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**Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area
Management Committee**
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Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2005
NOTE THE MEETING DATE CHANGE

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Room 270
Portland, Oregon 97232

AGENDA

Welcome, introductions	(Opdyke)	5:30 - 5:35 pm
Review/Approve Feb. meeting notes	(Opdyke)	5:35 – 5:40 pm
NRMP review – Objectives	(Opdyke, Stewart)	5:40 – 6:20 pm
Updates	(All)	6:20 – 6:30 pm
Adjourn		6:30 pm

**Summary Meeting Notes
Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee
March 29, 2005**

In attendance:

Troy Clark, Vice Chair *	Portland Audubon Society
Pam Arden *	40-Mile Loop Land Trust
Brenda Hanke *	St. Johns Neighborhood Assn
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Jim Morgan *	Metro
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation
Dale Svart *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Dan Kromer	Metro Parks – Willamette District Manager
Elaine Stewart	Metro Parks – Natural Resource Scientist
Pat Sullivan	Metro Parks
Paul Vandenberg	Metro Solid Waste & Recycling

* denotes voting SBLMC member

Troy Clark, Vice Chair of the Management Committee, presided over the meeting in the absence of Chair Patt Opdyke.

Consideration of February 22, 2005 meeting notes

Without a quorum of members present, consideration of the February meeting notes was tabled until the necessary number was present.

Natural Resources Management Plan – review and discussion of objectives

During the previous meeting, the goal statement and objectives on pages 9 and 10 of the Management Plan were reviewed. Two sentences were considered for deletion from the goal statement:

- “Smith Lake and the adjacent uplands will be the principal location for recreational activities.”
- “Bybee Lake will be left accessible.”

Troy Clark requested a version of the statement be drawn up with those tentative deletions. Elaine Stewart will supply that for the April meeting.

Elaine reminded the committee that the “assignment” for this March meeting was to describe any gaps seen in the objectives but not to focus on word-smithing at this point. Committee members raised concerns and issues that they thought should be addressed in this assessment process. Following are some highlights of that discussion:

Suggestion: **Objective #1** to control water level, etc. might include the phrase “. . . to return to natural hydrology as much as possible”.

Question: In the reference to “Columbia River floodplain wetlands” in **Objective #2**, could there

be a reference to Columbia River historical habitat such as upland, wetland, or open water meadow habitat? Is there a generic but inclusive reference that could be used?

Question: Does **Objective #3** referring to water quality include stormwater?

Suggestion: Add the Regional Trail System to **Objective #7**.

Observation: The Metropolitan Wildlife System Project and the Regional Natural Areas Program described in **Objective #7** have been replaced by other similar programs.

Question: What is the definition of “passive recreation” as mentioned in **Objective #8**? What are examples? Reference was made to the Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for possible definition. Elaine will try to locate the document for the next meeting.

Observation: **Objective #11** has been met, i.e., to buy all the private inholdings possible in the wildlife area. Most that have been available have now been acquired. The last two remaining property owners are aware of the Council’s objective.

Suggestion: **Objective #11** Leave as a placeholder because of the two remaining properties.

Observation: Referring to **Objective #12**, the mechanism by which coordination and cooperation between property owners happens in the wildlife area is the NRMP, which is City (of Portland) code and Metro ordinance.

Observation: **Objective #12** is one which has not been fully met.

Suggestion: Referring to **Objective #12**, formalize a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between specific property owners regarding development/management.

Suggestion: Delete the phrase “when landfilling activities are terminated” from the end of **Objective #13**: “Integrate management of the lakes with management of the St. Johns Landfill property”.

Question: In references to “the lakes” throughout the plan, should that phrase be modified to read “wildlife area” or “natural area” or “management area”?

Question: How is Smith & Bybee thought of now in terms of habitat types?

Observation: One gap in the objectives is a phrase mentioning that priority will be given to wildlife and wildlife habitat value over education and recreation value. What is Smith & Bybee going to be managed for?

Concern: If education and recreation are listed as of lesser value, at some point trails could be eliminated. Also have concern with notion of prioritization.

Observation: Two areas the MP doesn’t address are light pollution and noise pollution.

Suggestion: Include some type of language “to minimize and mitigate impacts originating from sources outside the management area such as light and noise pollution and pollution from overhead aircraft dumping materials”.

Suggestion: This might be a good time to consider the idea of broadening the financial base of

Smith & Bybee from just the trust fund. Develop additional funding resources to meet the needs of Smith & Bybee Lakes. This could be done in a policy statement or as an objective.

Suggestion: Paul Vandenberg of Solid Waste & Recycling would like to go through all references in the NRMP to the St. Johns Landfill and consider them in terms of their validity, given that many things have changed such as the regulatory environment, operations and perspectives.

Observation: This work to review and update the NRMP provides an opportunity to fully integrate the landfill with the natural area.

As this was still early in the NRMP assessment process, no consensus was sought on the above issues raised.

Homework Assignment for April 26 meeting:

The committee was asked to:

- Review pages 19 through 30 of the NRMP, which is the Environmental Assessment.
- Consider if there are obvious gaps, which projects have been completed and look for subjects that should be discussed.
- Do a thorough reading job.
- Annotate the source of information and be able to describe the rationale, if a committee member has information that will lead to a new project.

Update

The committee was reminded that on Tuesday, April 12, a work session with Metro Council will include a briefing on the Smith & Bybee Lakes trail study/alternatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.