

Metro Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee
April 25, 1996 Summary Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Room 370A

Present: Bob Akers, John Griffiths, Michael Reid, Ivy Francis, Faun Hosey, Jim Battan, Ric Buhler, Seth Tane, Brian Scott, Katharine Diack, Julie Garver, Jim Desmond, Nancy Chase, Ron Klein, Pat Lee, Amy Kirschbaum, Joel Morton, Barbara Edwardson, Linnea Nelson, Mike Faha (open space consultant), Mark Wilson (open space consultant), Jim Walsh (open space consultant), Maurita Smythe (open space consultant).

Chairman Bob Akers called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Mike Faha presented the highlights of the draft **Fanno Creek Greenway Target Area Refinement Plan**. The plan focuses on acquisitions along the Fanno Creek Greenway from Durham to Portland Golf Club which include 5 existing public natural area parks. The plan also calls for \$1 million dedicated to the upper reaches of Fanno Creek, set up as a partnership matching program. Metro would consider funding up to 75% of the cost of an acquisition.

Ivy Frances expressed concern that the "grant" program would detract from Metro's responsibility to work on a level of regional significance; scattered small pieces may not support regional objectives. Criteria in the "grant" program should support regional themes. John Griffiths did not want the "grant" program to prevent Tier I objectives along the main stem from being completed. Michael Reid suggested that funds should not be used to purchase developer set-asides; but donations could be accepted.

Dorothy Gage testified in support of the upper reaches acquisition proposed, especially in the headwaters of Woods Creek.

Michael Reid moved (Tane 2nd) to amend the "grant" program criteria (Appendix E of the Staff Report) to include: 1) Metro will not purchase developer set-asides, 2) parcels to include creek frontage, wetlands and/or features that contribute to the water quality of the Fanno Creek watershed, 3) acquisition will provide significant watershed benefits, 4) proposed acquisition subject to review by the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee. Motion approved 11-0.

John Griffiths moved (Tane 2nd) that the refinement plan include language to prohibit the "grant" program from interfering with completion of Tier I objectives because of lack of funds. Defeated 4-7.

Ivy Frances moved (Hosey 2nd) to approve the Fanno Creek Greenway Draft Target Area Refinement Plan with the amendments to Appendix E. Approved 10-1.

Barbara Edwardson presented the highlights of the draft **Tryon Creek Linkages Target Area Refinement Plan**. Maurita Smythe reviewed the biological features of the target area. The Tier I target area contains about 200 acres and is primarily focused on connecting Marshall Park with Tryon Creek State Park. The Marshall Park Neighborhood Assn. submitted 175 signatures in support of the Tier I objectives.

Mr. George Toepfer of Friends of Tryon Creek State Park testified in support of the staff report and added that the acquisitions will help benefit a rather fragile anadromous fishery in Tryon Creek. Ms. Anne Jaque testified to lend support for the acquisition of an unnamed tributary of Arnold Creek. It was pointed out to Ms. Jaque that the area in questioned is not in Tier I or II areas and that funds are extremely limited.

Faun Hosey moved (Buhler 2nd) to approve the Tryon Creek Linkages Target Area Refinement Plan. Approved 11-0

Jim Walsh presented the highlights of the **Clear Creek Canyon Target Area Refinement Plan**. A 342 acres have already been acquired with approximately \$1.4 million remaining. The plan defines a 900 acre target area, the remaining funds could purchase an estimated additional 150 acres. Local citizen support in the target area is largely against Metro acquiring land outside its jurisdiction. The primary concern is the implied future public use of the land as a regional park. The staff report recommends a 5-year moratorium of public use of the land.

Ric Buhler recommended that the plan should also consider cultural and historic values of future acquisitions. Jim Battan suggested the remaining funds should be transferred to Tryon Creek target area because the acreage goal in Clear Creek Canyon was met. No motion was made. Ivy Frances commented that the Clear Creek acquisition was truly visionary in protecting an important natural area before its protection became a crisis (e.g. Tryon Creek State Park).

No citizens testified. John Griffiths moved (Garver 2nd) to approve the Clear Creek Canyon Target Area Refinement Plan. Approved 10-1.

Pat Lee provided an overview of the role of the Metro Water Resources Policy Advisory Committee (WRPAC). Metro is seeking representation on the committee from the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee. Ivy Frances accepted the appointment to WRPAC with Seth Tane, John Griffiths and Faun Hosey serving as alternates.