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

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Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2005
Metro Regional Center, 600 N E Grand Ave., Room 270
Portland, Oregon 97232

AGENDA

Welcome, introductions	(Devroy)	5:30 - 5:35 pm
Approve pervious meetings notes	(Devroy)	5:35 – 5:40 pm
Trails feasibility – decision regarding comment to Metro Council	(Devroy/ Stewart)	5:40 – 6:20 pm
Updates	(All)	6:20 – 6:30 pm
Adjourn		6:30 pm

**Summary Meeting Notes
Smith and Bybee Wetlands Management Committee
October 25, 2005**

In Attendance:

Patt Opdyke, (outgoing chair) *	North Portland Neighborhoods
Larry Devroy (incoming chair) *	Port of Portland
Pam Arden *	40-Mile Loop Land Trust
Troy Clark *	Audubon Society of Portland
Brenda Hanke *	St. John's 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
Vickie Eldredge	Metro Parks – Committee Recorder
Elaine Stewart	Metro Parks – Natural Resource Scientist
Paul Vandenberg	Metro Solid Waste & Recycling

* Denotes voting SBWMC member

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Special note was read by Jim Morgan from Patricia Sullivan

Patricia expressed that it had been a very enjoyable 10 years working with the SBWMC. She expressed her thanks to committee members and her hopes to see them around the Metro building and at the wetlands.

Patt Opdyke, outgoing chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and introduced the new recorder, Vickie Eldredge. Everyone introduced himself or herself. Patt then reminded us that the SBWMC needed a new committee chair. Larry Devroy was presented to the committee and a unanimous vote confirmed him as new chair. Patt thanked Larry for accepting and turned the remainder of the meeting over to him.

Consideration of August 23, 2005 meeting notes

The notes were approved as written by the members of the committee.

Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area Trails Feasibility Study

Elaine Stewart reported that Metro Council will consider the Feasibility Study at its meeting on Dec. 1, 2005. She presented three questions to the SBWMC:

1. Does SBMC want to support acceptance of the feasibility study?

Jim Sjulín brought out the point that accepting the Feasibility Study means that we agree that it is a reasonably sound piece of work and helps sort through the issues. Elaine Stewart explained that the Feasibility Study was intended to gather the facts and point out the pros and cons of a range of potential alignments. Jim Morgan added that the study does not present a preferred alignment.

Brenda Hanke also felt the study was a good study but was missing cost information on property easements and property values. She requested further discussion regarding the costs for ADA accessibility.

Jim Sjulín moved to accept the feasibility study as a good overview of the data and issues, noting that the Metro Council may need additional information to make a decision on the alignment to pursue. Jim Morgan seconded the motion.

Patt Opdyke would like to see more information on the cost of ADA adaptations. Troy Clark observed that the study is a good overview of data and issues but by itself is not sufficient to base a decision on.

A vote was taken on the motion to accept the findings of the feasibility study, noting the study's limitations. All were in favor with one abstention (Jim Morgan).

2. Does SBMC want to recommend its preferred alignment (South Slough) to the Metro Council?

Jim Morgan and Elaine Stewart reviewed the committee's choice of South Slough as its preferred alignment in January 2005.

Patt Opdyke moved to recommend the South Slough alignment, including the neighborhood connection. Jim Sjulín seconded the motion.

The committee members noted that they see nothing in the feasibility study to contradict that January 2005 choice of South Slough.

The vote was 6-2 (Brenda Hanke and Pam Arden opposed).

3. What additional points does the committee wish to make in its letter/testimony to council?
 - Include information regarding the diversity of opinions to show that this was not a consensus decision.
 - Discuss that one member voted "no" in January because the segment on the west side of the landfill was dropped from consideration on the feasibility study. Previously the committee had agreed, by consensus, on the west landfill route and recommended the feasibility study only for the segment from the landfill bridge to the neighborhood and/or Peninsula Crossing trail.

- Note that the NRMP did not contemplate a multi-modal trail on the south side of Smith Lake. One of the positive options for the South Slough alignment in the feasibility study is that the trail is multi-modal all the way through. Brenda Hanke questioned whether a mix of hard surfaces and soft surfaces on a South Lake Shore alignment would address different activities for ADA regulations?
- There are questions whether property owners along the South Slough alignment would grant easements for the trail route. The actual alignment may become different than that of the feasibility study.
- There was no consideration of a “no build” option in the feasibility study. The committee chose the South Slough alignment as its preference out of the four options presented.
- One of the “no” votes tonight on the South Slough option is based on her organization’s endorsement of the South Lake Shore alignment (the 40-mile Loop Land Trust).
- The committee encourages council to identify costs and the willingness of landowners to sell along the proposed alignments, especially the South Slough.
- The other “no” vote (St. Johns NA), had concerns regarding the expansion of the trail and issues with access, noting that not many residents have canoes nor have access to canoes to see the wetlands.

The SBWMC agreed on the following timeline: Elaine Stewart to have draft for Larry Devroy’s review by 11/2; draft letter to committee by 11/9; committee comments back to Elaine Stewart by 11/16; and Elaine Stewart and Larry Devroy finalize the letter in time to get it into the Council packet by 11/22.

Additional information:

Date of next meeting – Dec 6, 2005.

Jim Morgan is leaving the committee after 15 years. Jim we will deeply miss your insight and contributions you have made! Thank you.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.