

MINUTES OF THE COMPOSTER COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

November 1, 1989

Trinity Lutheran Church

Committee Members Present: Chair Roger Buchanan, Ruth Jones for Representative Ron Cease, Tena Christensen, Gordon Hunter, Councilor David Knowles, Val Layton, Addie Lindstrom, Tom Lunday, Frank Shields and Ed Washington

Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Earl Blumenauer and Senator Frank Roberts

Also Present: Ray Barker, Charles Bird and May Hays

Chair Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of October 16, 1989

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved, seconded by Tom Lunday, for approval of the minutes.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

2. Report on Traffic Information from Metro Computer Program

Ray Barker, Council Analyst, distributed maps provided by Metro's Transportation Department and a memo from Keith Thomsen, Senior Management Analyst, to Sam Chandler, Senior Solid Waste Planner, dated October 3, 1989, titled "Transportation Modeling Request for the MSW Compost Facility." Mr. Barker noted Mr. Thomsen was not present and could not explain the maps.

Mr. Lunday asked if a Metro staff person would be assigned to work with Addie Lindstrom and asked if any input was received on Ms. Lindstrom's research on haulers and their preferred routes. Mr. Barker said Estle Harlan, Tri-County Council, had been contacted to give input on hauler route preferences but was out of the country. He said John Trout could be contacted to give input to the Committee. He said most haulers were not willing to give detailed information on preferred routes. Those present discussed Ms. Lindstrom's research further and the decision made at the October 16 meeting not to make a final decision on boundaries until concrete traffic data had been received. Mr. Barker said Mr. Thomsen would attend the next meeting to explain transportation issues and the maps. Mr. Lunday recommended the Committee not discuss boundaries until a Metro staff person could attend to explain transportation issues and data.

Councilor Knowles asked why information on which haulers used which streets would affect boundary decisions. Mr. Lunday said haulers could choose to use Sandy to 75th heavily which meant, if 82nd north to the

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Slough was designated as one of the boundaries, that boundary could be too restrictive. He said Sandy could have major impact with regard to enhancement fees. Councilor Knowles noted the Committee decided at the September 27 meeting boundaries would maintain flexibility and emphasize primary benefits. Mr. Lunday agreed with that theory except when it came to discussion of the criteria.

Mr. Barker said Committee discussed the proposed criteria to Section 7 October 16. He said the draft printed in the agenda packet showed what the Committee had agreed upon thus far. Councilor Knowles asked if the proposed criteria was adapted from the St. Johns Enhancement criteria. Mr. Barker said yes. Councilor Knowles discussed the criteria as printed. He said Section 1 was too specific, Section 6 was vague, and stated Section 1 indicated only that the program had to be within specified boundaries. He asked if that meant the administrative office or the entire program.

Chair Buchanan said the Committee decided not to work on boundaries any further and work on criteria instead October 16. He said the first six sections were agreed upon by the Committee. Councilor Knowles asked if the Committee agreed upon Section 1. He asked if there was acknowledgement the section was slightly different from what the Committee had previously determined. He said the Committee had already approved a concept which stated the defined area was to benefit.

Ms. Lindstrom said the traffic information was not completed and complete information was necessary to set the boundaries.

Dr. Frank Shields read the motion made at the September 27 meeting which read: "Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Cease, to adopt the primary benefit concept and to include language to indicate residents inside the target area." Councilor Knowles said criteria language seemed limited. Mr. Lunday said that was for the standing committee to determine.

Tena Christensen noted Senator Roberts had suggested a circular one mile radius which he had said would be more functional than precise lines. Councilor Knowles concurred with Ms. Christensen. He said the Committee should determine whether boundaries would be functional or hard and said boundary definition was dependent upon those concepts. Gordon Hunter asked Councilor Knowles to define functional. Councilor Knowles said the St. Johns area had had an easily definable geography. He said a hard boundary meant all enhancement must take place within that boundary. He said a functional boundary meant if youth from within the designated area used a park outside the boundary, the park could receive enhancement funding. He said a library outside the boundary could receive enhancement funds if a sufficient number of residents within the boundary used it. Mr. Hunter said language referred to projects and programs and not area boundaries. Ms. Lindstrom said boundaries should be set liberally because after boundaries were set they were difficult

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to expand. Mr. Lunday suggested the Committee defer boundary discussion until Metro Transportation staff could explain data. Chair Buchanan said the maps could be discussed at this meeting but the Committee could defer action until a future meeting.

Mr. Hunter asked what policy the City of Portland had on haulers. He thought all traffic would take place on Columbia Boulevard. He said he spoke with a person who thought haulers would use the freeway unless already in Northeast Portland. He said haulers in outer Southeast Portland would use the freeway and that speed counted more than shortest distance. Ms. Lindstrom said haulers had told her they would use the freeway. She said boundaries as proposed thus far did not extend to the freeway. She said there were too many unknowns which was why the boundaries liberally set.

Mr. Hunter said of most importance was where the project would be. Those present then discussed the maps. Mr. Hunter said the "Base Network Distance in Miles" looked similar to the one mile radius proposed. Chair Buchanan asked Charles Bird, Riedel, his opinion of "Base Network Auto Time in Minutes." Mr. Bird said enhancement areas could be said to be defined in miles and/or minutes, but said a hauler could be seven minutes from the composter but eight minutes from another. Councilor Knowles discussed "Base Network Area of Influence by Shortest Auto Time." Mr. Lunday asked who would determine loads. Chair Buchanan said Metro would determine load distribution geographically. Mr. Bird concurred with Chair Buchanan and said it was not only a matter of time and distance, but also what the truck contained. Mr. Lunday said trucks from downtown Portland could be routed to the facility so the criteria should apply to all situations. Councilor Knowles asked Mr. Bird if Metro had talked to Riedel about the source of trucks. Mr. Bird said he had talked to Mr. Thomsen. He said the goal was to optimize the composter facility and said there had been no discussion of routes. He said traffic patterns were subject to change and could easily be different five or ten years from now. He said transportation concerns should only be part of criteria to be considered. Mr. Bird said Metro could always regulate the flow. Councilor Knowles said the Solid Policy Advisory Committee or the Executive Officer could propose policy. He said policies did not have to be definite. He concurred with Mr. Bird on the need for flexibility. Chair Buchanan said Councilor Knowles' suggestions would be forwarded via memo or letter. Mr. Lunday said five years from now Metro could mandate all grass clippings be recycled separately. He said there could be units which would pick up yard debris only.

Chair Buchanan called a recess at 8:40 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Chair Buchanan referred to "Base Network Area of Influence by Shortest Auto Time." He asked what "shortest" indicated. Councilor Knowles

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referred to Mr. Thomsen's memo and said the map explained boundary lines for equal distance and haul time for all Metro facilities including Metro South, the composter facility and the proposed Metro East Station. Mr. Hunter discussed what the map meant in terms of distance and time travelled.

Motion: Mr. Lunday moved, seconded by Dr. Shields, to continue discussion of this agenda item to a future meeting when a Metro staff person would be available to explain the maps in more detail.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

3. Consideration of Policies for the Standing Enhancement Committee

Mr. Barker said most of those present at this meeting were present at the October 16 meeting when the "Composter Community Enhancement Advisory Committee - Criteria for Funding Projects/Programs" printed in agenda packet was discussed. He explained the draft criteria printed contained changes made by the Committee to Section 7; all references to the St. Johns Landfill were removed; and North was changed to Northeast. Mr. Barker said still to be determined were how many committee members would serve, from what areas they would be selected, and the length of terms.

The Committee and those present discussed and voted on new language for each subsection of Section 7 (deleted language bracketed and new language underlined). The Committee agreed to remove all references to Northeast Portland.

Motion: Mr. Hunter moved, seconded by Ms. Lindstrom, to amend Section 7(a) as follows: "Result in increased employment/economic opportunities [for Northeast Portland residents]."

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to amend Section 7(b) as follows: "Result in rehabilitation, upgrading or direct increase in the housing stock [market value of a significant portion of the housing stock of residential land in Northeast Portland]."

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion: Mr. Washington moved, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to amend Section 7(c) as follows: "Result in the preservation or enhancement of [existing] wildlife and marine areas [of Northeast Portland, or] and improve public awareness [or] and the [opportunity] opportunities to enjoy them."

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to amend Section 7(d) as follows: "Result in [improvement] physical improvements and programs in new or existing parks and recreational areas [to or increase in recreational areas in Northeast Portland.]"

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to amend Section 7(e) as follows: "Result in improvement in the safety of the area [of Northeast Portland]."

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion: Mr. Hunter moved, seconded by Mr. Lunday, to amend Section 7(f) as follows: "Result in an improvement of the appearance or cleanliness of the [areas] area/neighborhood [of Northeast Portland neighborhoods] or a significant portion thereof."

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion: Ms. Lindstrom moved, seconded by Mr. Lunday, to amend Section 7(g) as follows: "Result in a significant increase in the utilization or occupancy of a [Northeast Portland] commercial area."

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Motion: Mr. Hunter moved, seconded by Mr. Lunday, to amend Section 7(h) as follows: "Result in [programs such as training opportunities to benefits Northeast Portland youth and elderly] programs which benefit which benefit low-income youth and seniors."

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

4. Public Comments

Chair Buchanan asked if anyone present had questions or comments. The Committee discussed the date of the next meeting to be held. Mr. Barker explained Trinity Lutheran Church would be unavailable for meeting purposes November 15. Those present agreed the next meeting date would be November 29 at the church.

Chair Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk
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