

METRO REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES

Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee

MEETING NOTES:

Wednesday, November 10, 1999
1 to 3 p.m.
Metro Regional Center

Update on MPAC Parks Subcommittee

Heather Nelson Kent reported on the progress of the MPAC subcommittee looking at Metro's role in local park provision. At their last meeting on November 8, Julie Conway presented an overview of the work on "Level of Service" being done by the GTAC subcommittee, and they are very interested in seeing and incorporating that work. GTAC members will get information from the MPAC subcommittee (minutes, agendas, etc.) and are welcome to attend their meetings which will be on the second Monday and fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Metro Regional Center. (The November 24 meeting and the December 22 meetings are both cancelled due to the holidays).

Review Compilation of Local Incentives/Policies for Protection

Jennifer Budhabhatti presented a draft compilation of local incentive programs and policies for natural resource protection for review by GTAC members. The intent of the paper is to act as an outreach tool for the public and a resource for providers to share information about one another's programs. Please call Jennifer at 797-1876 with any additions or changes. *See enclosed copy of the draft compilation.*

Public Involvement Plan

Jennifer Budhabhatti presented a draft public involvement plan that will be used to inform citizens about the Parks and Natural Areas Protection Plan and to encourage their participation in its development. The plan has two parts--part one, in January and February 2000, will inform the public about the work and get their input in defining "regional significance"; part two, in May and June 2000, will involve a review of draft "regional system" maps and begging discussion about protection strategies. A schedule of four public outreach events and a list of 20 organizations to make presentations to were proposed. GTAC members will be encouraged to help make these presentations. Mike Houck brought up the idea of modeling part of the public involvement plan after the successful "Parks Forum" series that brought people together in the early nineties to talk about greenspaces protection. Many GTAC members agreed that the same community-driven approach and high level of involvement are needed to generate enthusiasm and support Metro will need from the public. This idea will be discussed further. Please continue to give your feedback to Jennifer (797-1876). *See enclosed copy of the draft public involvement plan.*

Wrap-up of Draft Master Planning Guidelines

Jane Hart reviewed the changes made to the draft master planning guidelines after the last GTAC meeting. A few minor changes were made. Section 4A2b which discusses "best management practices" will be expanded after that work is completed, and a form (Appendix A) for documenting the master planning status of components of the regional system is still to be developed. After those remaining pieces are complete, the guidelines will be set aside pending the identification of the components of the regional system. They will be revisited and finalized by GTAC at that time. Call Jane Hart at 797-1585 for more information. *See enclosed November 1999 Draft: Functional Plan for Components of the Regional System.*

Level of Service Committee Update

Julie Conway reported on the status of the work of the Level of Service sub-committee chaired by Steve Bosak and staffed by Mel Huie. The committee will distribute a draft of the Level of Service Standards to GTAC members for review at the December meeting, and will present a revised version of the same to the MPAC Parks Subcommittee on December 13. Call Mel at 797-1731 for more information.

Local Share Extensions

Mel Huie announced that the jurisdictions that have applied will be granted their extensions. For more information, call Mel at 797-1731.

Trails Group

Barbara Walker expressed concern that trails issues and the quarterly trails meetings have not been receiving enough priority or time on the GTAC agenda. Committee members debated the benefit of having a "trails meeting" separate from and in addition to the monthly GTAC meeting. A number of GTAC members expressed interest in keeping the trails updates part of regular GTAC meetings. The December GTAC agenda will have a number of trails items and the issue will be further considered at that meeting.

Next GTAC Meeting: *Wednesday, December 8, 1 to 3 p.m., Metro Regional Center, Room 370*
