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

Larry Devroy, Chair



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Smith and Bybee Wetlands Management Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2008
Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Room 270
Portland, Oregon 97232

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions	(Larry Devroy)	5:30 pm
Approve previous meeting's notes	(Larry Devroy)	5:30 – 5:40 pm
N. Slough bridge study update	(Jane Hart)	5:40 – 6:00 pm
Friends meeting summary on invasive weeds at S&B	(Troy Clark)	6:00 – 6:15 pm
Ramsey rail yard improvement update	(Larry Devroy)	6:15 – 6:30 pm
Metro Sustainability Initiative	(Dan Kromer)	6:30 – 6:45 pm
General updates & next agenda topics		6:45 – 7:00 pm
Adjourn		7:00 pm

**Summary Meeting Notes
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In Attendance:

Larry Devroy (Chair) *	Port of Portland
Troy Clark (Vice Chair) *	Audubon Society of Portland
Patt Opdyke *	N. Portland Neighborhood Assn.
Susan Barnes*	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Lynn Barlow*	Portland Parks & Recreation
Dave Helzer*	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Dan Kromer* (Recorder)	Metro Parks and Greenspaces
Jane Hart	Metro Parks and Greenspaces

* Denotes voting SBWMC member

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

Consideration of July 22, 2008 meeting notes

The Committee approved the July 22, 2008 meeting notes.

North Slough Bridge Feasibility Study Update

Jane Hart presented the following update to the Committee on the North Slough Bridge Feasibility Study.

- Brief overall of the bridge study to new Committee members not familiar with the project.
- Permitting issues with the State Department of Lands and bridge construction have been resolved and the bridge design is a go.
- Two conceptional bridge designs are being prepared along with their respective estimated costs.
- South trail alignment will be going across three private properties and a consultant, Alta, is looking into the feasibility of this.
- Metro's ODOT trail grant application for federal funding to construct a bridge over the RR tracks between Chimney and Pier Parks has made it through the first round of cuts. Notification on the final list of funded projects should be made sometime in December 2008.

A discussion followed regarding the damaged trail section through Port property adjacent Bybee Lake and what more could be done to close that stretch of the trail. Larry explained to the Committee the history of the trail and the Port's and Portland Parks disagreement on who should repair the damage. Lynn said she would meet with Larry on site to see the damage and discuss options.

Friends of S&B Invasive Weed Meeting

Troy quickly briefed the Committee on the Friends of S&B's last meeting where Metro staff came to discuss invasive weed management at the natural area. The Friends felt the discussion did not accomplish the intent of the meeting which was to identify specific projects that Metro plans on doing for invasive weed control. Troy said the Friends suggests that Metro prepare a list of short and long term vegetation management projects at the site, a list of management priorities for the site and specific invasive weed control projects that will be done over the next year.

Metro's Sustainable Initiative (SMI)

Dan discussed the October 16, 2008 letter sent out to Committee members by Michael Jordan, Metro's Chief Operating Office, regarding the recently launched organization-wide project called the Sustainable Metro Initiative. Dan explained how the former Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department now has been realigned into two separate program centers/departments whose staff work closely together coordinating management activities at Smith & Bybee.

The Committee had several questions regarding this structural change and requested that the program directors from each new department attend a special meeting to be scheduled the beginning of December to discuss:

- How the changes will effect management of the site, specifically which director would be responsible for what.
- Who will be the one the Committee would send recommendations to and who will have control over the S&B trust fund.
- Using trust fund money to possibly update the Natural Resource Management Plan, including future uses on the landfill, and vegetation management/restoration concerns.

Dan said he would contact the respective program directors and try to set up a December meeting date.

Ramsey Rail Yard Improvement Update

Larry updated the Committee on the Ramsey rail yard improvement project stating that construction will start in March 2009. Also, the buffer between Ramsey Lake and the rails as been widen.