

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

September 27, 1989

Trinity Lutheran Church

Committee Members Present: Chair Roger Buchanan, David Knowles, Tom Lunday, Frank Roberts, Addie Lindstrom, Ed Washington, Tena Christensen, Gordon Hunter and Ron Cease

Others Present: Ray Barker, Ron Paddock, Lois Hunter and Keith Thomsen

Chair Buchanan called the regular meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. Chair Buchanan had those present introduce themselves for new staff present.

1. Consideration of Minutes of September 11, 1989

Motion: Tom Lunday moved, seconded by Gordon Hunter, for approval of the minutes.

Ray Barker noted the minutes contained an error at the end of page 1 in which the clerk incorrectly noted Mr. Barker displayed a map of the composter facility site. Mr. Charles Bird displayed the map at the September 11 meeting.

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

2. Consideration of Boundaries for the Composter Community Enhancement Area

Chair Buchanan said it was necessary for the Composter Community Enhancement Advisory Committee to determine the area boundaries impacted by the proposed Riedel Composter facility. He said determining those boundaries would provide a basis for future decisions. He said Committee members received by mail a map, "1988 Metro Map/8802," of the composter site and the areas of impact. Chair Buchanan said major traffic arterials could provide traffic impact guidelines. Keith Thomsen, Metro staff, explained the Metro composter traffic study was not available yet because Metro's computer was currently booked for the West Side light rail project. He said he had coordinated the project with Metro's Transportation Department to study traffic in the impacted area. He said that report would be ready in three weeks. Chair Buchanan opened general discussion on boundary issues.

Mr. Lunday said based on the map sent by Metro staff that the north boundary be based partially on the Slough and the end of Port of Portland property. Chair Buchanan asked if Port property should be included in the boundary. Mr. Lunday said the Port had ample funds and would not need access to enhancement funding. Mr. Hunter concurred with Mr. Lunday. Mr. Lunday said he chose the Slough because it seemed an obvious choice. Mr. Lunday's recommended boundaries: East--82nd; South--Banfield Freeway/I-84; West--42nd. He said those boundaries encompassed a third of the St. Johns

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enhancement area. He said the lines were easily definable and said funding when available would cover a fairly large area which included seven neighborhood associations and two business associations.

Mr. Hunter listed the boundaries as recently defined by the Cully Association of Neighbors. He proposed: North--the Columbia Slough; South--Fremont to 72nd and Sandy (where Fremont crossed Sandy); West--NE 42nd; East--82nd. He said those boundaries represented a circular radius of one mile surrounding the proposed facility. He said funds available were limited and his suggested boundaries would apply to the areas most impacted. Chair Buchanan asked if any other factors were involved. Mr. Hunter said the site had to be sited within an industrial area and could not be situated farther south. He said his proposed boundaries covered the neediest areas and also focused on the location of the site.

Frank Roberts said a one mile radius was better than precise lines. He said the concept developed should be functional rather than precise. He said in utilization of enhancement, strict boundaries could be impractical.

Ron Cease said there were preferences from function to function and would not like to tell an organization or person just outside a boundary line they could not receive funds. Mr. Roberts repeated concern about too-precise boundary definitions. He said neighborhood schools could be excluded because they did not match boundary definitions. Mr. Roberts discussed employment enhancement with regard to parents of children in schools. He agreed with Mr. Cease and said it was difficult to define boundaries outside of projects and it was difficult at this stage to discuss projects.

Mr. Lunday concurred with Mr. Roberts, but noted this committee's function was to discuss the permanent standing committee's role also. He said this committee should not discuss funding but should set the specific boundaries. He said the largest concern centered on traffic. He said he had information from other neighborhood meetings held and displayed a composteur transportation impact analysis by Kittelson & Associates. Mr. Lunday said maps available at this meeting were not related to transportation problems but highlighted to show main arterials. Mr. Thomsen said Metro transportation studies were relatively empirical. He said data from Cogan & Sharpe would be verified. He noted Metro's transportation studies were among the most sophisticated in the U.S.

Mr. Cease said it was not necessary to compare this committee's function to the St. Johns Enhancement Committee and said boundaries could be roughly defined. Mr. Roberts said only two main routes were likely to be used. Ron Paddock said haulers would not use 33rd because it was too steep and said other streets discussed were too narrow for haulers to travel. He said haulers preferred to use freeway or highway routes.

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Addie Lindstrom suggested boundary lines: 33rd; I-84; 82nd and over to Lombard. Mr. Paddock suggested 31st to 76th on Columbia, Prescott and Fremont to Concordia. He noted trucks littered and left ooze on the road and that those boundaries would provide enhancement to those most affected. Mr. Lunday noted Mr. Bird said fees were provided for mitigation and not litter. Mr. Paddock said maintenance was badly needed because Cully had few properly paved streets, bad lighting and residents were primarily low-income.

Ed Washington said there were valid arguments for defined boundaries and asked those present to consider the boundaries of neighborhood associations. He recommended neighborhood association boundaries and said the Cully Association was quite large. He said most important was need and hoped common sense would prevail. Mr. Lunday said the Office of Neighborhood Associations had changed various neighborhood association boundaries many times. Ms. Lindstrom asked why business associations were excluded. She said it was necessary to use a natural pattern boundary because of arterials. Mr. Cease said neighborhood associations were a good idea, but said outlying associations had outer boundaries which were unrelated.

Mr. Hunter said this was the one opportunity for affected neighborhoods to catch up. He said county maintenance for the Cully neighborhood was poor. He said if the impact area defined was too big funds would be dissipated in areas with no need. He said Alameda Ridge needed no enhancement and noted the Cully neighborhood had never received enhancement funding from Killingsworth Fast Disposal (KFD) on 92nd & Killingsworth. Mr. Roberts asked how much the permanent enhancement committee would receive over 20 years. Chair Buchanan said \$90,000 per year. Mr. Roberts said the funds would not spread very far and it was not likely the committee would find significant projects for affected areas. He said it would be difficult to play catch-up on areas which had already suffered years of neglect. Mr. Hunter noted the St. Johns Enhancement Committee had leveraged funds for enhancement and the permanent composteur committee could do so as well.

David Knowles said the permanent committee could choose to invest the \$92,000 per year received and spend only interest. He said how to spend accrued funds was for the permanent committee to decide. Mr. Cease said it would be difficult for people to wait several years to accumulate a capital fund. Mr. Knowles said groups other than neighborhood associations should have access to the money. He said it was important to note how much would be used and how. He said funds were too limited for physical construction. He said funded should be programs with broader community benefit. He said he had boundary definitions also, but said those boundaries were only half of what the committee had to consider. He said it was necessary to keep traffic patterns in mind. Mr. Knowles said the boundary should extend along 33rd up to Fremont (west of 33rd) and down Fremont beyond 82nd. He said his defined area was a square rather than a circular shape and said

residents within the square should receive the most benefit. He noted the committee had pre-existing criteria to draw upon.

Chair Buchanan said all three boundary suggestions were close. Mr. Cease suggested using the existing boundaries of three neighborhood associations: Cully, Concordia and Sunderland. He said it would be necessary to clean up the Slough. Mr. Knowles asked why Mr. Cease included Sunderland for consideration. Mr. Hunter noted the Sunderland Association had Cully Association's bylaws and the population was approximately 200 people. He said the area would be industrialized in 10 years. Mr. Roberts asked if the committee would concentrate on arterials or neighborhood associations for boundary definition. Mr. Cease said they could be defined. Ms. Lindstrom said business associations should be used as boundary criteria. Mr. Lunday agreed and said business organizations were the most stable. He said business associations were more effective in leveraging funds. He said he preferred a square boundary definition which included arterials with the Slough at the top. Ms. Lindstrom suggested a pie-shaped boundary which extended to 82nd. She said attention should be paid to the business aspects of boundaries. Chair Buchanan asked for consensus from those present on all boundaries presented.

Mr. Washington said the committee should determine who would actually be impacted. He said funding was limited and said actual projects implemented would probably be tree planting. He said he was not belittling the amount of money involved. Mr. Hunter said all present had agreed on the Slough as the northern boundary. Mr. Roberts said the boundaries agreed upon should indicate the residents who would primarily benefit. He said the utilization of Concordia and Cully association boundaries would be a start. Mr. Knowles said the boundaries he suggested were different from the primary benefit concept.

Main Motion: Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Cease, to adopt the primary benefit concept and to include language to indicate residents inside the target area.

Ms. Lindstrom disagreed with the motion. Mr. Roberts offered a replacement motion.

Motion to Replace Main Motion: Mr. Roberts moved that the boundaries enclose the target area for programs or projects.

Mr. Cease did not think if the Concordia and Cully Associations were included, benefits would stop there. He asked for consensus on the targeted area.

Vote: All present voted aye except Mr. Lunday who voted nay. The motion passed.

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Mr. Cease said there should be a public hearing on different boundaries. He said it would be sensible to outline three or four options suggested at this meeting to discuss at the next scheduled meeting. Chair Buchanan concurred. Chair Buchanan asked for a restatement of boundary descriptions offered at this meeting. Mr. Roberts suggested the boundary proposals be clearly outlined and then circulated among affected groups, associations and residents.

Mr. Lunday restated his boundary proposal: North--the Slough; West--33rd; East--82nd; South--Fremont. He said boundaries would include both sides of the three streets and arterials were recognizable.

Mr. Hunter said he had a similar boundary proposal: 72nd & Fremont to Sandy; Sandy to 82nd; North--the Slough.

Mr. Lunday noted business associations, if included, could assist with financing ten years in the future.

Mr. Knowles restated his boundary proposal: The Slough; the Slough to 33rd; 33rd to Lombard; Lombard to 22nd; 22nd (the western boundary of the Concordia Neighborhood Association) to Prescott; Prescott to 33rd; 33rd to Fremont; Fremont to 82nd; out Sandy from 82nd to I-205 and back along Columbia Boulevard to include the pie-shaped business triangle. Mr. Knowles said his intent was to include all of the Concordia and Cully Neighborhood Associations in the triangle. Mr. Paddock said the Summer neighborhood was affected by the I-205 ramp and said that neighborhood had huge needs.

Mr. Cease endorsed Mr. Lunday's boundary proposal, but suggested the west boundary be moved to 24th. Mr. Washington said it was important to follow Concordia's western boundaries.

Mr. Roberts restated his boundary proposal: North--the Slough; 33rd to Fremont; and across Fremont to 82nd. Ms. Lindstrom said Prescott was not a main arterial and was not on the map distributed for use at this meeting. Mr. Thomsen explained the map was for informational purposes and that Prescott was eliminated because of data purposes. Ms. Lindstrom said boundaries suggested did not extend far enough.

Mr. Roberts restated his boundary proposal again: 33rd; Fremont; 82nd; and the Slough.

Those present agreed all boundaries proposed were similar and to discuss them at the next scheduled meeting which Chair Buchanan announced would be Monday, October 9, 1989, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

3. Consideration of Policies for the Standing Enhancement Committee

Deferred.

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4. Public Comments

No one else present at the meeting offered public comment or testimony.

Chair Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paulette Allen".

Paulette Allen
Committee Clerk
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