

GREENSPACES POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 2006 Meeting

DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2006
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Metro Regional Center, Room 501

AGENDA

Discussion of Work Plan for 2006 including interim deadlines and projects for Metro Council

COMMITTEE MEMBERS HOMEWORK

Prior to this meeting, please review the GPAC Vision and four Task Force scopes of work. *

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January 24, 2006

Dear Members of GPAC:

I want to extend my best wishes to all of you for a productive 2006 and I wish to thank you for your sincere work during 2005, particularly the task forces which concluded last summer. The vision for a regional system of parks and greenspaces that you have crafted is exciting. We would like you to now take the next tangible steps toward formulating how such a vision would be manifested in institutional and financial terms.

Two areas of your scope are particularly timely now, where I would like you to focus your efforts in 2006:

First, the institutional relationships. Today we have a patchwork of public lands, managed in a fragmented fashion. While we all respect local variations, and indeed want to enhance variation and innovation across the region, I think we all agree that more collaboration among providers would be mutually beneficial. We know, for example, that models in St. Louis and the Twin Cities may be worthy of emulation, just to cite two examples. In whatever format, my feeling is that new levels of institutional collaboration could improve our network and service to our citizens. I ask that in 2006 you work with parks and greenspaces providers and interested parties in the region to identify optimal variations of such collaboration. What system of institutional relationships will be required to support a more rational regional system of parks and greenspaces?

You should not hesitate to help us answer a related question to which I do not have a pre-ordained answer: what is the proper role of the Metro Council, which now owns over 10,000 acres of land, and would acquire more if the ballot measure is successful? Should the Metro Council continue to be a provider in one part of the region (Blue Lake and Oxbow) but not in others? Or should Metro Council lands be managed by other jurisdictions? Should the Metro Council provide technical services, and be a conduit for regional funds, at least to those jurisdictions which are today providing *de facto* regional parks without regional remuneration? These are samples of the questions you should help us consider.

Secondly, finance. The Metro Council's recent population projections show 1.1 million more people in the region by 2030, a rate of growth that far exceeds the rate projected when we developed the region 2040 plan in the 1990s.

Maintaining and operating our parks, natural areas, trails and other important elements of our regional landscape is an important challenge as the population grows and we seek to maintain our quality of life. Funding levels are already inadequate, and the situation will worsen dramatically as we add more than a million new residents to the region. This

problem transcends individual jurisdictional boundaries. It is an issue in Gresham as it is in Forest Grove, as much a problem for Tigard as it is for Troutdale.

Accordingly, I ask that in 2006 you continue the work to quantify that need, particularly in the operations and maintenance area. Obviously, this work links to the first assignment I suggested, which pertains to proper institutional roles which may lead to the optimization of efficient service delivery. Better coordination and leveraging of existing resources, as well as identifying potential new sources of funds, may be parts of the answer.

Your 2005 vision task forces explored, preliminarily, some of these issues and laid a solid foundation for further work. Given the urgency of these challenges, it is my hope that you can forward recommendations on both of these issues to the Metro Council by the end of 2006.

I regret not being able to attend your January 26 meeting but look forward to seeing you another time soon. On behalf of the Metro Council, thank you for the work you are doing on these important issues.

Sincerely,

David Bragdon

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B.2	Dan Zinzer	<i>Park providers <u>east of the Willamette River</u></i>	January 23, 2006	two years	
C.3	Dick Schouten	<i>Park providers <u>west of the Willamette River</u></i>	January 15, 2004	two years	January 15, 2006
D.4	Ernie Drapela	<i>Park providers in <u>eastern part of region</u></i>	January 15, 2004 January 13, 2005	one year + one year	January 15, 2005 January 13, 2006
E.5	John Griffiths	<i>Park providers in <u>central western part of region</u></i>	January 15, 2004	two years	January 15, 2006
F.6	Scott Burgess	<i>Park providers in <u>southern part of region</u></i>	January 13, 2005	one year	January 13, 2006
F.6	Doug Neeley	<i>Park providers in <u>southern part of region</u></i>	January 15, 2004	one year	Term ended January 15, 2005
G.7	Mike Sykes	<i>Park providers in <u>western most part of region</u></i>	January 23, 2006	two years	
H.8	Kim Gilmer	<i>Park providers in <u>southwest part of region</u></i>	January 15, 2004 January 13, 2005	one year + one year	January 15, 2005 January 13, 2006
I.9	Tim Raphael	<i>Non-profit land trust organizations</i>	January 15, 2004	two years	Resigned August 19, 2004
(orig L.12)	Esther Lev	<i>Originally citizen representative Changed position mid-term</i>	<i>January 15, 2004</i>	<i>one year</i>	<i>January 15, 2005</i>
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K.11	Chris Noble	<i>Citizen representative</i>	January 15, 2004	two years	Resigned August 19, 2004
K.11	Thanh Q Vu	<i>Citizen representative</i>	August 19, 2004	two years	Resigned January 13, 2005
L.12	Sue Marshall	<i>Citizen representative</i>	April 28, 2005	one year	April 28, 2006
L.12	Jill Zanger	<i>Citizen representative</i>	August 19, 2004; Extended in error January 13, 2005	one year +one year	August 19, 2005 August 19, 2006 Resigned April 28, 2005
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