

Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee

SUMMARY MINUTES: *Wednesday, February 17, 1999*
 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 Metro Regional Center

Thank you to Pete Bond

Pete Bond was presented with a certificate of appreciation and recognized for his long service to parks and trails. Pete is retiring this month.

New GTAC

Charles Ciecko reviewed the resolution adopted by Metro Council to update the charge of the committee and its membership and appointment authority. GTAC will provide input on the continued development of the regional system, development and implementation of Title 3 of the Regional Framework Plan, and the development of criteria, goals and funding for local parks systems. The resolution also expands the size of the committee to include greater representation from local city parks programs and related state and federal agencies.

Regular meeting time

Future meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m. beginning in April. Members are encouraged to contact Metro staff if they are interested in hosting a meeting.

Local share update

Mel Huie presented an update on the status of the Local Share projects. Approximately half of the funds have been spent; there are 110 local share projects (49 acquisition projects and 61 capital improvement projects). IGA's will expire on December 31, 1999.

Regional Trails Committee

Mel Huie invited everyone to the next meeting of the Regional Trails Committee which will include a workshop about Metro's Stream and Floodplain Protection Plan (Title 3) and how it will impact the design and construction of trails in the region.

Regional share update

Nancy Chase presented the latest numbers for Metro's Open Space Acquisition Program. Metro has acquired over 4,000 acres of open spaces (as of December 31, 1998) and spent approximately 50% of the funds. There will be a more detailed update at the GTAC meeting in May.

Chapter 3 Implementation (Parks and Natural Areas Protection Plan)

Heather Nelson Kent presented an overview of the Parks and Natural Areas Protection Plan, placing it in the context of the extensive foundation of work that has preceded it, and setting the stage for the significant work to come.

Parks Survey update

Jane Hart reported on the progress of the parks inventory. Metro is expecting to have received all of the surveys from park providers in Oregon by the end of February and those from Clark County by the end of March. Soon after that the database will be made available to the park

providers. Each provider will also receive two maps – one of their jurisdiction, and one of the entire region. Work has not yet begun on the schools inventory.

Change in 1989 Natural Areas Inventory

Jennifer Budhabhatti reported the "draft" results of the comparison of the digital ortho photos from the original natural area inventory in 1989 to the digital 1997 ortho photos. 5.4% (7,209 acres) have been "irreversibly" changed (typically developed) and 6.7% (8,847 acres) of natural areas have been changed to another land cover type. The report is still a work in progress.

1999 Inventory update

Jennifer Budhabhatti also reported on the status of the 1999 inventory. There will be a map of the forest canopy cover, a land cover map (to 2 acres or more) and vegetation mapping. The inventory will identify the current natural areas according to a new definition and higher level of detail, and will allow for an increased ability to track the status of and changes to the region's natural resources. In addition, Tim Brooks of Adolfson Associates has been hired to look at model protection programs and interview stakeholders to gather information and input about various regulatory and non-regulatory natural resource protections.

Level of Service Standards Subcommittee Report

Steve Bosak, chair, reported on the LOS standards subcommittee. The LOS group will produce a report that will include a mission statement, regional and local data, planning vision with goals and recommendations, and the benefits of establishing level of service standards region-wide. Regular meeting time is the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Public Information & Public Involvement

Ron Klein (Metro Parks) and John Donovan (Metro Growth Management) talked about their joint effort to address the growing need for public outreach and involvement in the natural resources strategy process. They emphasized that an increased level of public awareness of and participation in this work will be critical to its success. One of the first products of this public relations effort is the new *Metro Natural Resources Strategy* brochure.