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Date: Friday, June 29, 2012
To: Metro
From: Pam Welch, Records and Information Analyst
Subject: Potential Missing Record – February 1, 2000 Regional Parks and Greenspaces
Advisory Committee (RPGAC) Agenda

An attempt was made to locate the missing record by consulting with staff and going through meeting records from 2000. However, a copy of the agenda could not be found.

**Regional Parks & Greenspaces
Advisory Committee**
600 N E Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

January 13, 2000

Mike Burton
Executive Officer
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Re: Proposed FY 2000-01 Parks Department Budget

The Regional Parks & Greenspaces Advisory Committee has a number of comments on the proposed FY 00-01 budget for the department. We recognize the unfortunate budgetary situation that the department is in, as is the rest of Metro. Parks staff has done a responsible and practical job of weighing its options.

Our concerns are:

- ◆ The budget proposes using a significant amount of the fund reserves to sustain ongoing operations. At the rate proposed, all existing unrestricted reserves would be drawn within about five years. We suggest that the reserves be used only as a short-term bridge funding source once another source is identified.
- ◆ It increases by approximately 50% the amount of deferred maintenance, reducing the properties' attractiveness and making it more costly in the long-run to preserve the department's and citizen's resources.

Our suggestions include:

- ◆ The budget needs to be accompanied by a vision and funding structure for future acquisitions, ongoing landbanking and stabilization of existing properties and a possible new bond measure to fund the master planning and development of the acquired properties, as the bond measure promised.
- ◆ The Pioneer Cemeteries were given to Metro without an endowment fund. A stable reserve account for their upkeep should be identified.

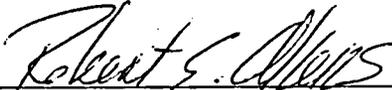
- ◆ Volunteers provide a welcome and necessary part of the horsepower that supports the department. Endowing a fund to be used to match volunteer hours would provide for stable, highly cost-effective funding of the volunteer coordinator position.

The existing funding structure, through excise taxes on garbage, is not appropriate for a parks department. Citizens are doing their job at reducing their solid waste flow, and Metro as a whole, not just the Parks department, will likely continue to see their budget reduced. New sources of funding need to be investigated. Parks deserve a stable, sufficient and long-term prudent budget.

Sincerely,


Jim Battan, Chairman

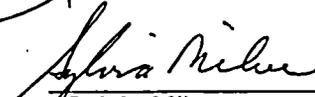

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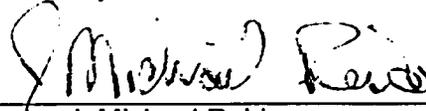

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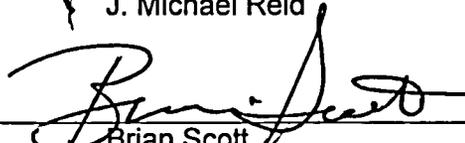

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**Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces
Advisory Committee**

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January 3, 2000

Mike Burton
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Dear Mr. Burton,

The Regional Parks & Greenspaces Advisory Committee has a number of concerns with the proposed FY 00-01 budget for the department. Among them:

- The budget proposes using a significant amount of the fund reserves to sustain ongoing operations. At the rate proposed, all existing unrestricted reserves would be drawn within three years.
- It eliminates most deferred maintenance, reducing the properties' attractiveness and making it more costly in the long run to preserve the department's and citizens' resources.
- The existing funding structure, through excise taxes on garbage, is not appropriate for a parks department. New sources of funding need to be investigated.
- It needs to be accompanied by a vision and funding structure for future acquisitions, ongoing landbanking and stabilization of existing properties, and a possible new bond measure to fund the master planning and development of the acquired properties, as the bond measure promised.
- The Pioneer Cemeteries were given to Metro without an endowment fund. A stable reserve account for their upkeep should be identified. Volunteers provide a welcome and necessary part of the horsepower that supports the department. Endowing the volunteer coordinator position would provide a cost effective, stable funding base.

Regional Parks deserve a stable, sufficient and long-term prudent budget.

Sincerely,

Jim Battan
Chair