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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, April 23, 2002
Metro Regional Center, Room 270
600 N E Grand Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97232

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions/ 5 min.	5:30 - 5:35 pm
Approve March meeting notes/ 5 min.	5:35 - 5:40 pm
Update: Recreational facilities design RFP (Lora Price)	5:40 - 6:00 pm
Decision: Response to Port's LUR for trail construction (Hendrickson)	6:00 - 6:45 pm
Updates/ 10 min.	6:45 - 6:55 pm
Setting May agenda/ 5 min.	6:55 - 7:00 pm

Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee
Summary Meeting Notes
April 23, 2002
5:30 pm

In attendance:

Jim Morgan *	Metro Executive Office
Dennis O'Neil	Metro Regional Environmental Management
Denise Rennis *	Port of Portland
Pat Sullivan	Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Elaine Stewart *	Metro Regional Parks Wildlife Area Mgr
Frank Opila *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Patt Opdyke *	North Portland Neighborhoods
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Bureau of Parks & Recreation
Sheila Toomey	North Portland resident
Pam Arden *	40-Mile Loop Trust
Gerry Meyer	Port of Portland
Lora Price	Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces
James Lascari	Mt Hood Community College student/ Metro Volunteer

* denotes voting member

Review March 2002 meeting notes

With the correction of a typographical error, the March meeting notes were approved as amended with a vote of six in favor and one abstention.

Update: Recreational facilities design RFP

Elaine Stewart reminded the committee of the \$220,000 received from local share re-allocation of funds and approximately \$200,000 from the "1% for Arts" program from construction of the jail facility on Leadbetter Peninsula. Another funding source may be approximately \$100,000 from the Rivergate consent decree. Lora Price, a regional planner with Regional Parks and Greenspaces Dept., will also be pursuing grants for the project.

Price provided an update on the design and the related Request for Proposals (RFP). A collaborative team is being sought that will provide expertise in landscape architecture, engineering, planning, art and facility design, and environmental restoration.

The team's first task will be to review all existing plans related to Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area including the 1990 Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP), the 1992 Recreation Master Plan, the 1992 Greenspaces Master Plan, the Regional Trails Plan, the 1999 Recreation Facilities Plan as well as current educational programs and recreational usage. Both suggested canoe launch sites will also be revisited. The 1999 plan put the launch site at the "triangle" property which, from an operations standpoint, may be the most desirable. There is also a de facto canoe launch that is recognized in the 1992 Master Plan. Another task will be working with Portland's Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC) on an initial brainstorm workshop with key stakeholders identifying priorities and generating ideas for public art. A project advisory committee (PAC) will be appointed which will meet with representatives from the SBLMC, RACC and the Public Art Advisory Committee for the Wapato jail. This group will solicit input on conceptual art proposals, and canoe launch feasibility findings. The need and welcome for input from the SBLMC was emphasized.

Issues such as the potential for the triangle site being available for a canoe launch during periods of high water will be addressed during the feasibility analysis, according to Price. In the next few days

committee members will be provided with the list of criteria for feasibility of the canoe launch sites; they can then communicate by e mailing Lora Price and copying each other.

It was suggested that 15 minutes be set aside at the May 28 meeting for a discussion of the criteria. A site visit to S & B will take place in lieu of the June 25th meeting. Details will follow.

Decision - Response to Port's Land Use Review (LUR) for trail construction

The Port of Portland is obligated to construct this trail, according to the consent decree mentioned above. The decree also stipulates where the trail is to be sited. The land use review is a City of Portland process which the Port must go through in order to fulfill its obligation. The committee expressed concern that the trail dead-ends at Bybee Lake and may lead to the creation of "bandit" trails by users proceeding off-trail.

It was suggested that the funds to be spent on the trail will be placed in an escrow fund and when problems with site placement are resolved those funds would be drawn from to put in the trail. According to Gerry Meyer of the Port, the idea of putting funds in an escrow account is not workable partially because of timing restrictions on construction. Those organizations, which are to sign off on the design, have been asked for their thoughts on it. The City of Portland OPDR has not signed off, one of its main concerns being the removal of trees. The initial design called for eliminating between 200 and 300 trees. Revision of the design has resulted in that number being reduced to less than 10. It was pointed out if the City of Portland removes the requirement to build the trail, the Port's obligation to build the trail is eliminated. Jim Sjulín also emphasized that the trail design must be consistent with the plan documents that have been adopted.

Other concerns with the trail siting which were discussed include: connection with the 40-mile loop trail, elevation, issues of health and safety on the landfill, and frequency of flooding and the resulting number of days of trail inaccessibility (the latter also being of major concern to Portland Parks). According to the Port, additional revisions to the design have reduced the estimated number of days of trail closure due to high water from 180 days to an average of between 14 and 15.

General agreement was reached that the committee would submit comments on the LUR. This will be a Type 2 review, which typically has a 14-day comment period. In attempting to capture the previous discussion, Hendrickson summarized that there was no major objection to placement of the trail, but the committee would like to find ways to discourage people from going off the trail. This would be due to concern to impacts on the wetland area and protection of the surrounding area.

A motion was made and passed for the committee to write a letter of support for the project with the provision that there is vegetative treatment and signage at the trail end to discourage off trail usage. The vote was divided, however, with four in favor, two in opposition and one abstention.

Hendrickson will produce the letter and send it around to committee members via e-mail asking for input in order to make sure it captures the members' viewpoints.

Updates -

Transportation money for buses to Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area for environmental education programs has been obtained through an EPA grant, although the process has been slowed in the implementation. IGAs with school districts are necessary as part of the process. The agreement will be with Portland Public Schools and is extended to June 30, 2003. This year all available slots for the field trips are booked.

The next meeting will be May 28th at 5:30 pm.