

GTAC Subcommittee Meeting April 4, 2003

Attending: Jayne Cronlund, Tim Raphael, Steve Bosak, Scott Talbot, Mike Houck, Kim Gilmore, Jim Sjulín, Heather Kent

Meeting started off with general discussion about the role of GTAC, the relationship to the Metro Council and the relationship to other policy makers (e.g. MPAC), precipitated by the fact that GTAC was officially sunset as a Metro committee end of last calendar year.

It was discussed that a flaw in current GTAC resolution was making the committee advisory to the Metro Parks and Greenspaces department. Subcommittee members prefer to see it more closely resemble MTAC in both its role (advisory to policy makers) and in stature (widely recognized as influential and high profile). It was pointed out that in many cases GTAC's recommendations were, in fact, forwarded to the Council, and not advisory only to the department. MPAC was typically not consulted or briefed about these policy-related recommendations by the committee. (Example: Regional Trails and Greenways update, Regional Greenspaces System Concept Map adoption).

Organizational Chart, showing the various relationships of committees to Metro Council, etc. (still working on this).

It was noted that educating MPAC members about park issues is very important, and an important role for GTAC members. There is a desire of the subcommittee to raise "park" issues to the same level of other policy issues MPAC typically reviews and considers.

Sub Committee Proposal to reconstitute GTAC as GPAC

- Advisory to the Metro Council
- Highlight policy role (dotted line to JPACT/MPAC)
- Use subcommittee structure to "get work done"
- Committee members have increased responsibility to work with their own policy makers (and bring in their elected officials or other influential representatives to JPACT/MPAC when needed).

Potential Work Plan Agenda Items for upcoming year

Title 12 functional plan development

Regional funding proposal -- including incentives for local park providers

Park Inventory update (Regional Framework Plan specifically calls for 5-year updates)

Level of Service Study completion

(Two step process: 1. How to measure? 2. What does it mean, once you have a measurement)

Networking and "Advocacy"

Mike Houck nominated as subcommittee Chair, given task of setting up meeting with David Bragdon to preview subcommittee recommendations.

Policy "flow chart" requested, showing relationship of various policies (UGMFP, RFP, etc.)