

Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee

March 5, 2002

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Metro Regional Center

Chair Jay Hamlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other committee members present were Rick Charriere, Julie Garver, David Manhart, Sylvia Milne, Richard Reynolds, Seth Tane and Aleta Woodruff. Also in attendance were Ron Klein and Patricia Sullivan.

Introductory comments and announcements

Ron Klein discussed opportunities for committee members to participate in a number of upcoming events: 1) SOLV'S Earth Day project sponsored in part by Metro on April 20, 2) The 2002 Regional Conference on March 15 and 3) Community Workshops on March 16. The latter two events will focus on the question: "Where do we grow from here?" Participants will consider options, tradeoffs and costs involved with decisions related to the urban growth boundary, parks and greenspaces and transportation.

Redistricting RPAGAC positions

Maps were distributed indicating the new Metro districts which will become effective January 1, 2003. The previous seven districts will now be divided into six with one Councilor's position eliminated, and in the process, affect RPAGAC member representation. In addition a number of committee members' terms will expire March 31, 2002, all outside the Metro boundary. These will include Rick Charriere, Seth Tane, Richard Reynolds and Julie Garver. Of these, Reynolds is completing his first term and may re-apply for a second term.

This redistricting will put two committee members geographically into the new district #5. Klein proposed that under these special circumstances, Dave Manhart be assigned to represent district #3 which is currently vacant and relatively close to his residence. This would be a temporary solution until the March 31, 2003 expiration date for the district #3 position. Other redistricting changes would assign Aleta Woodruff to district #5 and Rebecca Banyas to district #6. There will no longer be a district #7. ***A motion was made and passed unanimously to reassign the districts as described above.***

Appoint RPAGAC representative and alternate to the Water Resources Policy Advisory Committee (WRPAC)

During the February meeting Chris Noble had expressed an interest in replacing Seth Tane on the WRPAC. He suggested she attend a couple of meetings during the transition period between his term and hers, but her schedule precluded her from attending their March meeting. Tane again spoke of the importance of this position and of the work WRPAC does addressing Goal 5 issues and now incorporating fish and wildlife habitat requirements into that work.

As Noble was not in attendance at tonight's meeting, Chair Hamlin volunteered to contact her to determine if she does plan to accept the position as a voting WRPAC member representing RPAGAC. The role of alternate representative is still open to any advisory committee member interested.

Status of residence on Fanno Creek Greenway (Lowery property)

Klein reported on the current status of the Lowery property. At the December 2001 RPAGAC meeting, this committee rejected a motion to declare the residence and surrounding 0.25-acre parcel "surplus property" and place it for sale as a single family unit. At the present time, the house is being rented on a month-to-month basis. Metro staff is planning to raze the house when the cost of repairs and upkeep exceed the amount of income realized from the rent. The property would then be restored to a natural condition. The City of Tigard, which manages the adjacent Woodard Park and open space property owned by Metro, would take over management of the small parcel once the house is razed and the site restored. ***The RPAGAC voted unanimously to support the new staff plan set out for this particular property.***

RPAGAC letter in support of proposal to increase solid waste excise tax

RPAGAC reviewed the draft of a letter to be sent to Metro Council in support of Mike Burton's proposal to increase the solid waste excise tax by \$1 per ton to generate funds for Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces operation and management. ***A motion was passed unanimously approving the letter as drafted. It was signed by Chair Hamlin and will be forwarded to Metro Council tomorrow.***

Metro GreenScene (News & Things to Do)

Klein described other methods of receiving the information provided by the *GreenScene* than receiving a hardcopy once a month. Anyone interested can:

- 1) go online at www.metro-region.org to check out the *GreenScene e-Zine*. It reports on hundreds of activities that don't fit in the hardcopy version and also includes feature stories and nature notes.
- 2) sign up to receive the e-Calendar which will bring, by e-mail, the region's nature activities month by month.

Lia Waiwaiole is the editor of the *GreenScene*, both electronic and hard copy versions. You may submit announcements of nature-based activities to her at waiwaiolel@metro.dst.or.us or call her at 503-797-1728.

The next RPAGAC meeting will be April 2, 2002, 6:30 p.m. at Metro Regional Center.