
**Smith & Bybee Lakes Natural Area
Management Committee**
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Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 30, 1999
Metro Regional Center, Room 270
600 N E Grand Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97232

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<i>Review and approve minutes of February meeting</i>	
<i>Updates</i>	5:45 - 6:00 pm
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Facility Plan	
Smith & Bybee Lakes Days	
Others	
<i>Presentation – Greg Jones, City of Portland and Bill Bach, Port of Portland</i>	6:00 - 6:40 pm
North Marine Drive Update -	
<i>Discussion – 40-Mile Loop Land Trust</i>	6:20 - 7:00 pm
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Enclosures:

February 23, 1999 Meeting Notes
March 18, 1999 letter from Friends of S & B Lakes to Multnomah County Commission
(4) 40-Mile Loop Trail maps

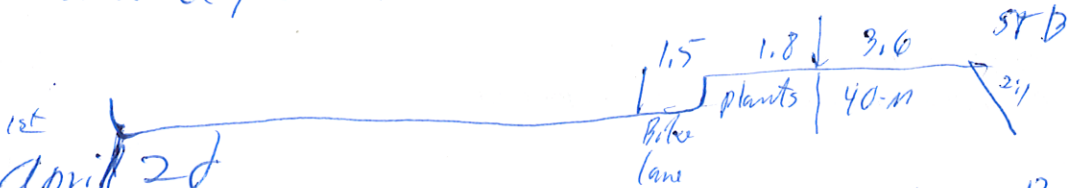
Note

Please remember to bring the North Marine Drive Project schedule you were previously provided.

Manne On Expansion (RR → overpass)

- Bike way narrowed 6' → 5'
- 11' traffic lanes
- moved south for (1) Nordstrom entrance
max 19 ft. (2) provide adequate sight distance
- 40-mile loop 12' min
- veg 6'
- sand wall / berm?

~57' to pond



Workshops - April 2d

Noise, landscape, Haz-Mat, Stormwater, 40-m loop, Ped. X-ing

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Stacy Blum - N. Marine Dr.

Tie Down Alignment - Saved 7 feet in cross-section

Generous curb to the south, to avoid lg trees to north,

ded alignment → further to south to flatten

Roadway - does not include sidewalks & 40 mile loop trail

- Noidstrom - Keep operations intact

- minimum distance to go south

19 feet encroachment - to curb.

6' planter strip

12' 40-mile-loop trail - paved surface/ADA/AC surface

37'

Noise study - facility not done yet.

What is the mitigation

→ Urban City Street - 1/2000 front Ave

→ Speed Limit

July 26 document

Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Summary Meeting Notes

Metro Regional Center
Room 270
March 30, 1999
5:30 PM

In Attendance:

Emily Roth	Metro – S & B Wildlife Area Manager
Holly Michael *	Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife
Troy Clark *	Portland Audubon Society
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland BES
Gerald Wright *	Fuel Processors, Inc.
Pat Sullivan	Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces
Jeff Kee *	Friends of S & B
Peter Teneau	Friends of S & B
Jim Morgan *	Representing Metro Exec Officer
Gerry Meyer	Port of Portland
Dennis O'Neil	Metro REM
Dawn Uchiyama	Portland Parks & Rec
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Parks & Rec
Pam Arden *	40-Mile Loop Trail
Susan Oman *	Port of Portland
Bill Bach	Port of Portland
Stacy L. Blumh	PDOT
Greg Jones	PDOT
Kevin O'Sullivan	North Portland citizen
Dennis Keepers	North Portland citizen
Donna Babbitt	North Portland citizen
Ray & Eleanor Plitz	North Portland citizens
Richard Ellmyer	North Portland citizen

* voting member

Presentation – North Marine Drive Update - Greg Jones and Stacy Blumh, PDOT

Greg Jones introduced Stacy Blumh as the new project manager having filled the position previously held by Jeanne Caswell. The first course of action for any such project, according to Greg, is setting the alignment. Determination of other issues would follow from that decision. The City has been working from the North Marine Drive Widening & Rail Relocation Project document adopted July 22, 1998 trying to balance issues related to alignment, business access and other concerns related to natural resources in the area. They began with the typical cross section for the roadway looking at various ways to compress it without losing such components as bike lanes, center turn lanes and sidewalks and at the same time keeping within legal and design requirements.

CH2M Hill, project designers, were asked to work within the existing right-of-way as much as possible. Among issues considered were roadway safety, access and elevation (affecting sight distance), and preservation of mature trees on the north side of the roadway. Specifics included access into Nordstrom's and sight distance at the driveway locations. Stacy stated they were charged with the responsibility for moving the road as far north as possible without negatively impacting businesses.

Nordstrom's has been willing to consider instituting one-way operations at the shipping and receiving departments. Greg admitted these changes will mean some encroachment into the Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Discussions ensued concerning the extent of possible encroachment.

The issue of berms or sound walls is still open for comment and discussion, Greg reported, as studies have not been completed in terms of size or type needed. Jeff Kee commented that incorporating a sound wall into the design was something of paramount importance to both the Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes and the Management Committee. Posted road speeds were also discussed. Bill Bach commented that everyone agrees on the need for speed control, but it is also necessary to allow traffic to flow.

Bill reminded the committee that the City's initial concern was to provide them with an alignment and to move to the other issues (such as noise abatement walls, landscaping, storm water issues, hazardous spills, pedestrian safety and the 40-mile loop trail) at the public workshops. The first is scheduled for April 20th and is open to the general public, not exclusively to the CAC and TAC. Discussion will continue on the North Marine Drive Project at the April 27th meeting.

Discussion – 40-Mile Loop Land Trust – Jim Sjulín and Dawn Uchiyama – Portland Parks

Jim Sjulín and Dawn Uchiyama reported on a "work program" for the 40-Mile Loop Trail mini-master plan. Background resources included: 1) City of Portland Comprehensive Plan, 2) Natural Resources Management Plan for Smith & Bybee Lakes [1990] and 3) Smith & Bybee Lakes Recreation Master Plan [1992]. New concerns and issues necessitate the mini-master plan, which is to be a refinement of the Recreation Plan; it will pertain to planning only, not to actual construction of the trail. The physical area involved will be defined as the north and south sides and west end of Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area extending all the way to Kelley Point Park. It will apply to the 40-Mile Loop Trail not just in the Wildlife Area, but the whole peninsula (everything northwest of N. Portland Rd.).

A key component of the mini-master plan will be public meetings, the first to be held before a draft alignment is set; subsequent ones are hoped to coincide with existing meetings, open houses and other gatherings. The work will then entail putting together a preliminary plan, preliminary alignment, base cost estimates, refining the plan and preparing a final report. Jim Sjulín stressed the importance of doing this mini-master plan now. Portland Parks has money set aside from its 26-26 open share program to address closing the gaps in the 40-Mile Loop System. Also this is the last year of the local share bond expenditures.

A motion was made and seconded that the S & B Lakes Management Committee support the draft work plan of the 40-Mile Loop Trail as presented, providing that funding plan partners are identified and asked to participate and that maintenance provisions are included. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 1, Gerald Wright being the vote in opposition.

Updates

- The Turtle Monitoring Project is underway. Approximately 120 volunteers have been trained and have begun the monitoring process. They will be updating the committee on a regular basis once they start gathering information. The sharing of information has been coordinated with the Port.
- The Facility Plan is also underway. Public outreach to various interested parties has begun. A meeting with the boating sector was held; upcoming meetings are scheduled with a bicycling group and an environmental education faction as well as a second meeting with the boaters. Presentations will be made at the various neighborhood associations as well. Anyone who is interested in the Facility Plan, which will include deciding on a new parking lot location, a boat launch, a flush toilet system and an education shelter, were asked to call Emily (797-1515) or Dean Apostol (661-6152).

- Smith & Bybee Lakes Days will be held May 8th and 9th this year, on the last weekend of Great Blue Heron Week. All committee members were invited to participate.
- James Davis was scheduled to present an update, but the full agenda precluded that. He will appear at the next meeting, if time permits. His "Naturalist's Report", however, outlining his environmental education activities, was distributed to committee members.

Jim Morgan responded to concern expressed by Richard Ellmyer for the number of senior citizens as well as less able nature enthusiasts that have wanted to go to the lakes to enjoy recreational opportunities, but have been unable to do so because of the necessity to portage. Jim suggested the possibility of "led trips" that would target these audiences, if they were scheduled trips and access was controlled by the trip leader(s). Emily offered to look at that option as well as others discussed in the meeting.

Suggested agenda items for the April 27th meeting:

S & B Lakes Days update
James Davis update
Temporary access update

Naturalist's Report to: Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area Management Committee from James Davis

March 30, 1999

I understand you have a very full agenda tonight so here is a brief listing of my main activities during January, February, and March, 1999. I will be at the April 27th meeting to elaborate on some of these and discuss what else is going on at the lakes.

1. Greenscene programs for the general public

I had four Saturday morning walks titled either "Winter Birds at Smith and Bybee Lakes" or "Wildlife in Winter". A total of 40 people attended the four walks with some excellent views of bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, waterfowl, and a baby beaver.

2. Volunteer naturalist training

We have an excellent group of volunteers going through our naturalist training program right now. I helped teach the two orientation classes and taught my two sessions of the Smith and Bybee Lakes program training. In addition, I have taken the lead on improving and assembling our training materials.

3. George Middle School

We are entering the final phase of the aerial photo-monitoring project. I have attended meetings at the school to plan the next steps in the project and conducted a field trip with some of our volunteers to introduce the new 6th graders to the project. We are proceeding toward a final report at the end of the school year.

4. Spring break

I did two days of spring break programs for kids with Lis. One was "Wildlife on a Pioneer Farm" at Howell Territorial Park and the other was a trip up the Columbia River Gorge. Attendance was high and the programs went very well.

5. Program planning

I planned all my GreenScene programs for May through August and Smith and Bybee Lakes Days. I have added regular Wednesday morning Wetlands Explorer programs at Smith and Bybee Lakes for the summer in addition to the Twilight Tuesdays I started last year. I have four turtle walks, two bird walks, and a wetlands ecology class scheduled for weekends.

6. School group recruitment

I created a display on Smith and Bybee Lakes field trips for a teacher's fair at the World Forestry Center, which I will show at the next meeting. I have sent (or will send this week) mailings promoting field trips at Smith and Bybee to a list of interested teachers we have (about 120 teachers). I'm exploring ways to get the word out to more teachers in an effective manner.

7. Training

I attended a weekend-long workshop with Jon Young on environmental education techniques and philosophy and one of our own tracking classes at Oxbow. Both were very useful. I "dropped in" on part of the turtle monitoring training to have a good idea of what is happening with that project.

8. Master planning

I have been participating in the master planning process for Howell Territorial Park and Blue Lake Regional Park, giving input on wildlife and educational programming.

9. Wildlife checklist

I have started to prepare a Common Wildlife Checklist for Smith and Bybee Lakes that will be printed and distributed by the Backyard Bird Shops. This is a deal Ron Klein has arranged.

10. All Species Ball III

I have been the principle organizer of this event and I am in the band.
Be there or, like, be totally square, dude.

All Species Ball III
Saturday, April 24th,
8:30 to 11 p.m.
Polish Library Association Hall
3832 N. Interstate

A celebration of our achievements protecting the natural environment.
Come dressed as your favorite species, habitat, or Greenspace.

Dance to the upbeat rock 'n roll of ***The Jitters***.
\$5 at the door.

Lucky Labrador brews and non-alcoholic beverages available.

The Polish Library Association Hall is on the northern boarder
of the large Kaiser Medical Center complex on Interstate.
There is lighted, secure parking in the Kaiser lot just east of the Hall.