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**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, September 28, 1999  
Metro Regional Center, Room 270  
600 N E Grand Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97232

<b><i>Call to order; Introductions</i></b>	5:30 - 5:40 pm
<b><i>Review and approve July &amp; August meeting notes</i></b>	
<b><i>Updates</i></b>	5:40 - 5:55 pm
Cabin teardown	
Multnomah County Jail Facility buffer	
Work parties and other events	
North Marine Drive project	
Budget sub-committee report and budget schedule	
<b>Public Comment</b>	5:55 - 6:05 pm
<b><i>Discussion - Facility Plan</i></b>	6:05 - 6:55 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compliance with the Natural Resource Management Plan</li><li>• Basic design discussion</li><li>• Phasing</li><li>• Funding</li><li>• Tie-in with North Marine Drive Project</li></ul>	
<b><i>Discussion - Agenda Items for October Meeting (including Budget)</i></b>	6:55 - 7:00 pm
<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>	7:00 pm

Enclosures:

August 24, 1999 Meeting Notes  
copy of August 25<sup>th</sup> memo to C. Ciecko re: Stormwater Recommendation  
copy of September 3<sup>rd</sup> letter to S. Bluhm re: North Marine Drive Project

**Reminder: Please review and bring the DRAFT Facility Plan with you to the meeting. To date comments on the plan have not been received from anyone.**

**Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee  
Summary Meeting Notes**

Metro Regional Center  
Room 270  
September 28, 1999  
5:30 PM

**In Attendance:**

Frank Opila *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Emily Roth	Metro – S & B Wildlife Area Manager
Troy Clark *	Portland Audubon Society
Gerry Wright *	Fuel Processors
Jim Morgan *	Representing Metro Executive Officer
Pat Sullivan	Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces
Kevin O'Sullivan *	St. Johns Neighborhood Association
Gerry Meyer *	Port of Portland
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Bureau of Parks
Holly Michael *	Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

\* - voting member

**July & August Meeting Notes**

In the August meeting notes a reference to the "North Portland Neighborhoods Association", a name incorporated by Marcus Lewis, will be revised to read "North Portland Neighborhoods". This is the group represented on the Management Committee by Lance Bailey. A motion was made and passed to approve both months' meeting notes. Kevin O'Sullivan, a new committee member this month, abstained.

**Updates**

Emily Roth reported on a small "**survivalist**" cabin on stilts which had been illegally constructed in an obscure section of the Wildlife Area. A diary obviously belonging to the builder/occupant last dated December of 1998 reported: "I have been flooded out again . . . and am moving to the mountains." The cabin has been cleared of trash, will be pulled down on Friday and burned as soon as the wet weather arrives.

Concerning the issue of the buffer for the **Multnomah County Jail project**, Troy Clark urged the County to revisit the letter sent by the Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes requesting 150 feet of vegetative buffer on the entire perimeter. It was emphasized that the measurement should be from the top of the fill slope back. The County plans, however, have now progressed from a 25 ft. high facility to a 45 ft. high one in certain locations; and from 225 beds to 525 beds including 300 beds for drug and alcohol treatment. This will present a greater design challenge as one purpose of the buffer is to obscure the facility. Most likely a native vegetative screening, with evergreens closer to the building will be used. As the Port of Portland maintains ownership of 75 ft. from the toe of the slope to the top of the bank, efforts are underway to coordinate the entire buffer/planting project together. The next sub-committee meeting to continue work on the buffer design will be October 7<sup>th</sup>.

A recent **work party** of three volunteers weeded a 2-year old planting by the Friends' group on Leadbetter peninsula. Emily reminded the committee that when the planting for the jail begins, if that bank is pulled back, all those plants should be salvaged as those having survived thus far are thriving.

Emily has been leading a series of "**No Portage Canoe Trips**" during the day, which have been well attended by retired persons and "work-at-homes". Another trip is coming up on Thursday. Sighted on recent excursions have been an early flock of Ruddy ducks, Coots, Cormorants, and great numbers of Mallards. The lakes are at the lowest level in three years (under nine feet at the dam) with large numbers of mud flats exposed. The Friends will also be leading a canoe trip on the lakes on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Copies of a letter to Nancy Hendrickson from Stacy Bluhm of PDOT, project manager for the **North Marine Drive Project**, were distributed to committee members. Nancy referred to the last section of the letter on the berm-wall noise barrier. The City agreed it should make every effort to extend the noise barrier to the rail, but because it is over budget a number of cost reduction proposals will be evaluated, a likely reference to the barrier extension. Additional information will be shared by the City at the upcoming workshop, on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Emily reminded the committee it has taken a firm stand on having the wall extended to the railroad tracks. Nancy Hendrickson also reported that in the design the berm wall runs on top of an existing sanitary/utility line; a placement which will not be allowed.

Emily attended the pre-application conference at which the City determined the stormwater treatment would fall under a type 3 or 4 improvement. (In the 50% design review document it was referred to as a type 2 improvement.) It will be a major improvement, meaning all stormwater will have to be treated, not merely stormwater from the new project but that from the existing road.

The **budget sub-committee** met recently, and learned that little discretionary money will be available. Full discussion of the budget will be moved to the October meeting.

A **Purple Loosestrife Summit** will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the BES Water Pollution Laboratory from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm sponsored by the Friends of S & B Lakes and Metro. A representative from the Oregon Dept of Agriculture will talk about distribution and biological control. An early result of planning for the summit is the introduction of Peter MacAvoid, an OSU professor specializing in biological weed control. He is very interested in using the entire S&B Lakes and Rivergate areas as a research unit for purple loosestrife control. One of his graduate students may start work next spring.

### **Discussion - Facility Plan**

- **Compliance with Natural Resource Management Plan**

Emily met with the City of Portland at the end of August. Reference was made to Figure 5 under "Projects" in the 1990 *Natural Resources Management Plan for Smith & Bybee Lakes*. It illustrated a "water access point" along Old Marine Drive. It was determined the proposed location of the new facility fits within that general location in the Management Plan. It would be only a type 2 land use review and in conformance with the Management Plan. In response to inquiries concerning the Recreation Master Plan, the City described it as a plan prepared by the Planning Section of the Portland Parks Bureau. It is a conceptual document only, not an adopted land use document. It has no force of law.

- **Basic design discussion**

- \* Frank Opila spoke on behalf of Friends of S & B and entered its letter of August 23rd into the record, listing their design recommendations. The Friends liked the basic concept that is presented in the draft and would like its definition of "rustic" to be included in the design plan. Gerry Wright echoed the preference for keeping it simple. He equated complexity with high cost.
- \* At present there are no gates or access to the water in Phase I. Recommended was some type of temporary boat launch or that the boat launch be included with Phase I.
- \* It would be advantageous, with the widening of North Marine Drive, to be able to do all the paving and construction under the same contract, bringing costs down.
- \* With a water line at the proposed siting, a drinking fountain would be desirable.
- \* The plan calls for two kiosks. Frank expressed a preference for only one and would like to see the \$5000 for the second kiosk allocated to a boat launch contingency.

- Phasing – All the phasing is flexible. Emily felt it would be difficult to do phase 2 and 3 separately, it appears they need to be built together (refer to pages 12 and 13 of the facility plan).

- Funding

- \* Regional Parks & Greenspaces Dept. as well as the Friends group feel very strongly that it would be inappropriate to remove funds from the trust fund for implementation of the facility plan. That money is to manage and maintain the existing wildlife area.
- \* A fundamental question remains about the status of the property in question in terms of the Port's ownership. Metro is investigating property values to determine whether it can be purchased. The Port has expressed a willingness to work with Metro on the purchase or lease of the parcel.
- \* Receiving money from Metro's general fund may be explored as a funding source.
- \* The State of Oregon has low interest loans for facility development. Oregon Dept of Economic Development charges no financial fees, interest is presently between 5 and 5.5% and can be paid back over the next 20 years. Metro finance staff is looking into loan requirements to see if this project would qualify.
- \* Measure 66 was passed last year from which a grant program for local park providers will be established. Metro is waiting to receive grant requirements to learn if this project qualifies for funding.
- \* Measure 26-26 is another possibility. Multnomah County local share funds were reallocated by Metro Council about 4 months ago. The facility plan was not included as it was not complete at the time nor was a "price tag" attached to it. If a reallocation is again considered, however, the plan could be considered more favorably.
- \* A request has been made of Metro's financial department to look into removing the S & B Trust Fund from Metro's general fund and placing it into a different long term investment strategy that will yield higher interest per year.

The Management Committee will add an addendum to the facility plan incorporating notes from tonight's discussion, the Friends letter and the memo from the Port of Portland. Approval of the addendum will be considered at the October meeting, which will be held at its regular time and date on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

October agenda items: 1) Updates- N. Marine Drive project, Multnomah County jail, the facility plan, 2) Model Airplaner's presentation by Dennis Meyer and 3) budget review and approval.

In order to avoid conflicts with both Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, there will be one 2-hour Management Committee on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm. This will replace the November 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup> meetings.