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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, December 6, 2005
Metro Regional Center, 600 N E Grand Ave., Room 270
Portland, Oregon 97232

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions	(Devroy)	5:30 - 5:35 pm
Approve previous meeting'-s notes	(Devroy)	5:35 – 5:40 pm
Updates	(All)	5:40 – 5:50 pm
Columbia Slough Plan scoping project	(Chris Scarzello, City of Portland)	5:50 – 6:30 pm
Adjourn		6:30 pm

**Summary Meeting Notes
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In Attendance:

Patt Opdyke	North Portland Neighborhoods
Larry Devroy - chair *	Port of Portland
Nancy Henderickson *	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation
Paul Vandenberg	Metro Solid Waste & Recycling
Elaine Stewart	Metro Parks – Natural Resource Scientist
Dale Svart *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Troy Clark *	Portland Audubon Society
Vickie Eldredge	Metro Parks – Committee Recorder
Dan Kromer	Metro
Pam Arden *	40-Mile Loop Land Trust
Brenda Hanke *	St. John's Neighborhood Assn.

* Denotes voting SBWMC member

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

Larry Devroy welcomes Dan Kromer (from Metro Parks), who is stepping into Jim Morgan's spot. Dan Kromer has been coming to the Smith and Bybee meetings. Smith and Bybee is in the district he manages. He is very familiar with the issues and the day to day running of Smith and Bybee. He will be able to add his knowledge and experience to this committee. Welcome!

Patt Opdyke requests for an updated roster for Smith and Bybee wetland. Vickie will update the information and e-mail it out to the members sometime before the January meeting. She will also bring hard copies to the January meeting.

Consideration of October 25, 2005 meeting notes

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

Update: (Elaine Stewart), Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area Trail Feasibility Study Issue

Metro Council meeting took place on Dec 1, 2006. It was about a 3 hour meeting. BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby accepts the Smith and Bybee Wetlands Trail Feasibility Study and appended hereto as Exhibit C; and directs staff to implement the following recommendation:

A. Remove the South Lake Shore segment from further study at this time.

B. The South Slough Alignment is the preferred alignment, but further analysis is required for the Metro Council to determine feasibility. Staff will conduct the following feasibility analysis and report back to the Metro Council:

- Perform feasibility study for a slough bridge.
- If a slough bridge is infeasible, determine impact to developing Ash Grove segment.
- If Ash Grove segment infeasible, consider no build option.
- Explore extending South Slough segment beneath the North Portland Road Bridge, and continuing the trail through the Columbia Blvd. Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) to cross the Columbia Slough at the existing pedestrian bridge within the WWTP.
- Begin negotiations with private property owners along South Slough, on a “willing-seller” basis.

Chris Garzello...City of Portland Planning Bureau – Guest speaker: Scoping for Columbia Area Natural Resources Planning and Regulatory Improvement (Handouts included)

Purpose/goal: To develop a plan or scope of work for improving Natural Resources Planning and updating regulations in the Columbia Corridor. Regulatory improvements should be at the top of the list...Columbia is where we are deficient, like to update regulations that would improve development without harming natural resources. Would like regulation consistency in the city as well as in the Columbia Gorge, there are multiple plans out there. Would also like to simplify regulations for all areas as well as improve development without harming the natural resources. Create a big master plan, instead of a bunch of smaller plans, it will be a great undertaking, but worth it in the end. Core program, will need to be completed in the next couple of years, the modules will depend on the funding.

Questions?

* Does the core work program address the issues important to SBMC?
What order does SBMC feel that the modules need to be in? Timeline, what should be first and what can wait till later? Would like your comments or input. If we have questions refer to the website: portlandonline.com/planning/index.cfm?c=39983.

*What is the timeline for the scoping project? The end of December.

*There will be a detailed summary of the work program that will include, dollars, staff, etc.

*What is the fate of the SMBC, in regards to the NRMP? - to have a "environmental master plan" take the place of the NRMP. Because they are legislative, for environmental plan you would look at the whole eco system... all things in the NRMP would be included in the Environmental master plan, and you could renew them easier.

Comments/Concerns

There are concerns about the draft, there is alot of emphasis on development but not so much on enhancement and expansions of project important to SMBC
It was acknowledged that it is development heavy, does it protect the resource areas, and they didn't put that information in to not scare of the developers, by stating that they are expanding the e zones. They are looking for a way to make the regulations black and white, and to simplify codes, procedures, and the review process.

Developers have asked that the system is streamlined...trying to get all the agencies to consolidate the reviews, so that you don't have to jump from city to state to feds to state, etc. Hence by making the system easier, we are not talking about eliminating anyone's requirements; just make it simpler.

The fee involved in the fee-in-lieu of mitigation will go to Bureau of Environmental Services revegetation program.

It was stated that it might be more open to other programs; the revegetation program is not the only high priority project out there, including the watershed program. Watershed might bring us more natural resource benefit, than an isolated project. You may also want the fund to accumulate, so that you can go out and use it for acquisition.

It was suggested that you incorporate the beneficial effects, so that you see what the plan can do to dedicate the resources. The impression isn't just about building it out.

The "environmental master plan" to be updated every ten years as other plans in the city; The regulations in the master plan will be specific to the entity it involves such as SMBC...you can prepare the reviews in advance like say that you have a project you want to complete in ten years the master plan you submit will have already been reviewed.

Concerns about the master plans is that the review tends to get outdated, and things may change by the time the project is started,
To help streamline things, it may be beneficial to exempt certain projects that are fairly generic and routine, and are from larger corporations.SMBC will be kept in the loop as we get funding, and will be included in the decision making process.

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