BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF)	RESOLUTION NO. 09-4027
MEMBERS TO THE NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS)	
CAPITAL GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE,)	Introduced by Council President Bragdon
DESIGNATING THE CHAIR, AND APPOINTING A)	
NEW METRO NATURAL RESOURCES STAFF)	
REPRESENTATIVE		

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2007, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 07-3879, "Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee;"

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2007, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 07-3874, "Confirming the Appointment of the Chair of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee;"

WHEREAS, three of the members were appointed to one-year terms and are eligible to serve two additional two-year terms;

WHEREAS, the Metro Natural Resources staff person that was previously appointed to the committee no longer works at Metro, so a new staff person must be appointed to fill that position;

WHEREAS, the Council President desires to reappoint the three current members of the committee, to reconfirm the designation of the Chair of the committee, and to appoint a new Metro Natural Resources staff person to the committee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the reappointments to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee, the designation of the Chair of the committee, and the appointment of a new Metro Natural Resources staff member to the committee, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Cooper, Metro/Attorney

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Exhibit A to Resolution No. 09-4027

Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee

Committee Member Appointments

The following persons shall serve two-year terms, and be eligible thereafter to serve one additional two-year term:

Todd Alsbury Fish Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Sue Marshall Independent Consultant, Former Executive Director of Tualatin

Riverkeepers

Mike Faha Founding Principal of Greenworks P.C.

The chairperson of the committee shall be: Sue Marshall

The following Metro Natural Resources staff member shall fill a position that is not term-limited:

Curt Zonick Natural Resource Scientist

STAFF REPORT

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE, DESIGNATING THE CHAIR, AND APPOINTING A NEW METRO NATURAL RESOURCES STAFF REPRESENTATIVE.

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BACKGROUND

The Natural Areas Bond Measure provides \$15 million for a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program to provide local organizations and public entities with additional funds for land acquisition and projects that protect and enhance natural resources in the urban environment.

The Metro Council created a new Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee in November 2007. The Capital Grants Review Committee consists of 9 members that were appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the Metro Council on November 1, 2007, by its approval of Resolution No. 07-3879, "Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee."

Members of the committee are drawn from all areas of the region and from a variety of technical and professional disciplines, including water quality specialists, a fish biologist, and a landscape architect.

The grant review committee reviews grant applications that Metro staff has screened and makes recommendations for funding to the Metro Council. The Metro Council awards all grants under this program.

This Resolution reappoints three committee members, and appoints a new Metro Natural Resources staff member to the committee because the prior staff member no longer works at Metro. This Resolution also documents the Council President's designation of Sue Marshall as the Chair of the committee.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition**

None.

2. Legal Antecedents

Metro Resolution No. 06-3672B, "For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$227.4 Million to Fund Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection," approved by the Metro Council on March 9, 2006.

Metro Code Section 2.19.230, "Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee," which section establishes the purpose, authority, and member appointment process for the committee.

Metro Resolution No. 07-3879, "Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee," approved by the Metro Council on November 1, 2007.

Metro Resolution No. 07-3874, "Confirming the Appointment of the Chair of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee," approved by the Metro Council on December 6, 2007.

3. **Anticipated Effects**

By approving resolution 09-4027, the Metro Council will reappoint three committee members whose terms have expired but wish to continue serving, will reconfirm the designation of the Chair of the committee, and will appoint a replacement Metro Natural Resources staff member to the committee. The expertise of these Committee members have helped ensure that grant funds are awarded to projects that best meet the goals and objectives of the Natural Areas Bond Measure.

4. **Budget Impacts**

There are no budget impacts.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 09-4027.