

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2005
Metro Council Annex

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Carl Hosticka, Rod Park, Robert Liberty, Rex Burkholder, Brian Newman

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

1. NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS FUNCTIONAL PLAN DISCUSSION

Brent Curtis, Tualatin Basin Natural Resources Coordinating Committee (TBNRCC), provided an overview of what was in their proposal. They were at the very end of their process. They would be before the Coordinating Committee on Monday. They were prepared to make a recommendation in August and then it became clear that Metro and TBNRCC needed more time. He talked about the calendar since that change. He spoke to the three options that staff was proposing to the Coordinating Committee. They had a program approach, which included, regulation, voluntary action and revenue. The changes were about regulation. He explained the changes. He further explained their recommendation. The program they had adopted depended upon revenue approaches. He noted maps that Council could review. He talked about the Surface Water Management (SWM) fees. He spoke to improving environmental health and all of the parts of the program that would aid this effort. Fees varied around the region. Councilors asked about the fees. Council President Bragdon asked about use of the fees and project priorities. Mr. Curtis said Clean Water Services was interested in optimizing the resources for water quality. Lori Hennings, Planning Department, talked about acreage in Class 1 and 2. She spoke to the quality of the habitat. Clean Water Services used a different approach than Metro and TBNRCC but it was based on similar values. Council President Bragdon asked how you spent the money. Mr. Curtis spoke to the Clean Water Services goals such as storm water services. Councilors asked about similarities and difference in mapping. Mr. Curtis said TBNRCC's work was a proxy, in the end Metro's maps would be a proxy as well. Councilor Newman asked about how they would explain the differences in the program to the public. Ms. Hennings shared her perspective of the differences between the programs and standards between Clean Water Services, TBNRCC and Metro. Councilor Burkholder explained the differences in vegetative surfaces between Clean Water Services and Metro. He shared where you were picking up more inventory. Mr. Curtis talked about the healthy streams program with Clean Water Services that was starting up about the same time that Metro was starting their effort. Mr. Curtis spoke to how Clean Water Service contributed to our program and TBNRCC's program. Councilor Liberty asked how well Clean Water Services program was working. Mr. Curtis responded that the monitoring question was what together they could do. There hadn't been a monitoring program that had been going long enough.

Council President Bragdon talked about Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee's (GPAC's) efforts. Ms. Henning said one of the usual things that Clean Water Services had was a good database on restoration projects. Councilor Hosticka asked if you were eliminating the healthy streams anyway, what was it that they were doing that they would not have done. Mr. Curtis said what needed to be done to fulfill Clean Water Act requirements were clearly not known. It was a discovery process. Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, talked about the implementation of Clean Water Services efforts on clean water. Councilor Hosticka suggested that the habitat friendly development was different than it would have been. Mr. Curtis talked about development issues. Councilor Hosticka asked if it was Mr. Curtis' belief that what was being done under Clean

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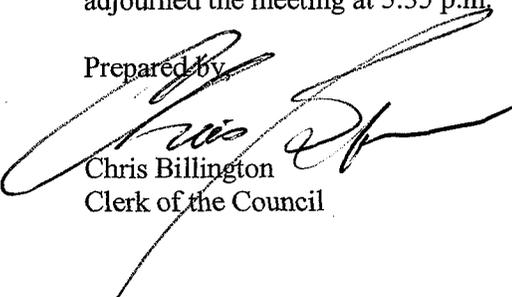
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Water Act was impacted by Measure 37. Jim Labbe, Audubon Society, talked about their views of the program. Councilor Hosticka said they would get a staff analysis of the Tualatin Basin Natural Resources Coordinating Committee Plan.

Mr. Cotugno said they had worked up some responses on issues Councilors had raised at the last Nature in Neighborhoods work session. He shared his memo (a copy of which is included in the record).

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 24,
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Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Memo and attachment	3/24/05	To: Metro Council From: Andy Cotugno, Planning Director Re: Nature in Neighborhoods materials on Policy Discussions	032405cw-01