

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 09-4046  
REAPPOINTMENT OF PRE-EXISTING MEMBERS )  
AND THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO ) Introduced by Council  
THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM ) President David L. Bragdon  
PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE )

WHEREAS, the Metro Code Chapter 2.19 establishes the Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee (the "Committee"); and

WHEREAS, the initial terms of several of the Committee members expired June 30, 2009; and

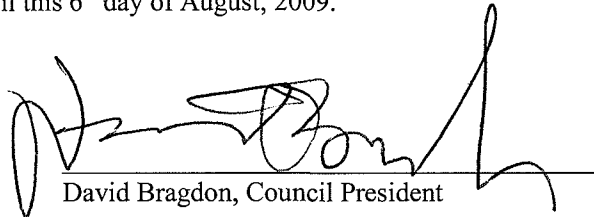
WHEREAS, Peter Krainock has expressed his willingness to continue serving as chair of the Committee, but only for one more year at which point he will leave the Committee due to other volunteer commitments; and

WHEREAS, the Council President has reappointed several members for additional full two-year terms, one member to an additional one-year term, and appointed several new members to full two-year terms as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to confirm these reappointments and appointments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the reappointments and appointments to the Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

  
David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:

  
Daniel Cooper, Metro Attorney



**Exhibit A to Resolution No. 09-4046**

**Natural Areas Program  
Performance Oversight Committee**

**Member Reappointments**

The following persons each are reappointed to serve a two-year term from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2011, their final term of eligibility for consecutive service on this Committee:

Linda Craig

Rocky Dixon

The following person is reappointed to serve a one-year term from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2010, during which time he shall serve as Committee chair:

Peter Krainock

**New Member Appointments**

The following persons each are appointed to serve a two-year term from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2011, and shall be eligible thereafter to serve one additional two-year term:

Steve Yarosh; Mr. Yarosh is a real estate broker and attorney. He was an Assistant U.S. Attorney and federal prosecutor and served as a lead trial attorney in the Waco, Texas case involving the Branch Davidians. He also represented the City of Chicago, where he investigated civil rights cases. While in Chicago, Steve led a fight to save a neighborhood park. Steve has taught business, accounting and law at the college level, and also served as a federal comptroller, contracting officer and budget officer with the U.S Navy. Steve served on board the battleship U.S.S. New Jersey for three years, and with the United Nations Peacekeeping Force for Beirut, Lebanon for one year.

Dietra Stivahtis: Ms. Stivahtis is Vice President of the Commercial Division of Fidelity National Title Insurance Company. She has been with Fidelity for over 14 years, participating in thousands of successful real estate transactions. She chairs the Commercial Association of Realtors' Community Service Committee and is active in the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties.

Norman Penner: Mr. Penner served the U.S. Air Force for 22 years, retiring as a Lt. Colonel in the Medical Services Corps. He then joined the staff of the American Psychiatric Association as the director of a utilization and quality assurance program. Now retired, he is active in the Friends of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge and has served several terms as a Commissioner on the Tigard Water District Board. He has a Master's in Public Health from Yale University's medical school.

Tricia Martin: Ms. Martin recently received her Master of Fine Arts degree at the Pacific Northwest College of Art. She manages "Pietopia" and related events which connect the public's awareness of what we eat to what is produced in the landscapes which surround the city. Her undergraduate degree is in the field of city and regional planning.

Sindy M. Maher: Ms. Maher is a real estate attorney specializing in assisting buyers and sellers in sales, purchases and exchange transactions. Prior to law school she worked in commercial and residential property management.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 09-4046, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PRE-EXISTING MEMBERS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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## **BACKGROUND**

The 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure included a provision for the establishment of a citizen oversight committee in order to review and suggest improvements to the administration and implementation of the Natural Areas Program. Members of the committee have two year terms, some of which expire at the end of June in odd numbered years and some of which expire at the end of June in even-numbered years. This resolution confirms the reappointment of several members who served on the Committee during the previous years and are willing to serve new terms and confirms the appointment of several new members who would begin new terms.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Metro Council and the citizens of the region outside third party review that will help the region achieve the best results for clean water, fish and wildlife, and future generations. Specifically, the Committee will review program performance and report to the Metro Council regarding the program's progress in implementing the strategies, goals and objectives approved by the Metro Council for property acquisition and protection in each of the 27 target areas, as described in Council-approved refinement plans, local share projects and the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program. In addition, the Committee may make recommendations regarding the Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan to improve program efficiency, administration and performance.

Members of the Committee are drawn from all areas of the region and from a variety of technical and professional disciplines, including finance, auditing, accounting, real estate, banking and law. Committee members share their technical and professional expertise to ensure that expenditure of the bond measure satisfies the requirements of the program.

Metro staff assist the Committee as necessary. Staff performs such duties as making technical presentations and preparing reports to the committee, coordinating and staffing meetings and drafting an annual report for the Committee's consideration and adoption.

The Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee has met several times over the past two years and produced their first annual report in the fall of 2008. They have divided the program into elements so that members may immerse in specific program areas to develop meaningful recommendations. Thus far they have led staff in development of a new regional acquisition performance measurement system and advised on the Capital Grants Program. They will be presenting a second annual report in Fall 2009.

## **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 March 9, 2006

Metro Code Chapter 2.19, "Metro Advisory Committees," providing generally applicable rules for the creation of committees providing advice to the Metro Council and appointment of members to such committees

Ordinance 07-1155A, Amending Metro code chapter 2.19 to establish the Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee, and declaring an emergency, approved May 31, 2007

Resolution 07-3817, Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee, approved May 31, 2007

Resolution 08-3953, Confirming the Re-appointment of Members to the Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee, approved June 26, 2008

3. **Anticipated Effects**

By approving Resolution No. 09-4046, the Metro Council will reappoint some members and appoint new members to a committee as directed by the region's voters in November 2006. The expertise of the Committee will help ensure that the funds voters have authorized provide the greatest possible benefit to the region.

4. **Budget Impacts**

Staff time to staff the committee meetings and prepare reports.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Council President recommends adoption of Resolution 09-4046.

Kay Hutchinson: Ms. Hutchinson is Director of Programs for Reach Community Development Inc., which develops, manages and owns apartment buildings and commercial properties. Her past experience includes financial development and tenant relations.

John Esler: Mr. Esler is Project Manager for Hydro Licensing for Portland General Electric. He leads the company's riparian natural area restoration programs in watersheds such as the Sandy River and Clackamas River and is involved in managing some of the company's land holdings.

Christine Dupres: Ms. Dupres is Sustainability Officer for the Native American Youth and Family Center (N.A.Y.A.). She earned a Ph.D. in Folklore from the University of Pennsylvania, and her career has included work as a film documentarian, writer and fundraiser. The N.A.Y.A. Center is located near Whitaker Ponds and the Columbia Slough and the organization has plans to help restore those natural areas.

Bridget Cooke: Ms. Cooke is Executive Director of Adelante Mujeres, an organization dedicated to the education and empowerment of low-income Latina women in the Tualatin Valley. In addition to providing job training and leadership development, Adelante Mujeres manages the Forest Grove Farmers' Market.

Dean N. Alterman: Mr. Alterman has practiced real estate and land use law in Oregon for the past twenty years. Prior to practicing law he spent eight years as a real estate agent. He has served three terms as the chair of a County Planning Commission. His other civic involvements include being the current President-elect of the Japanese Garden Society of Oregon.