

**Metro Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee
January 16, 1996 Summary Meeting Minutes
5:30PM to 9:30PM, Metro Room 270, Council Chambers**

Present: Bob Akers, John Griffiths, Michael Reid, Katharine Diack, Ivy Francis, Julie Garver, Faun Hosey, Charles Ciecko, Ron Klein, Pat Lee, Jane Hart, Jim Desmond, Nancy Chase, Jim Morgan, Mike Faha (open space consultant), Mark Wilson (open space consultant), Jim Walsh (open space consultant).

Chairman Bob Akers called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Charles Ciecko (Metro Parks Director) reviewed three budget policy issues for committee deliberation:

- ◆ Policy #1 to continue the subsidy from the Expo Center until replacement funds are identified, dedication of parks-generated excise tax, and identify new funding sources for O&M and landbanking needs (M. Reid moved, K. Diack 2nd; approved 5-0).
- ◆ Policy #2 to continue greenspaces program activities as it relates to the implementation of the master plan, open space acquisitions, and support to the Region 2040 process (I. Frances moved, M. Reid 2nd; approved 5-0).
- ◆ Policy #3 to set aside some bond measure funds (\$75,000) for local community landbanking needs, set aside for landbanking any revenue generated from acquisitions, and landbanking expenses be tracked within the O&M budget (M. Reid moved, K. Diack 2nd; approved 5-0).

The Forest Park Target Area Refinement Plan was presented to the committee by Mike Faha & Associates and Metro staff. One citizen provided supportive testimony pointing out the need to focus on the Balch Creek, Miller Creek and Rock Creek areas and the corridor connecting the ag lands on the west side of the Tualatin ridge. The committee approved the staff recommendation of the Forest Park Target Area Refinement Plan (J.Griffiths moved, M. Reid 2nd; approved 6-0).

The Cooper Mountain Target Area Refinement Plan was presented to the committee by Jim Walsh & Associates and Metro staff. Fourteen (14) citizens provided testimony addressing a variety of issues related to the Metro staff recommendation:

1. Bill Bugbee- supported acquisition of site #1; showed slides of site #1; last Goal 5 property within the UGB; does not require heavy restoration effort; near schools; yew and cedar on site #1
2. John Stedman- supports staff recommendation
3. George Gogue- site #5 should be compared fairly with other sites; land values under estimated for site #5
4. Sharon Meek- supports staff recommendation
5. Sam Louke- supports staff recommendation
6. Kathleen Cobb- supports staff recommendation
7. David Stein- Cooper Mt. process does not comply with metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan or the Open Spaces Implementation Plan

8. Kathryn Sayles- submitted Portland Audubon environmental assessment report of Cooper Mt.; supports acquisition of site #1; no developers own property in site #1; Bald Eagle sighted
9. Fred Devlin- include site #1 in the acquisition strategy with site #5; #1 is an important link to #5
10. Jeff Wente- supports acquisition of both #1 and #5; target area map is deceiving because site #5 is bigger than what can realistically be purchased.
11. Lori Wente- attended community meeting on 10/5/95 where most of the 150 people attending supported site #1; submitted petition in support of site #1
12. Jim Batton- supports staff recommendation, but metro should help facilitate fundraising efforts to also acquire site #1 with local community funds (business+citizens+local jurisdictions)
13. Trudy Reusser- supports staff recommendation
14. Sharon Meek for Jerry Parmenter- a number of properties within site #1 have been sold or sales are pending to developers

J. Griffiths moved, J. Garver 2nd to approve the staff recommendation for the Cooper Mountain Target Area Refinement Plan with the addition that Metro take the lead to help with the local acquisition of site #1. I. Frances commented that Metro should focus acquisition efforts at the regional level and also not get involved with fundraising. Motion failed 2-5.

M. Reid moved, K. Diack 2nd to approve the staff recommendation for the Cooper Mountain Target Area Refinement Plan. Motion approved 7-0.

Chairman Bob Akers announced the next Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee meeting would be on February 20, 1996. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40PM.