes or additions, the minutes of September 18, 2002 were unanimously approved.

2. Resolution No. 02-3228, For the Purpose of Granting an Easement to Clackamas County for Non-Park Use Through Metro Property on Bell Road

Charlie Ciecko, Director, Parks and Greenspace Department explained that this resolution would authorize the Executive Officer to grant an easement to Clackamas County to replace and maintain in perpetuity a culvert at Bell Road and Mill Creek, at the edge of the Wilsonville Tract. Within the guidelines of policy governing easements (Resolution No. 97-2539B), this request by Clackamas County is for a culvert 92 inches high and 141 inches wide, with an easement 17.5 feet by 50 feet. The department has completed an analysis determining no negative impacts to Metro property. Fair market value is \$200, to be received from the County, plus staff time for work on this project. The Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee considered this issue in September, and recommend Council adoption. Councilor McLain asked for a review of past practice of waiving the fair market value of property for local governments.

Motion: Councilor Hosticka moved approval of Resolution No. 02-3228.

Vote: The vote was 3 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain and was unanimously approved. Councilor Atherton will carry the legislation to Council.

3. Greenspace Update

Heather Nelson Kent, Parks and Greenspaces Department, distributed a packet of information mailed to the representatives of the Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC) for reviewing and updating the Regional Greenspaces Master Plan. This work is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. Responses from GTAC representatives are being received for presentations and speakers. The original legend was updated, and a Clark County, Washington legend was added to the updated Master Plan map to show the continuity north of the river. The planning area boundary shows basin and watershed areas which are outside of the Metro jurisdiction but integral to the plan. Chair McLain requested a matrix be provided regarding planning presentations and speakers.

4. Willamette Sub-basin Planning

Ken Helm, Salmon Recovery Coordinator, discussed subbasin planning. He provided an update on the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (formerly National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)) and Northwest Power Planning Council's (NPPC) work relating to salmon recovery. The Columbia Basin reaches into five states and Canada. The NPPC is responsible to mitigate fish and wildlife damage done by power sources, i.e., dams. Metro is located within the lower Columbia province, number 60. By dividing 62 subbasins into 11 provinces, they have begun implementation of a planning and funding cycle. Subbasin plans are individually created to identify factors that limit the ability of that basin to support fish sustainability. They identify projects to address those factors, and then fund projects that have been prioritized. They have about \$168 million annually, most of which is being currently spent in the upper basins, although there are on-going projects in the lower basins. About \$310,000 has been targeted for the Willamette Basin.

NOAA Fisheries has identified 19 stocks of either threatened or endangered in the Columbia Basin. They are responsible under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to plan for recovery.

Mr. Helm included a letter, which is attached to and incorporated into the permanent record of this meeting, from D. Robert Lohn, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to Larry Cassidy, Chair, Northwest Power Planning Council, dated May 24, 2002, which describes how these two entities can integrate their two planning processes. Both are similar in goal which is a well done subbasin plan. For NPPC purposes, it can have the potential to be a local recovery plan as far as NOAA Fisheries is concerned, being in compliance with the ESA. NMFS and NWPP are trying to align their processes so as subbasin plans come forth, they can act as the local plan for that area. Eventually, this would create an overall recovery plan.

For us, that means NPPC is looking for an entity to lead the subbasin plan by acting as administrator to get the planning done. May 2004 has been roughly targeted for completion. Various watershed councils will be hearing from NPPC in this regard. Mr. Helm has recommended Willamette Restoration Initiative (WRI) because they have a structure in place representing a diverse group of interests. Should they apply, it would be a good idea for Metro to support them. The May 2004 target date works well with the Goal 5 timeline and restoration strategies.

Councilor Hosticka asked about the current status of WRI. Mr. Helm replied that WRI continues to be funded by the legislature, and with completion of their initial work, the Willamette Restoration strategy, are next working on implementation. At the same time, they are working on moving out of the wing of the Governor's Office. They are receiving grant funding which they are mostly passing on to watershed councils. At the end of the subbasin planning process, their plan becomes the property of the NPPC.

The next steps will be a request for support for WRI to do the subbasin planning, and support for ESA local planners who are working on the subbasin area below Willamette Falls.

5. ESEE Update

Peer Review - Draft IGA Northwest Planning Council

Mark Turpel, Planning Department, said a peer review of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection plan's economic analysis is being undertaken. There are four areas to be addressed: urban economics, regional economics, environmental economics and resource economics. Funding has been arranged, and panel selection has been undertaken. The Independent Economic Analysis Board (IEAB) Panel indicated they

were interested in Metro's project, and they have been endorsed by The Northwest Power Planning Council. Art O'Sullivan, an expert on urban economics, will serve as a supplemental member. A draft intergovernmental agreement has been reviewed by the IEAB, and is in now being reviewed by Metro's legal department.

ETAC Update

A conceptual approach came out of the Economic Technical Advisory Committee's (ETAC) last meeting which was presented at this committee's last meeting. The approach consisted of providing an economic scale much like the environmental scale which has already been established. The considerations would include elements like the 2040 hierarchy, the right zone in the right place, and traded sectors or sectors of the economy might be of particular value to the economy as a whole that would have a multiplier effect. Needing further consideration for factoring into the plan are the market value plan of both building/improvements and land, the number of jobs, and the wages paid for those jobs. A more rigorous economic analysis than originally contemplated has been suggested. ETAC meets next on October 21, 2002.

Councilor Hosticka asked what the indicators were for the economic importance of an area? Who decides them? Mr. Turpel said Metro decides by drawing from ETAC and the peer review panel, with the Council ultimately deciding. Councilor Hosticka asked that the list be drawn by group, either ETAC or the peer review panel outlining the merit/demerit of the indicators. Mr. Turpel said it would be done like that.

Councilor Communications

None.

Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mannhalter
Committee Clerk

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2002

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	TO/FROM	DOCUMENT NUMBER
3.	9/25/2002	Letter re: strategy for completing the work of updating the Regional Greenspaces Master Plan	TO: Local Partners FROM: Chair Susan McLain	100202.01
4.	9/20/2002	Packet re: Willamette Subbasin Planning	TO: Mike Burton, Pete Sandrock, Executive Office FROM: Ken Helm, Salmon Recovery	100202.02
5.	9/2002	Information Summary re: Metro's Economic Peer Review Panel	TO: Natural Resources Committee FROM: Planning Dept.	100202.03
	Various	Responses to emails and postcards received both supporting and opposing Metro's fish and wildlife work and requesting placement on informational mailing list	TO: Interested Citizens FROM: Chair Susan McLain	

