

METRO REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES

Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes:

GTAC/Trails Meeting
February 14, 2001
1 to 3 p.m.
Metro Regional Center, rm. 370

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial

Keith Hay reminded the group that work has begun on the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial activities and that trails groups and advocates need to get involved early in the process. For more information, call Keith at 503-538-0924.

Incentives update

Heather Nelson Kent of Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces reported on the work to develop an incentive program for natural resource protection in the region. Using the data from the nationwide and international survey of incentive programs completed in 1999, consultants will identify and flesh out 3-5 programs that might work well in this area. Metro is looking for other partners to participate in this work. ESA and Metro have each committed \$20,000 to the project, but another \$20,000 is needed. Financial partners will play a role in refining the scope of work and developing project goals and objectives. For more information, call Heather at 503-797-1739.

Goal 5 update

Justin Houck of Metro Growth Management Services presented an update on the work being done by Metro to comply with state land-use Goal 5, which addresses fish and wildlife habitat protection. Metro is engaged in refining the inventory of the region's natural resources. The new mapping work includes interpretation and delineation of the tree canopies (done by hand from aerial photos) and will establish a "zone of influence" associated with the stream network. For more information, call Metro Growth Management Services at 503-797-1888.

Discussion of the proposed changes to the Regional Trails & Greenways Plan map

Mel Huie of Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces reviewed what GTAC adopted at the January GTAC/Trails meeting. This included:

1. Adoption of the "Criteria" for additions/changes to the Regional Trails and Greenways Plan
2. Adoption of four proposed additions (North Willamette Greenway Trail, Willamette Trolley Shoreline Trail, East Buttes Loop, Sullivan's Gulch/1-84 Corridor Trail).
3. Preliminary adoption of a Glossary of Terms (additional work still to be done on the "Off-Road" trail definition which was discussed again at this meeting).
4. Adoption of "Housekeeping" items

Don Baack expressed his opposition to the criteria that GTAC adopted and said that he would like to see this decision revisited. He requested that the discussion not take place at the March GTAC meeting, as he would not be in attendance.

Next followed a discussion of substantive changes to the Regional Trails and Greenways Plan proposed by GTAC members or others. The committee reviewed items #10 & 14 but determined that more information was needed. Ric Catron from Gresham presented information about #16 which would be a rail with trail connecting the Gresham/Fairview Trail to the Rockwood light rail station. There was a discussion as to whether this proposed change met the test for "multi-jurisdictional" and whether or not it was a "regional" or more accurately a local trail connection into the regional system.

Jayne Cronlund presented information about #27, #30 and #35. In an effort to develop more trail opportunities on the west side of the Willamette River, Three Rivers Land Conservancy and the cities of West Linn, Tualatin and Lake Oswego are proposing a west side loop trail. Trail connections would include a designation from the mouth of the Tualatin River west to the Willamette along the river (requiring a change in the designation of the conceptual alignment from "Greenway" to "Trail") and a trail from the Willamette River in Lake Oswego to the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail at the Tualatin River.

The committee discussed separating those proposals that were changes in designations and altogether new trail proposals. After more discussion it was determined that a "nomination" process was needed to make the discussion more fruitful and to provide GTAC with enough information to make an informed decision. The "nomination" form should include at a minimum a written description of the proposed change, show how the proposed change meets the adopted "criteria", a map showing the conceptual alignment. GTAC would like Metro staff to provide a preliminary opinion or analysis of the proposal. This nomination form is to be developed by Metro staff. Committee members also requested that new proposals be presented by those that are advocating for them so that committee members can ask questions and get clarification about proposed changes.

2040 performance measures

Gerry Uba of Metro Growth Management Services presented the work being done to evaluate the implementation of the 2040 regional framework plan from a qualitative and quantitative point of view. He asked for GTAC's help in determining the right questions to ask in regards to the 2040 fundamentals that address the natural environment and parks and recreation. Gerry asked for volunteers from GTAC to help review and prioritize the indicators that will be analyzed. For more information call Gerry at 503-797-1737.

Note: The March 14 GTAC meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be April 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Metro Regional Center.
