

Metro Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee  
February 2, 1999 Summary Meeting Notes  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Metro Regional Center

Vice Chair Jim Battan called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present, in addition to Battan, were: Bob Akers, Rick Charriere, Julie Garver, Jay Hamlin, Sylvia Milne, Mike Reid, Brian Scott and Seth Tane. Also in attendance were Nancy Chase, Jim Desmond, Lupine Jones, Ron Klein, Heather Nelson Kent and Patricia Sullivan.

**Lupine Jones, Manager of Volunteer Services Program**, gave an overview of her background, goals and objectives. Initial tasks for her have included interviewing staff members, and reviewing and/or revising the program timeline, budget and work plan. She provided committee members with a needs assessment questionnaire, the purpose of which is to hone in on both short term and long term projects.

The launching point for this program was the most recent **GreenScene, Winter and Spring 1999**. It has generated tremendous response with 150 potential volunteers having expressed interest to date. The following are the areas that have come into focus:

- 1) volunteer trainings – introduction and more specific training; naturalist program; preparation of docent program; training of crew leaders; monitoring programs – for example, inventory of animals, birds and plants.
- 2) two open houses/tours and work parties at Cooper Mt. and Canemah Bluff. Two additional target areas will be highlighted in each future GreenScene.

There will also be Volunteer Opportunities Notebooks available for drop-ins to the parks office at Metro Regional Center, and eventually at the park facilities – such as Oxbow and Blue Lake. These will provide a do-it-yourself volunteer orientation including volunteer job descriptions, ongoing opportunities and one time opportunities.

Jones hopes to speak with each committee member to learn of individual interests, as well as to tap into knowledge of each's community as a resource.

### **Announcements and Updates**

Bob Akers, in his role as citizen, has been following the development of **Fairview Village**. He expressed concern about the process and about relevant land use issues. According to Akers, points of concern include: 207<sup>th</sup> street, recently constructed through a wetland, (a piece of property donated to the City of Fairview by Tektronix); mitigation to enhance a series of ponds in a nearby development; a newspaper article describing the offering of a 38 acre parcel for sale and a sign posted indicating it was available for restaurant or retail space. Akers lamented the potential loss of such a wetland. The committee expressed appreciation for his vigilance and requested he continue to monitor the situation. Should he feel it is warranted, he will request a letter from the Advisory Committee be drafted to express its position.

Mike Reid reported on a new **10 point criteria adopted by Portland Dept of Transportation (PDOT)** for reviewing potential projects. Two of these points deal specifically with the environment and greenspaces and, Reid commented, there is overall a "green hierarchy" behind the 10 points. He described such a move as very gratifying after two years of hard work from very concerned citizens. Ron Klein announced the choosing of **Bob Akers as the recipient of the 1999 Metro Liveability Awards** in the category of Access to Nature. Akers' efforts of many years will be acknowledged at a Volunteer Thank You event on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at Metro.

Sylvia Milne, on the Advisory Board for Oak Lodge Parks, asked for suggestions for locating and funding a regional skateboard park. A parcel of land in Oregon City has been donated, Milne noted. Suggestions included: a parks inventory being facilitated by Metro among all local park providers to assess needs and gaps in parks deficient neighborhoods; Metro's Regional Environmental Management Dept. (REM) offers grant money to neighborhoods impacted by transfer stations – contact Katie Dowdall (797-1648).

**Open Spaces Acquisition Update** – Jim Desmond reported on two significant acquisitions which are in the offing, but not yet finalized. 1) a 53-acre addition to Forest Park, an inholding surrounded by park on three sides extends to Wildwood Trail from Saltzman Road. Initially it was to be the last phase of the Lakota Development. The developer, Homer Williams, has now agreed to omit it from the project and has sold it to Metro for 75% of its appraised value. 2) a deal involving the Ramsey family property initially begun in 1987 should be closed shortly. The entire upper parcel consisting of 73 acres will be sold to Metro. Thirty-one acres of the lower 50 acre piece will also be sold to Metro, with the remaining acreage divided into three buildable lots on the east side of Skyline Road. Of those, the Ramsey family (which will retain title to all three lots) will retain one buildable lot for themselves and Metro will buy a conservation easement for two of the other three.

**Metro Nature Resources Strategy and Public Involvement** – Ron Klein referred to a packet sent to each committee member which included a new publication titled "Metro Natural Resources Strategy". The drawing of a trillium depicts the unified approach Metro is taking to natural resource protection measures and management standards; the Parks Dept. is working closely with the Growth Management Dept. The three petals of the trillium represent the three-fold plans: 1) Fish & Wildlife Protection Plan refers to Goal 5 which will be taken up by WRPAC to deal with significant fish and wildlife habitat in the region. 2) The Stream & Floodplain Protection Plan will involve working with local governments to implement Title 3. 3) Parks and Natural Areas Protection Plan is the area on which Regional Parks & Greenspaces Dept. is focusing. It is conducting a parks inventory among the local park providers, who will examine levels of service and determine regional standards. The natural areas piece is an inventory based on satellite imagery and 1998 aerial photographs of the region.

Klein informed the committee that it will be involved in more detail and more directly this summer when the regional system maps are being drafted based on the inventory information. The need to protect natural resources in the region is acknowledged. The process is moving forward with a regulatory section and its acquisition program, but the piece needed to build upon is citizen involvement and stewardship. It is felt the Parks & Natural Areas Protection Plan will ultimately become the Functional Plan to address the policies that are outlined in Chapter 3 of the Regional Framework Plan.

**Request for Regional Parks Advisory Committee nominations** – According to Ron Klein, the positions currently held by Seth Tane, Rick Charriere, Julie Garver and Faun Hosey are due to expire at the end of March. According to the by-laws, each incumbent is allowed to re-apply for another term. Because all four positions are outside Metro boundaries, nominations are open to anyone who lives in those areas of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties, as well as Clark County and have an interest in parks and greenspaces. Names should be provided to Klein, who will proceed with the process.

**Final Comments** – Jay Hamlin asked if there was a response from the Metro Council on the committee's letter concerning the appointment of a tax study committee, and specifically the potential for an auto rental tax. Metro staff will follow-up with this request.

– Sylvia Milne brought up the substantial juvenile crime prevention fund that is part of the Governor's current budget. She considered it worth applying for a portion of the fund as the idea of preserving open spaces for the health (both physical and emotional) of youth is significant.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

## STAFF REPORT

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-\_\_\_\_\_ TO RE-ALLOCATE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LOCAL SHARE FUNDS AMONG EXISTING PROJECTS**

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**Date: February 23, 1999**

**Presented by:**

**Charles Ciecko  
Nancy Chase**

#### **Proposed Action**

Resolution No. 99-\_\_\_\_\_ requests Council approval to reallocate funds among projects on Multnomah County's local share list. Funds are to be re-allocated among existing projects. No new projects are proposed to be added to the list.

#### **Background and Analysis**

The "Local Share" component of Metro's Open Space, Parks and Streams Bond provides \$25 million to twenty-six local park providers for greenspace and trail projects. Funds may be used for land acquisition and capital improvements. The sites to be acquired or improved must be for passive recreational activities. Attached is a copy of the Local Share Guidelines.

Multnomah County was allocated \$3,401,545 to carryout its local share program. The county's local share project list was developed in 1994 for the May 1995 bond measure vote. Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces administers the program via the IGA transferring Multnomah County's parks to Metro.

Since the original project list was developed nearly five years ago, circumstances have changed which require a re-allocation of funds among the projects.

Some of the acquisition projects have been completed with funds from other sources (e.g. regional target area funds) and some capital improvement projects have been completed under budget. Thus, extra funds are available to be re-allocated to two key projects that are currently underfunded.

The two projects which need additional funding for capital improvements are Howell Territorial Park and Oxbow Regional Park. Project costs have increased since 1994, because: the Metro Council has approved master plans for the two sites which include additional work items; new permit requirements and standards; and inflation. Estimated costs for these two projects are \$8,402,000. Of this amount, unfunded facility projects at the two regional parks are estimated at \$6,655,000.

The original local share budget estimates from 1994 were \$1,525,000 for capital improvements at Howell Territorial Park and Oxbow Regional Park. In addition, Metro received a grant of \$245,300 in 1998 from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for capital improvements at Oxbow Regional Park.

It is proposed that the re-allocated dollars be utilized to cover capital improvement projects at these regional parks. While there are construction estimates for each of the two parks, it will not be known exactly how much will be needed for each until the final designs and construction bids are received and approved. In addition, contingency funds for both projects must be established.

A detailed analysis of how the funds are proposed to be re-allocated is attached to the Resolution 99-\_\_\_\_ as Exhibit A.

**Budget Impact**

The proposed re-allocation does not increase the budget. Re-allocation as proposed in Exhibit A will reduce "unfunded" and/or incomplete projects contained in Metro's adopted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

**Executive Officer's Recommendation**

The Executive Officer recommends approval of Resolution No. 99-\_\_\_\_\_.

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REALLOCATING )  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY LOCAL SHARE )  
FUNDS AMONG EXISTING PROEJCTS )

RESOLUTION NO. 99-\_\_\_\_\_  
Introduced by Mike Burton  
Executive Officer

WHEREAS, funding for Multnomah County Local Share Projects comes from Metro's Open Space, Parks and Streams bond measure (26-26), which was approved by the voters of the region in May 1995; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County was allocated \$3,401,545 to complete its local share projects; and

WHEREAS, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces administers the local share projects for Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS, any changes to Multnomah County's local share project list or the re-allocation of funds must be approved by the Metro Council at a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces has consulted with Multnomah County on the proposed re-allocation of funds among the local share projects as required by the provisions of the IGA transferring parks from the County to Metro; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee has considered this proposal at its March 2, 1999 meeting and recommended approval; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Metro Council approves the re-allocation of funds among the Multnomah County Local Share Project List as detailed in Exhibit A attached hereto.

ADOPTED By the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1999.

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Rod Monroe, Presiding Officer

Approved as to form:

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Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Multnomah County Local Share Project List**

**Administered by Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces**

- **Whitaker Ponds Acquisitions**

Land acquisition goals have been accomplished. One more land acquisition may occur. Other than this potential deal, there are no more willing sellers in this target area.

Thus, all remaining funds shall be re-allocated for capital construction activities at Howell Territorial Park and/or Oxbow Regional Park. The current fund balance is \$224,504. If the proposed transaction is completed, this fund balance could be reduced by the purchase price, due diligence and stabilization costs. Therefore the amount to be re-allocated could range from approximately \$70,000 (if the proposed transaction is successful) to \$224,504 (if the transaction is not completed).

- **Hogan Cedars Acquisitions**

Land acquisition goals have been accomplished.

Funds for the two land purchases in this target area will come from the East Buttes/Boring Lava Domes regional target area, city of Gresham local share funds and the Springwater Corridor project of Multnomah County's local share allocation.

Thus, the total amount of \$300,000 will be re-allocated for capital construction activities at Howell Territorial Park and/or Regional Oxbow Park.

- **Tryon Creek Acquisitions**

Land acquisition goals have been accomplished.

Funds for the land purchases will come from the Tryon Creek Linkages regional target area and from the city of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services (BES).

Thus, the total amount of \$300,000 will be re-allocated for capital construction activities at Howell Territorial Park and/or Oxbow Regional Park.

- **Ancient Forest Capital Improvements**

No changes. \$150,000 for capital improvements.

- **Howell Territorial Park Capital Improvements**

Existing local share budget of \$275,000 will be augmented with re-allocated funds from Whitaker Ponds, Hogan Cedars, Tryon Creek, Burlington Bottom, and contingency.

Original estimate of \$275,000 was made in 1994. The estimate was too low. Adoption of a master plan, new permit requirements and standards, additional tasks and inflation have increased project costs. Current capital improvement needs are \$1,800,000.

- **Oxbow Regional Park Capital Improvements**

Existing local share budget of \$1,250,000 will be augmented with re-allocated funds from Whitaker Ponds, Hogan Cedars, Tryon Creek, Burlington Bottom, and contingency.

Original estimate of \$1,250,000 was made in 1994. The estimate was too low. Adoption of a master plan, new permit requirements and standards, additional tasks and inflation have increased project costs. Current capital improvement needs are \$6,602,000.

- **Burlington Bottom Capital Improvements**

Project finished: the trail and bridge improvements have been completed. BPA, the property owner, does not want additional improvements to the site at this time.

Balance of funds (\$175,055 estimated) to be re-allocated to capital construction activities at Howell Territorial Park and/or Oxbow Regional Park.

- **M. James Gleason Boat Ramp Improvements**

No Changes. \$90,000 for improvements.

- **Sauvie Island Boat Ramp Improvements**

No Changes. \$50,000 for improvements.

- **Blue Lake Park Capital Improvements**

No Changes. \$205,000 for improvements.

- **Springwater Corridor Improvements**

\$250,000 budget to be used to make trail improvements between Palmsblad Rd. and Rugg Rd., and purchase trailheads along the Springwater Corridor. This project is being administered by Portland Parks through an Intergovernmental Agreement between Metro and the City.

- **Contingency**

Re-allocate the entire amount of \$31,545 to capital construction activities at Howell Territorial Park and/or Oxbow Regional Park.

- **Summary of funds to be re-allocated:**

Whitaker Ponds:	\$ 70,000	to \$224,504
Hogan Cedars	\$300,000	
Tryon Creek	\$300,000	
Burlington Bottom	\$175,055	
Contingency	\$ 31,545	

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**Total** **\$876,600 to \$1,031,104**