

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 16, 2002
Council Chambers

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

Absent: David Bragdon (excused)

Chair Susan McLain called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

Message from the Chair: Chair McLain stated that the purpose of this meeting is to make sure the Committee checks its workplan and make sure we are where we need to be. The Committee will address draft ESEE, although it's not on the agenda, to be certain the work is done in a timely way.

1. Consideration of the Minutes

October 2, 2002 Natural Resources Committee Meetings

Councilor Atherton made a motion to approve the minutes. Without changes or additions, the minutes of October 2, 2002 were unanimously approved.
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2. Resolution No. 02-3234, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointments of Richard Reynolds and Jeffrey Kee to the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee (RPGAC)

Ron Klein, Parks and Greenspaces Department, introduced this legislation by explaining that there are currently four vacancies on the Metro Greenspaces Advisory Committee, representing the four surrounding counties of the area: Clark, Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah Counties. One of the two candidates for consideration is Richard Reynolds, who is applying for a second term on the committee, representing Washington County outside of Metro's boundary. He possesses extensive parks and greenspaces technical background. The second candidate representing Multnomah County outside Metro's boundary is Jeffrey Kee. He's been an active, involved member of Smith & Bybee Lakes Committees, and is a skilled professional with land survey and management experience. Remaining unfilled vacancies are in Clackamas and Clarke County. Mr. Klein said potential candidates need a passion for parks, need to be opinionated, and need to be non-elected officials with a variety of skill sets.

Motion: Councilor Atherton moved approval of Resolution No. 02-3234.
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Vote: The vote was 4 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain and was unanimously approved. Councilor Atherton will carry the legislation to Council.
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3. Resolution No. 02-3235, For the Purpose of Authorizing Metro's Present and Future Participation in the North American Wetland Conservation Act Grant Program with Ducks Unlimited and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Jim Morgan, Parks and Greenspaces Department, explained that this legislation would allow Metro to accept federal funds through a grant program called the North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA). NAWCA allows enhancement and restoration of wetlands. Metro has obtained funds from NAWCA in the past, principally in partnership with Ducks Unlimited. There are provisions inherent with

this grant that stipulate that the land must be protected and the project must be maintained for a 30-year period. The grant applies to wetlands only, and lands that have no use conflicts. Public access is not denied with this grant. Three different projects have already been approved, one of which is the Steele Foundation (north of Wilsonville in the Tonquin Geologic area). The acquisition of this property was approved by Metro Council in January 2002, realizing that one-third of the cost would be provided by Ducks Unlimited using these NAWCA funds. The other two approved projects are, again, the Steel Foundation property, and floodplain property on the Tualatin River, off Scholls Ferry Road. The NAWCA restrictions accompanying the grants are not viewed as significant, since the end uses of the areas do not conflict with the restrictions. Also, future agreements with NAWCA funds attached, would not require further Council approval, notwithstanding significant provision changes. Chair McLain addressed what she called the “blanket” provisions of this agreement. Mr. Morgan replied that it applies only to projects that are funded through NAWCA because of the 30-year restriction prohibiting uses contrary to the intended project use. Chair McLain said that was exactly her point; that it was on the funds, not the project. She asked how project funding is determined to make certain that there are not other conflicts. Mr. Morgan said all possible future uses are taken into consideration at the time of funding, however, there is a possibility of an oversight. Councilor Park asked why matters such as these could not be presented timely to the Council, rather than requesting such broad discretion. Mr. Morgan said there was no preclusion of review intended. The Legal Department suggested since future requests such as this would be made, the provision was added to streamline the work. There was issue over the phrase “without additional review by Metro Council.” Chair McLain stated that review of these matters were healthy and appropriate. Charlie Ciecko, Parks and Greenspaces Department, responded saying the phrase in question could easily be removed. Ken Helm, Legal Counsel, suggested a more affirmative statement regarding Council review should be stated in the document. By Metro Code, all agreements with NAWCA would be presented for Council review. John Houser, Council Analyst, suggested to strike “without additional review” and add “subject to review and approval by [the Metro council].” The Committee approved the suggestion.

Mr. Ciecko stated that the funds from NAWCA for acquisition of the Steele Foundation property in the amount of \$141,000 constitutes an unusual circumstance under the provisions of the Open Spaces Implementation Work Plan because of the 30-year provision stating Metro will not sell or encumber the property, or the purchase prices used to match the grant. Committee approval will be for agreement authorization, and review and approval of the Open Spaces Implementation Work Plan.

Motion: Councilor Hosticka moved approval of Resolution No. 02-3235.

Vote: The vote was 4 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain and was unanimously approved. Chair McLain will carry the legislation to Council.

4. ETAC Update

Mark Turpel, Planning Department, produced a draft ESEE timeline summary, which is attached to and incorporated into the permanent record of this meeting. He reviewed the document with the Committee. Discussions will begin soon at Goal 5 Technical Advisory Committee and WRPAC. Mr. Turpel distributed a document entitled “The Competing Demands for Watershed Resources,” which is attached to and incorporated into the permanent record of this meeting, and which came from ECHO Northwest. It describes a theoretical way to consider economic evaluation. He reviewed the document with the Committee. A proposal will be forthcoming to this Committee which will review approaches from the 2040 design types, number of jobs, payroll paid and the land and improvements, with options with which to rank them. Many options with ranking schemes will be included with an analysis from ECHO

Northwest. Chair McLain requested that the information be brought to this Committee for review prior to substantial work being completed. Mr. Turpel responded that work would be brought to this Committee, would then be taken to ETAC and the peer review panel, and then returned to this Committee with recommendations. Chair McLain asked that examples be provided for clarity.

Chair McLain commented that the draft timeline summary acknowledges an eight month time lag, as far as reaching the program stage. Councilor Hosticka stated it appeared to be more of an 18-month lag. Mr. Turpel said it was accounted for on the draft and a meeting has been planned with Greenspaces staff to discuss possible voluntary measures and possible choices. Program choice discussions will begin immediately with Parks and Greenspaces Department. It is necessary to establish the baseline or current level of effort within the region. Chair McLain suggested beginning with what the necessary program results should be.

Councilor Hosticka asked, according to the draft, if the decision on the ESEE analysis would be made December 2003? Mr. Turpel said yes. The program decision would be made after further direction from the Council. Councilor Hosticka and Chair McLain questioned the date as too far removed and requested further discussion on the timeline. Councilor Park asked about the amount of time it would take to identify the program if the ESEE analysis was completed in December 2003. Mr. Turpel replied that this was only an estimate, but probably the Fall of 2004. Chair McLain said she sees problems integrating this work with the UGB at the rate it is going.

Councilor Atherton asked if ETAC addressed the issue of public subsidies. Mr. Turpel replied that not in a specific way, but comments were made about the influence of public investment on lands.

Councilor Communications

None.

Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mannhalter
Committee Clerk

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2002

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	TO/FROM	DOCUMENT NUMBER
4	October 2002	DRAFT ESEE Schedule for Metro's Regional Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan Time Line Summary	TO: Natural Resources Committee FROM: Mark Turpel, Planning Department	101602.01
4		Figure 1: The Competing Demands for Watershed Resources		101602.02
	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	101602.03