

**METRO REGIONAL PARKS AND GREENSPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2002  
MEETING NOTES**

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Chair Jay Hamlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other committee members in attendance were Rebecca Banyas, David Manhart, Richard Reynolds and Aleta Woodruff. Also in attendance were Jeff Kee (citizen), Nancy Chase, Jeff Tucker, Laurie Wulf and Pat Sullivan.

**Introductory comments and announcements**

Pat Sullivan, meeting recorder, reported a correction to the July 9, 2002 meeting notes. In item #4 on page 2, the Wilsonville Tract site should not be described as the former Dammasch property but as being near the former Dammasch property, which is slated to be developed.

Nancy Chase brought the Advisory Committee (RPGAC) up to date on an application for an access easement across property owned jointly by Metro (75%) and North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District. (NCPRD) (25%) in the area of Mt. Talbert. The application was last brought before the Committee on August 1, 2000. Goodman Ltd. is constructing an assisted living facility (Mirramont Point) immediately west of the park property and is requesting an easement across it onto Sunnyside Road.

When NCPRD completed a master plan for Mt. Talbert, adopted by both the Board of Clackamas County Commissioners and Metro Council, it indicated the area in question is also the primary access trailhead site for Mt Talbert. Staff had recommended approval, subject to the applicant building the trailhead as compensation for the easement (and in lieu of a \$25,000 lump sum payment proposed by Goodman Ltd.). The RPGAC suggested the construction of the trailhead might be done in phases as a cost cutting measure in response to objections to high costs by the developer. Another neighbor, Emmert International, is also planning to apply for an easement. Emmert and Goodman may be able to work together and devise a better plan and a better use of the property. Negotiations are continuing. It will now likely go forward to Metro Council. No action was required for this item.

**Two requests for easements on Metro open space property**

Laurie Wulf introduced an application from Clackamas County for an easement to remove and replace existing culverts on Metro-owned property along Bell Road in Wilsonville. The original one was not placed deeply enough to be "fish friendly".

- Staff reviewed the easement request; and reported all criteria were met.
- Applicant has agreed to pay staff costs plus \$200 for fair market value of the easement dimensions.
- Culvert will have minimal adverse impact on the surrounding area.
- Woody debris will be replaced in the creek after the project is complete to enhance fish habitat.
- Staff recommended approval of the easement application.

Hamlin pointed out a correction that was necessary to the dimensions of the culvert from 17.5' x 50' to 9.5 x 50'.

***A motion was made and passed by a unanimous vote to support the staff recommendation to approve Clackamas County's easement application with the correction to the dimensions of the culvert. \****

\* It has since been discovered by Wulf that the original dimensions of the culvert were correct as listed on the application.

Wulf then presented an easement request from the Oak Lodge Sanitary District to install an underground storm/sewer drainage pipe through Metro owned property along SE Arista Drive known as the "Trolley

Trail". The sanitary district is requesting the easement on behalf of the developer of a 9-lot subdivision known as Davies Place. Staff pointed out that, according to section 13C of Metro's easement policy, if an alternative alignment can be identified for the stormwater/sewer line, which would also have no impact on the Metro-owned property, the easement request should be denied. Following committee discussion, ***a motion was made and passed by a unanimous vote to support the staff recommendation to deny the easement application from the Oak Lodge Sanitary District.***

### **Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Projects**

Jeff Tucker reported on the Dept.'s five-year forecast of capital projects, which was recently submitted to the Executive Officer. The report identified what the projects are, where the funding will come from and how much the related operating costs are estimated to be. Some of the projects mentioned included:

- Diack Nature Center at Oxbow Park - in the midst of a capital campaign
- M J Gleason Boat Ramp - \$150,000 from the local share fund will be spent on design and engineering in the next year
- Blue Lake Lakefront Enhancement - a proposed \$188,000 has been allocated
- Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area dam removal project - it has been deferred to next year; issues involving trail alignment have held up the permit process.

According to Tucker, Metro Council has requested an inventory of the infrastructure on all Metro Parks and Open Spaces.

### **Establishment of the Northern Willamette Valley Habitat Conservation Fund (NWHCF)**

A resolution to establish the NWHCF (Resolution No. 02-3220A), a partnership between Metro and the National Fish And Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) will go before the Council Natural Resources Committee next week and Metro Council the following week.

- The partnership will be formed by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the two entities.
- Funds will come from the Foundation, Metro and future joint fundraising efforts.
- The initial term of the agreement will be five years.
- The purpose of the fund will be to pursue specific objectives envisioned in the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan and the Regional Framework Plan such as:
  - ❖ supporting habitat improvement and restoration
  - ❖ environmental education projects in the region.
- Initial contributions will be used to leverage additional funds and will be provided by:
  - ❖ NFWF in the amount of \$240,000
  - ❖ Metro in the amount of \$200,000
  - ❖ Additional amounts to be provided as deemed appropriate by each partner.
- The partners have complementary expertise - NFWF in fundraising; Metro in science and technology.
- Metro Parks will have complete authority over the money it contributes.

RPGAC members expressed frustration at not having received background material on the proposed resolution in advance of this meeting. According to staff, this type of omission should not occur again.

***A motion was made and passed by a unanimous vote to support the staff recommendation to establish the Northern Willamette Valley Habitat Conservation Fund.***

### **Appointment of committee vice chair**

***By the random method of picking the name from a hat, Aleta Woodruff was appointed to the position of Vice Chair. Chris Noble will assume the role of Chair at the November 5 meeting.***

***Note: A date for the committee Open Spaces Tour is still being worked out.***