

Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee
November 6, 2001
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 Rebecca Banyas, Rick Charriere, Julie Garver, Sylvia Milne, Chris Noble, Seth Tane and Aleta Woodruff. Also in attendance were Metro Council Presiding Officer, David Bragdon, Mel Huie, Ron Klein, Jim Morgan and Patricia Sullivan.

Introductory comments and announcements

Ron Klein introduced Aleta Woodruff, newly confirmed committee member representing District 6.

According to Seth Tane, the upcoming expiration of his second term on the RPAGAC (March 31, 2001) will automatically terminate his participation on the Water Resources Policy Advisory Committee (WRPAC) as the RPAGAC representative. If someone is interested in assuming his role on WRPAC, he suggested they might wish to begin attending WRPAC meetings, which are typically held the third Monday of the month. As there will be a relatively steep learning curve on the issues that committee deals with, he again urged reference to the Goal 5 "White Paper" that was recently produced by WRPAC. Its official title is "Metro's Scientific Literature Review for Goal 5 (Revised Draft) August 2001". It is available on Metro's website. Chris Noble expressed interest in participation in WRPAC.

Klein acknowledged Rick Charriere's contribution to the committee in his role as Chair during the previous year and expressed thanks for his efforts in furthering the work of the committee.

California Condor breeding program proposal

Jim Morgan provided a review of the California Condor recovery project, a national effort focusing on this endangered species. Historically, the bird occurred in many parts of North America, including the Pacific Northwest, and was sighted by members of the Lewis & Clark expedition. There are three facilities in the nation currently participating in the project. The Oregon Zoo has been selected to establish another breeding and rearing facility. Release of the condors would occur at other locations in the United States possibly in northern Arizona or central and southern California. The site proposed by the Oregon Zoo was selected by a national search team in part because of its remote location in Clackamas County and within 30 minutes of an international airport. The next step for the Oregon Zoo is planning and raising funds to sustain the project. The onus is now on the Oregon Zoo to submit to Metro Council a complete proposal for project development and operation. Rick Charriere expressed his interest in becoming involved with the project perhaps in the area of community outreach.

Green Ribbon Committee update

Presiding Officer David Bragdon provided an update on the Green Ribbon Committee which was formed last summer. As background, he referred to the 1995 open space acquisition bond measure and the 7,100 acres which have been acquired as a result of it. According to Bragdon, it is now time to make decisions on how to provide public access on some of those properties. The Council and Executive Officer Burton formed the Green Ribbon Committee to examine thirty properties that Metro has acquired and 1) identify the most promising sites for development and allowing public access and 2) suggest revenue sources.

The Green Ribbon Committee met weekly over a 10 week period. It recommended a \$60 million package supported by solid waste excise tax. The committee's formal recommendation will go before Council in December. Three open houses (or listening posts) will be held soon to explain site selection to the public and accept comments. Bragdon asked the RPAGAC to review the

material distributed and the final report when Council receives it in December and offer its comments.

Briefing on nominated regional trails recommended by GTAC

Mel Huie provided information on the nominated trails recommended to be added to the Regional Trails and Greenways Map. Ciecko offered some background and context. The Regional Trails and Greenways component of the Greenspaces Master Plan was adopted in 1992. It has only been amended once since then - to add the Peninsula Crossing Trail. It became evident about a year ago that it would be appropriate to engage our local partners and trail advocates in a discussion about amending that trail map. The Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC) was asked to propose amendments (conceptual additions) to the trail map. It will be necessary to secure a letter from any affected jurisdiction stating they are aware of the proposed amendment and are supportive of it. Once that happens the recommendations will be forwarded to the Metro Council for its consideration - tentatively scheduled for March 2002. In January Huie will return to this committee for its consideration of the recommendations. They will appear on the agenda as an action item sometime in January.

Huie described the recommendations and pointed out the locations on area maps. They will be road-separated trails complementing established bike trails. He discussed the two levels of criteria needed to be met before any trail can be added.