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**Smith & Bybee Lakes Natural Area  
Management Committee**  
*Nancy Hendrickson, Chair*

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**Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Meeting**  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 26, 1999  
Metro Regional Center, Room 270  
600 N E Grand Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97232

<b><i>Welcome; Introductions</i></b>	5:30 - 5:40 pm
<b><i>Review and approval of September meeting notes</i></b>	
<b><i>Updates</i></b>	5:40 - 6:00 pm
Facility Plan	
Purple Loosestrife Summit	
Jail Buffer Design	
North Marine Drive Project	
Landfill Maintenance Building	
<b><i>Presentation – Model Airplaners – Dennis Meyer</i></b>	6:00 - 6:30 pm
<b><i>Review and Approval – FY 2000-01 Budget</i></b>	6:30 - 7:00 pm
<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>	7:00 pm

Enclosures:

September 28, 1999 Meeting Notes  
Proposed 00-01 Budget  
Environmental Education Attendance Statistics

**Reminder: Please review and bring the Special Use Permit to the Portland Area Model Aircraft Assoc. with you to the meeting.**

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

Metro Regional Center  
Room 270  
October 26, 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
Jim Morgan *	Representing Metro Executive Officer
Pat Sullivan	Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces
Kevin O'Sullivan *	St. Johns Neighborhood Association
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Bureau of Parks
Holly Michael *	Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

\* - voting member

**September Meeting Notes**

Nancy Hendrickson, committee chair, referred to the last sentence of paragraph 2 on page 2 which discusses the North Marine Drive Project. She revised it to read: "in the design the berm wall runs on top of an existing sanitary/utility line, a placement which will not be allowed *without moving the line.*" A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the September meeting notes as amended.

**Updates**

The **Model Airplaners** group, which was originally on this agenda, will instead make a presentation to the committee on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Mary Abrams**, a former member of this committee, is leaving the City of Portland to take a position with DEQ in LaGrande. She will be feted on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Lucky Lab, if any are interested in participating.

The "unveiling" of the cover for the **Facility Plan**, photography by Frank Opila, took place. The plan itself has been approved by the Regional Parks & Greenspaces Advisory Committee as well as this committee. The resolution and staff report proposing adoption of the plan will be presented to the Metro Cabinet on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and likely put on the Operations Committee agenda in two weeks prior to seeking approval by the full Council.

The **Purple Loosestrife Summit** held on October 12<sup>th</sup> was described by Troy Clark as very worthwhile. From it came one strategy which could be applied in trying to limit the loosestrife's invasion into the lakes: to create an equilibrium between certain insects and their food source – the purple loosestrife. Factions of such organizations as Oregon State University, the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Metro, the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, SOLV, Port of Portland and BPA have expressed an interest in some degree of participation. The hope is to amass a "pot" of \$40,000 to \$45,000 from these sources to fund the various projects considered feasible. The Columbia Slough Watershed Council will be applying for a Lower Columbia River Estuary Grant to partially fund purple loosestrife control in the area.

Troy spoke of a recent meeting of the **Columbia Slough Watershed Council**, at which there was a lively discussion about Columbia Steel Casting seeking a fill permit for five wetland acres of the slough

which comprise a significant bird and wildlife habitat. Emily Roth pointed out that Metro, as adjacent landowner to the proposed fill will be notified of the permit application and will respond appropriately (a copy of which will be included with the October meeting notes). In addition, the Management Committee should also respond to the application. Emily will draft such a letter from the Management Committee for its review.

The **jail buffer design** committee has been considering even-age planting (most common as a reforestation technique) versus mixed- age planting, to berms and irrigation. Their next meeting will focus on soil amendments. Bryan Cole, of the consulting firm Walker Macy, will attend the next Management Committee meeting to update members on the buffer design.

Concerning the **North Marine Drive Project**, Emily reported the committee has not yet heard from the Port of Portland on the "triangle piece". Metro notified them the property has been valued at \$5,000 but to date there has been no response or counter offer. The land use application for the project itself will be submitted to the City of Portland in about three months. *(Note: The Smith & Bybee Lakes Facilities Plan will not be included. The \$35,000 estimate for phase I of the Facilities Plan (design and engineering) from CH2M Hill was considered high. It is approximately 30% of the project's budget whereas design & engineering usually runs between 7% and 12%.)* Construction on the N. Marine Drive project is running behind schedule; a beginning date of June rather than April 2000 is now anticipated.

The proposed **landfill maintenance building** will not be constructed on the landfill. Metro has made an offer to the City of Portland to purchase "parcel A for \$100,000 (from the Regional Environmental Management (REM) budget) and up to \$1,000,000 in environmental liability. If it is built on that site (south of the landfill), the Management Plan will require them to have enough parking spaces for the public to use the boat launch into the slough.

The REM Dept. recently submitted its permit application to the City of Portland for **bank stabilization of the landfill perimeter**. Certain comments submitted before the closing date expressed disagreement with the design. The City is now considering delaying the permit for four months, sending it back for re-design to make it more "environmentally friendly". It was noted the Management Committee only approved the plan in concept, but had exceptions to elements of the design for some of the reasons now being brought up.

The election of new officers by the **Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes** was held recently with the following results: Pres. – Troy Clark, Vice Pres. – Jeff Kee, Sec. – Polly Knox and Treas. - Arlene Holmes. Frank will continue to represent the Friends group on the Management Committee at least through the end of the year.

### **Review and Approval of FY 2000-01 Budget**

The draft of the proposed Smith Bybee Lakes Trust Fund budget for FY2000-01 was distributed to committee members for review. It was considered in conjunction with the adopted FY 1999-2000 budget which the committee is operating in at present. Highlights of the discussion included:

- *"Interest on Fund Balance" under Revenue Detail – pg 1 of 1.* Metro has been asked to examine the idea of removing the S & B Trust Fund from Metro's overall general fund and investing it individually in a more long-term account to obtain a higher interest rate (even at 6% or 6.5%, it would amount to a considerable increase.)
- *"Transfer Resources from Open Spaces Fund" under the Revenue Detail – page 1 of 1.* 25% of Emily's time will be paid for by Open Spaces Division and she will spend that amount of time on new acquisitions, while spending 75% of her time on Smith & Bybee issues. This is to avoid spending down the trust fund on personnel services. Jim Sjulín commented that there is no reason that S & B Lakes needs to be funded entirely by trust fund proceeds. This is a regional facility, as deserving as

any other quality parks facility. The trust fund is a great benefit to S & B Lakes, but it was never intended to be the sole source of revenue.

- *"Interagency agreement with City of Portland/BES" under Misc. Professional Services – Expenditure Detail – page 2 of 4.* Metro is about to enter into a new IGA with George Kral for another 25 acres of habitat restoration.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a unanimous vote, to approve the draft FY 2000-01 Smith & Bybee Lakes Trust Fund.

It was decided in order to avoid conflict with holiday schedules to cancel the November 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup> meetings and to combine them instead into one meeting on **Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at **5:00 pm** to 7:00 pm in **Room 370A**.