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Friday, June 29, 2012

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From:

Pam Welch, Records and Information Analyst

Subject:

Potential Missing Record – April 6, 1999 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 1999. However, a copy of the agenda could not be found.

Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee

April 5, 1999

Colin Cooper Development Services City of Beaverton P O Box 4755 Beaverton, OR 97076

Dear Mr. Cooper,

The Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee (RPAGAC) voted unanimously during its March 2nd meeting to go on record as being in support of the acquisition of two parcels of land (described below) to augment the existing Tualatin Hills Nature Park. The motion further recommends that the City of Beaverton "permitting authorities carefully consider natural resources within the parcels prior to making any planning decisions".

The land referred to, totalling 41 acres, consists of two parcels adjacent to Tualatin Hills Nature Park. The northern 22-acre portion, called Aspen Woods, is surrounded on 3 sides by the park. The second section is 19 acres near the southern end. These two sections are separated by a leg of the existing park referred to as the Beaverton Creek corridor.

As you know, the nature park is currently the largest nature reserve in eastern Washington County providing citizens with an opportunity to enjoy a unique natural setting within an urban environment while at the same time supporting diverse plant and animal life.

The two parcels, owned by the Archdiocese of Portland, have been optioned for development. This advisory committee perceives this as incompatible land use, generating too great a population density, while lacking a buffer between the development and the park.

If you would like to discuss this issue further, please contact me at (503) 264-7282. We thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,

John Griffiths Chairman