

**Metro Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee
May 6, 1997 Summary Meeting Minutes
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Oxbow Regional Park**

Present: Bob Akers, Michael Reid, Seth Tane, Brian Scott, Faun Hosey, Katharine Diack, Charles Ciecko, Ron Klein, Jane Hart, Jim Walsh (consultant), Jim Lind, Mary Vogel

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for committee members and citizens to tour Oxbow Regional Park and visit the areas proposed for changes as identified in the draft Oxbow Regional Park Master Plan. Jim Walsh and Jane Hart began the tour with an orientation of the park and an overview of the issues and challenges in the master planning process.

The master plan is intended to guide the future management and development of Oxbow Park. Plan highlights include: Metro should expand its role in the management of the Sandy River gorge; the natural habitat in the park (about 90% of area) will be maintained and enhanced; the recreational facilities (10% of the park) will not be expanded but made more efficient to increase capacity and meet the current and future needs of park visitors.

Implementation will be done in phases and include: adding 20 camp sites; expanding group picnic facilities by 20% (6 shelters); upgrade electric and water utilities; realign the road system and parking to improve safety and visitor experience; renovate park entrance to include a new ticket booth, office, restroom, the visitor orientation kiosk; environmental education building; automatic irrigation system for turf areas.

The tour featured visits to the new central parking area at Dismal, group picnic area A and the large drive-in group camping area to discuss proposed fundamental changes. The committee members discussed the plan at Camp Collins over a light dinner. The draft master plan will be mailed to committee members prior to their July meeting. In July the committee will take public testimony, deliberate and make a recommendation on the draft Oxbow Regional Park Master Plan.

As a parting committee member, Katharine Diack received a certificate of appreciation from Charles Ciecko for her service on the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee, 1995-97.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Next RPAGAC meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 1997, Metro Regional Center,
Room 270**