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**Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Meeting**

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2000  
Metro Regional Center, Room 270  
600 N E Grand Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97232

**AGENDA**

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| <b><i>Welcome; Introductions</i></b>                                        | <b>5:30 - 5:35 pm</b> |
| <b><i>Review and approval of June and July meeting notes</i></b>            |                       |
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| <b><i>Updates</i></b>                                                       | <b>5:35 - 5:45 pm</b> |
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| <b><i>Presentation – Ramsey Rail Yard – Tim Van Wormer</i></b>              | <b>5:45 - 6:15 pm</b> |
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| <b><i>Decision - Htr. of support</i></b>                                    |                       |
| <b><i>Discussion - Water Control Structure - Elaine Stewart</i></b>         | <b>6:15 - 6:45 pm</b> |
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| <b><i>Discussion – Helping Out During Elaine's Absence - Troy Clark</i></b> | <b>6:45 – 6:55 pm</b> |
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| <b><i>Discussion – Setting agenda items for September Meeting</i></b>       | <b>6:55- 7:00 pm</b>  |

Enclosures:  
July Meeting Notes  
Outline of Mini Master Plan Process

## Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Summary Meeting Notes

Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area  
August 22, 2000  
5:30 PM

### In Attendance:

Nancy Hendrickson *	City of Portland, BES
Jim Morgan *	Metro Parks & Greenspaces
Bill Bach *	Port of Portland
Patt Opdyke *	North Portland Neighborhoods
Peter Teneau *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Jim Sjulín *	City of Portland Parks
Denis O'Brien *	Metro Parks & Greenspaces
Gregg Everhart	City of Portland Parks
Troy Clark *	Portland Audubon Society
Dennis O'Neil	Metro REM
Hal Day	Cully Neighborhood Resident
Kevin O'Sullivan *	St. Johns Neighborhood
Tim VanWormer	Port of Portland
Chris White	Port of Portland
Pat Sullivan	Metro Parks & Greenspaces
Dan Kromer	Metro Parks O & M

\* - voting member

### Review and approval of June and July meeting notes

The June meeting notes, as presented, were approved by all voting members in attendance. Kevin O'Sullivan abstained from voting on approval of the July meeting notes due to his absence that month. The remaining members did vote their approval.

### Updates

Nancy Hendrickson has been in contact with Dennis Meyer of the **model airplaners** group. He will be able to arrange a tour for the sub-committee of an existing model airplane site in Camas, WA. any night except Tuesday. Nancy passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested to indicate a preference of date and time.

Denis O'Brien, technician at Smith & Bybee Lakes, reported that a concerned citizen has been witness to active **Western painted turtle poaching** occurring in the slough adjacent to N. Marine Drive. Once those participating had been informed the turtles are protected under State law, all but one of the group returned the turtles to the site. The State Police has been contacted and, along with Metro field staff, will be watchful for further occurrences. Peter Teneau suggested additional signage warning of the prohibition.

Jim Sjulín advised the committee that the draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the **Smith & Bybee Lakes Trails Mini-Master Plan** is now being reviewed by Metro and the City of Portland.

The **bank stabilization effort** is beginning at the North Slough according to Dennis O'Neil. The process will necessitate the removal of 5,000 to 6,000 cu. yds of dirt/sand from a nearby location to balance cut and fill caused by the project. O'Neil solicited suggestions for the most favorable site(s) at which that might occur. Dan Kromer will collect the suggestions and have them distributed with the

September agenda in mid month so members can come to the next meeting informed of the options and prepared to discuss a recommendation.

Peter Teneau asked that Polly Knox, one of the area's citizen activists, be added to the herbicide sub-committee. She will receive notification of future meetings.

### **Presentation - Ramsey Rail Yard**

Tim Van Wormer, of the Port of Portland (and former Management Committee member) gave an in-depth presentation on the design of the Ramsey Rail Yard project for which he is project manager. The components of the project, located in Rivergate, included: 1) a rail yard, 2) a second main lead to run parallel to the existing main lead, 3) a new industry lead to serve the Rivergate industries' resource protection measures and 4) a stormwater system which will consist of collection, treatment and discharge components. The rail yard will provide additional storage and staging capacity and maximize the setback in the area of the Ramsey Lake pond.

One of the goals of the project is to avoid or minimize the impact to the resource area. VanWormer discussed conservation measures to be implemented which will include: 1) construction occurring during winter when there is no nesting activity, 2) building a fence the length of the project to keep construction out of resource areas and 3) contractor education. The project time line is estimated to be two to three years. Discussion and questions included the topics of: lighting, stormwater outfalls, impervious surfaces, and speed limits and trail issues. For additional information, committee members may be contact VanWormer as follows: phone: 503-944-7208 or e-mail: vanwot@portptld.com.

### **Discussion - Water Control Structure**

Jim Morgan reported on the two sub-committee meetings which were held to discuss this topic. The information available to date was reviewed for members less familiar with the details. More importantly, new information was considered that might bear reconsideration of the recommendation made by the Smith & Bybee Lakes Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in 1995 and the Mangement Committee in 1996. The recommendations (referred to as the Cadillac option) included the following: (the first four were referred to as the minimum option, the second two were looked upon as options to follow in a phased-in manner when feasible.) 1] to remove the current structure, 2] to replace it with a structure that would allow unobstructed flow both on a seasonal and daily basis through the North Slough into the lakes, 3] to retain the ability to pump water back into the lakes and 4] to retain the ability to raise the water level in the event of management needs, such as responding to an occurrence of avian botulism. The two components to follow when feasible were: 5] to directly connect the western arm of Bybee Lake to the Columbia Slough with an adjustable weir tidegate and 6] to separate the western arm of Bybee Lake from the rest of the lake with an adjustable weir. All these options were discussed starting in the late 1980's. They were dealt with at length by the Smith & Bybee Lakes TAC as the studies were being developed from 1990 through 1995.

The recently convened water control structure sub-committee determined no new significant information had been gathered to recommend overriding or changing the six options. However, the sub-committee did recommend proceeding with the first four options through the design and engineering phases while proceeding with a feasibility study for the fifth and sixth options.

A recommendation was put forth to proceed with the design and permitting of the water control structure replacement; the final design of the new structure may change depending on the results of the feasibility study on option five. The sub-committee will meet again to decide on the scope of work for the feasibility study. The motion was passed by a vote of eight to one.

### **Discussion – Helping Out During Elaine's Absence**

A short discussion preceded the decision that everyone would help out as needed.

## **Discussion – Setting Agenda Items for September Meeting**

- 1) Reports from any sub-committees that have met in the interim
- 2) Options for site of the 500 to 600 cu yds of dirt/soil to be removed during bank stabilization project
- 3) Updates

### **Note:**

Chair Nancy Hendrickson has suggested that a "meet and greet" period be held between 5:20 to 5:30 pm, at which time committee members can catch up with one another, if desired, and the meeting can begin promptly at 5:30 pm. Each meeting's agenda is extremely full and every one of the ninety minutes allotted is precious.

**Hendrickson, Nancy**

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**From:** Elaine Stewart [stewarte@metro.dst.or.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2000 3:52 PM  
**To:** Nancyh@bes.ci.portland.or.us  
**Subject:** Agenda for SBMC meeting 8/22

I need to get material to Patricia for her to do the agenda and mail it out Friday. this is what I show for our meeting:

5:30 - 5:35 Welcome & Introductions, approve previous 2 meetings' notes

5:35 - 5:45 Updates

5:45 - 6:15 Ramsey rail yard (Tim VanWormer)

6:15 - 6:45 Water control structure (Elaine)

6:45 - 6:55 Helping out while Elaine is gone (Troy)

6:55 - 7:00 Next meeting agenda

How's this look?

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**From:** Elaine Stewart  
**To:** Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee  
**Date:** Thu, Aug 10, 2000 8:15 AM  
**Subject:** subcommittee meetings scheduled this month

Two meetings have been scheduled for the "dam removal" subcommittee; this is the group that will discuss removing the dam at Smith and Bybee lakes and replacing it with another structure that provides more management options.

Some of you will remember that this action was recommended by the Wetland Technical Advisory Committee in 1996. The Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee took that recommendation and voted in 1996 to support this project.

The project has not been implemented yet, and one of the biggest reasons has been a lack of funding. Ducks Unlimited has secured much of the funding needed for the new structure, and efforts are under way to raise the balance of funds.

Regional Parks and Greenspaces plans to take the project in front of the Metro Council for its endorsement. We would like to bring the resolution to the council this fall. Jim Morgan has graciously agreed to make the presentation if we are scheduled for a time when I am gone.

I would like to have a letter of support for this project from the Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee to include in the council's packet. The management committee has expressed an interest in reviewing the issue anyway, to see whether there is new information that would cause it to change its position.

Nancy and I have scheduled two subcommittee meetings to review the history and issues surrounding the water control structure:

Wednesday, August 16  
5:30 - 7:00  
Room 270

Monday, August 21  
5:30 - 7:00  
Room 270

In April and May, management committee members signed up for various subcommittees. Those who signed up for this one are:

Bill Briggs  
Troy Clark  
Nancy Hendrickson  
Gerry Meyer  
Jim Morgan  
Kevin O'Sullivan

Other interested persons include:  
Bill Egan  
Dennis O'Neil  
"Rep from Friends of S&B"  
Elaine Stewart

I can reach most of the people via this email. I will call Bill Egan, but I need for Troy or Peter to contact

someone at the Friends to serve (if they still feel that another person from the Friends is needed).

Sorry for the short notice. I hope that those who signed up (and anyone else who is interested) can make it to the meetings. This item will be on the management committee agenda for August, but I hope that most of the in-depth discussion can occur at the sub-committee meetings.

-Elaine

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**To:** Clark Worth, Barney and Worth, Inc.  
**From:** Elaine Stewart, Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area Manager *EMS*  
**cc:** Nancy Hendrickson, Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee  
Tim Dabreiner, Barney and Worth  
Bobbi Luna, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office  
**Date:** August 21, 2000  
**Subject:** Comments on revised condition land-use permit application

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I will not be able to attend Wednesday's meeting of the working group, so I am submitting my comments now. The attached table provides specific comments, but I have a couple of general comments to add:

1. Western painted turtles: nesting survey work performed this summer has confirmed that turtle nests do occur in the Leadbetter peninsula area. This is likely to affect the Port of Portland and its work required under the consent decree more than it will affect Multnomah County and the corrections facility. I am happy to work with you and other project staff to avoid any adverse effects of facility construction on the turtle population.
2. Planting schemes: considerable information is available about the plant communities that are native to the area. I am enclosing two plant lists from work that was done at Smith and Bybee lakes. I encourage you to talk with George Kral (BES, 823-7116) for additional information and recommendations on plant communities. I would like to be involved in the design of any plantings that are intended to address specific wildlife needs (e.g., turtle habitat).
3. I will be taking a hiatus from the jail working group, as I go on leave for the next three months. However, I will continue to monitor my email and have requested Denis O'Brien, who will be covering my desk, to forward any materials regarding this project to me at home. That way I can review them for current issues that are of particular interest to the wildlife area and provide input if and when it is needed before my planned return. Please feel free to contact Denis at my regular number (797-1515) or Dan Kromer at 797-1844 if you need to contact Metro regarding the working group.



## Comments on draft revised application

August 21, 2000

- Page 67 – list of organizations includes “Smith and Bybee Lakes Wetlands”, probably intended to be “Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee” and/or “Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes”.
- Page 68 – reference to limited public access to Smith and Bybee lakes; I’m not clear what this is. The NRMP calls for Bybee Lake to be maintained as more of a reserve with little or no public access.
- Page 72 – Plant source section indicates that landscaping will “generally” adhere to Portland Plant List. The only exception to the Portland Plant List should be any native plants known from the area that are somehow not on the plant list.
- Page 72 – Plant materials refers to use of pesticides, fungicides and fertilizers. None of these should be necessary in the field. For example, non-native plants often respond better to fertilizer than native plants, so use of fertilizer can actually cause natives to be out-competed.
- Page 95 – Planted buffer, second paragraph alludes to planting drought-tolerant native species. Please note that plants need to be wetland-adapted, and those that are native to the area are quite well suited to periodic inundation and drying (those are the wetland conditions under which they evolved).
- Page 95 – Last paragraph refers to placing sandy beaches for western painted turtles; this is unnecessary and may be counter-productive.
- Appendix L page 3 – there is a puzzling and persistent myth that there is a plan afoot to remove the current water control structure without installing a replacement structure. This is incorrect. A better opening sentence for the second paragraph would read “The site’s hydrology and plantings will be influenced by future restoration work that would return the wetland to seasonal flooding.” Please change the word “remove” in the first sentence of the second paragraph to “replace”, and correct the bullet points as follows (keeping in mind that the second point is not a realistic scenario):
  - Summer (dry) season with the current control structure
  - Summer with no structure in place
  - Winter/spring (wet) season with the current control structureI would encourage you (or your landscape consultants) to discuss the water control structure directly with someone involved in the project.
- Appendix L page 4 – Hydrology analysis/plant communities sections should be re-labeled to indicate current control structure (note: the same hydrology would occur at times with a replacement structure, as well). Several species lists are shown at the bottom. My main comment here is that this should be a mosaic of plant communities and not wide bands with only a single assemblage. Small changes in elevation will dictate shifts in associated plants, and the entire planted area will go through a number of changes before it achieves equilibrium in 10 or 20 years.
- Appendix L page 5 – first paragraph mentions use of fertilizers. These should not be necessary; fertilizers tend to favor exotic plants more than native plants. In the second paragraph, I suggest replacing the term “natural ecosystems” with “plant communities”; this work is not on an ecosystem scale.

# Turtle Nestings Sites

July - August 2000

▼ Turtle nests

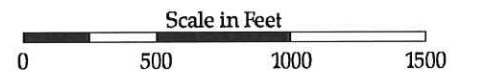
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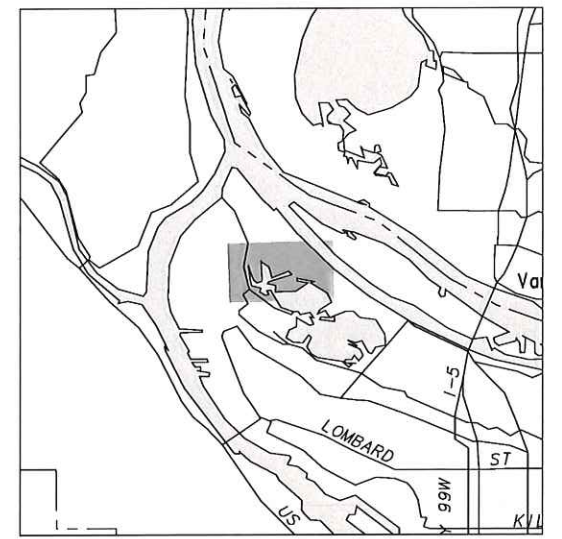
**TAX LOT MAP**  
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