
**Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area
Management Committee**

Larry Devroy, Chair



METRO

600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Smith and Bybee Wetlands Management Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2006
Metro Regional Center, 600 N E Grand Ave., Room 270
Portland, Oregon 97232

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions	(Devroy)	5:30 – 5:35 pm
NRMP review – Recreation	(All)	5:35 – 6:20 pm
Updates		6:20 – 6:30 pm
Adjourn		6:30 pm

Summary Meeting Notes
Smith and Bybee Wetlands Management Committee
August 22, 2006

In Attendance:

Larry Devroy (Chair) *	Port of Portland
Brenda Hanke *	St. John's Neighborhood Assn.
Dan Kromer *	Metro
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Parks & Recreation
Vickie Eldredge	Metro Parks – Committee Recorder
Susan Barnes*	OR Dept of Fish & Wildlife
Pam Arden*	40-Mile Loop Trail
Susan Barthel	Portland BES (Sitting in for Nancy Hendrickson*)

* Denotes voting SBWMC member

Welcome and call to order at 5:44 pm

NRMP Review – (continuation)

Elaine Stewart was unable to attend due to an illness, but she wanted to pass along a few ideas that will help the group complete the recreational review. Elaine feels that the committee's work has succeeded in showing a good list of examples of what is appropriate and what is not. We have developed the recreational activity matrix to help us breakdown the activities into compatible or non-compatible uses/activities with the NRMP. The work is just missing an overview statement to frame the issue and provide context. The committee needs to provide that context – whether as a series of phrases that she can tie into a statement for it, or as a fully word-smith statement. The NRMP may be helpful in suggesting some of the concepts for the overview/framework. For example, one of the policies refers to how obtrusive an activity's – this could be one of the cornerstones of the statement. Elaine will be happy to weave the committee's ideas into a brief statement that can be reviewed and accepted at the October meeting.

It was discussed that we need to come up with a revised statement to reflect new activities. The revised statement will help us frame the issues. The list is much larger than the original plan. Many activities fall above or below the lines of being compatible and non-compatible. The existing NRMP is 16 years old and is out dated. The City of Portland and Metro Regional Government adopted the NRMP in 1990 as an ordinance. The Goal of the NRMP state that the lakes “will be maintained and enhanced to the extent possible, in a manner that if faithful to their original natural condition.” It has been a difficult process because there are so many more recreational activities that the

general public participates in. We have to determine which ones comply with the goals and purposes of the wetlands and which ones do not. As a committee we can submit our recommendations in updating the policy for the NRMP and we need it to reflect the mission and purpose of the Natural wetland area.

Some questions came up during this meeting concerning the revision process. How long will the new revised statement be in effect? What is the land use, revision process? Dan explained that we first have to come up with something, (a revision) and then meet with the Planning Bureau and ask them does this warrant an amendment process or what, you tell us. The Portland Planning Commission is the highest level of review and it also goes through the Portland City Council and Metro Council. It is a big undertaking to revise a management plan and the cost could be high depending on the level of review. How are our recommendations going to be put into the NRMP?

Jim Sjulín proposed a motion for the committee:

We ask that Metro staff and representatives of the committee, (those members who want to participate), meet with the Planning Bureau to talk this through to determine what we need to do to update the NRMP. What kind of process or vehicle to use to articulate the revision, or update. This meeting would clarify what the process and level of review is necessary to revise or refine the NRMP at Smith and Bybee.

There were no objections. Susan Barnes - 2nd the motion.

Updates

Dan Kromer updated the Committee on the North Slough Bridge Feasibility Study. Metro received 2 proposals and selection should happen by the 1st week of Sept. The study, alternative cost estimates and recommendation will be done by the end of February.

6:45 pm Meeting adjourned.