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January 24, 2006

Mr. Rocky Houston
State Trails Coordinator
Oregon State Parks
725 Summer St. NE, Suite C
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To whom it May Concern:

I am writing to endorse Clackamas County and the Boring Community Planning Organization's application for a Recreational Trails Program grant to construct the Boring Station Park Trail, which will connect the Springwater Corridor and the Cazadero Trail.

As a Metro Councilor, I represent District One whose 225,000 citizens reside in Fairview, Gresham, Happy Valley, Maywood Park, Troutdale, Wood Village, Damascus, eastern part of Portland and portions of unincorporated Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. Metro has worked for years with Clackamas County to obtain the land for the Boring Station Park Trail. I fully support this grant application because this area is underserved by parks and is in need of new trails.

Metro provided funds for the acquisition of this site with federal transportation funds and money from the 1995 Open Spaces bond measure. This trailhead and park would be a key development along the Springwater Corridor and would serve as the eastern terminus of the trail, which extends 19 miles west through unincorporated Multnomah County, Gresham, and southeast Portland. In addition, this trailhead and park would serve as an impetus to continue the development of the trail 4 miles south through Deep Creek Canyon to Barton Park. This section of the Springwater Corridor (also known as the Cazadero Trail) is owned by Oregon State Parks, and is one of the greenways listed in Metro's November 2006 Open Spaces bond measure for funding.

The development of the Boring Station Park Trail is a good example of regional interagency cooperation, with the Boring CPO, Clackamas County, and Metro working together to coordinate the efforts to build a connective trail system that will benefit people throughout Multnomah and Clackamas counties. This trail will bring trail access to an underserved area and can serve to spark trail development in surrounding areas. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact me at 503-797-1547 or Mel Huie, senior planner, Metro Parks and Greenspaces, at 503-797-1731.

Sincerely,

Rod Park

Metro Councilor, District 1

From: Rod Park
To: Lesotto@comcast.net
Date: 1/14/2006 8:17:18 PM
Subject: Re: Letter of support

Les,
I would like to support the Boring CPO's efforts. Please forward me any additional information such as the type of grant, criteria, etc. so my letter can be focused to get the best result possible.

Thanks,
Rod

Rod Park
District 1
503-797-1547

>>> "lesotto" <Lesotto@comcast.net> 01/14/06 4:05 PM >>>
All

I am writing you to ask if you would write a letter of support for the project in Boring known as the Park at Boring Station.

We are applying for a State park grant that will enable us to start some construction of a trail and trail head parking along with landscaping. This application is due February 3rd so if you decide to write a letter of support please mail it to the Boring CPO Les Otto P.O. Box 391 Boring Oregon 97009 as soon as convenient.

This project will serve as a hub of connectivity from the current Springwater trail that comes from Portland to the future Cazdero trail traveling to Estacada and the future Ticklecreek trail to Sandy and Mt Hoods Pacific Crest Trail. It will serve as a destination and rest area for trail users from all these regionally significant trails. It will also have the potential of stimulating economic growth in the community through jobs and services. I hope you will see the worthiness of this project and lend your support by writing a letter of support. Thank you in advance for your response.

Thanks, Les Otto

Chair Boring CPO

CC: kathryn sofich

Email Les Otto?

Kathryn Sofich - Letter of support for Boring Station Park trail

From: "james o dell" <jameso001@msn.com>
To: <parkr@metro.dst.or.us>
Date: 1/16/2006 9:22 AM
Subject: Letter of support for Boring Station Park trail
CC: "lesotto" <Lesotto@comcast.net>, "Steve Wiege" <SteveW@PTSC.BIZ>, "Jack Valberg" <Jackstractor@aol.com>, "Jan Karlen" <Boringchick21@aol.com>, "Gordon Watkins" <Garden@pacifier.com>, "Kathy Bigelow" <Kalobi@comcast.net>, "Kevin Hawkins" <Kevin@hemcon.com>

Rod Park,

This is Dan O'Dell here. I am writing the grant for the Boring Station Park trail. Les Otto forwarded me your request for info. Here it is.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) was authorized in the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century in 1998. The RTP is a Federal-aid assistance program to help States provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized use. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department administers the RTP.

We are applying for grant funding to construct a trail that will connect the Springwater Trail and the Cazdero Trail. The Springwater Trail, owned by City of Portland, starts in Sellwood and ends in Boring and was built on an abandoned railroad bed. The Cazdero Trail, owned by Oregon Parks, starts in Boring and eventually will be built to Estacada on an abandoned railroad right-of-way and then to the Pacific Crest Trail. As I understand it the upcoming Parks Bond will include funding to finish paving the Springwater Trail to Boring and the construction of the Cazdero Trail - you would know more on this.

The grant also includes funding to construct a parking lot with 16 spaces for trail users. The Boring Station Park and trail will become a hub for the regional trail system. Two other trail systems, one from Boring to Sandy and the City of Damascus, are envisioned to connect to the regional trail system in Boring also.

The property for the park is owned by Clackamas County. The County's name will be on the grant application with the Boring CPO being referenced. The Boring CPO has been actively participating with the County in planning for the park and trail. The county is fully supportive. If/when Boring becomes a village, parks is a service it is looking at providing. We see the construction of the trail and parking lot as a way of getting the park project off the ground and it will give us the opportunity to build a sense of community. The trail and park will become a destination for trail users and will provide a resting point with restrooms eventually. Currently there are no developed places for trail users to park at the end of the Springwater Trail.

Areas scored in the grant request include:

- First time awards - 3 pts
- Matching shares - 20% minimum with points awarded for matching shares greater than 20% and up to 50% - 7 pts max
- **Close to home trail opportunities** 10 pts
- Long-term commitment to trail maintenance 5 pts
- How project addresses the 2 statewide issues 1) **Need for new trails** and 2) **need for**

regional interagency cooperation and coordination in trail planning and management. - 15 points

- How project addresses the 5 statewide concerns 1) **need for more trails close to where people live** 2) **need for more trails** 3) need to consider public ways (railroads) proposed for closure or abandonment 4) need for trail accessibility information allowing for individuals to decide if they want to use trail and 5) **need for regional interagency coordination/cooperation in trail management** - 5 points
- Local needs and benefits criteria - 1) is the project identified in a comprehensive plan adopted by applicable governing body - 10 points and 2) public involvement - has the public been involved in project need, design etc. - 5 points
- Trail design and management - 5 points
- **Trail connectivity** - 7 points
- Multi-use trails - 5 points
- Economic Development Opportunities - 3 points
- National scenic or historic trails - 5 points
- **Project Urgency** - 5 points
- Discretionary Committee Member criteria - 15 points

The recently completed "Downtown Development Plan For Boring" identifies the Boring Station Park and trail as a key component of the plan. I bolded the areas you might concentrate on as shown above. Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thanks for the help,

Dan O'Dell

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April 1, 2006

Michele Scalise, Grants/Contract Coordinator
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
Local Government Grants Program
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Ms Scalise,

I am writing in support of the City of Gresham's application for a 2006 Local Government Grant for the planning, design and construction of facilities for the Hogan Butte Nature Park & Scenic Overlook.

Metro provides regional planning for communities in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. We have been a partner with the City of Gresham on previous regional trails and open space acquisition efforts in East Multnomah County. The Hogan Butte Nature Park & Scenic Overlook is located in the scenic East Buttes area of Gresham. Metro Parks and Greenspaces fully support this grant application because this area is underserved and is in need of both trails and open space.

The Hogan Butte Nature Park & Scenic Overlook will provide a spectacular 180-degree view of Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams, Mt. Hood and Mt. Jefferson. On a clear day even Mt. Rainier may be seen. The approximate 40-acres of open space are envisioned to have an assortment of features including approximately over 5,000 feet of trails, trailhead parking, restroom, picnic area, viewpoint, interpretive signage, and both upland and stream bank habitat enhancement. When completed, this facility will be the prominent park in Gresham and the East Metro area.

The development of the Hogan Butte Nature Park & Scenic Overlook is an excellent example of regional inter-agency cooperation. Gresham and Metro are working together to coordinate efforts to construct this trail and connect it to the regional trail system that will benefit people throughout Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact Metro Parks and Greenspaces, at 503-797-1731.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Park". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rod Park, Metro Councilor
District 1

Kathryn Sofich - Fwd: Blue Lake Golf Course

From: Rod Park
To: kathryn sofich
Date: 11/19/2006 11:01 PM
Subject: Fwd: Blue Lake Golf Course

Rod,

I would be interested in discussing the possibilities of a golf course at Blue Lake. The environmental concerns of course have to be addresses, but there are several recourses that would dispute the claims of the neighbors. I doubt that those expressing concerns regarding ground water contamination could come up with any real life case study that could support their claims. The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America as with many other golf association take environmental stewardship very seriously. Golf does not use a lot of pesticides, I would suspect that the residential areas around Blue Lake use more pesticides than the golf course would. I would be more than willing to show you my pesticide - fertilizer records so that you would have an idea what you might expect to the anticipated pesticide - fertilizer use at the proposed course.

The golf course would also enhance the wild life habitat in the area. I can't believe the blackberry patch would support as diverse a wild life that a golf course would.

My biggest concern, of course, is the financial viability of such a venture and the impact on our golf course in Gresham. After several years of growth, golf has flattened out.

I would like to get together and share some of my 40 years of experience in the golf business. In addition I would like to recommend contacts that I have used over the years. If you are interested I can be reached on my cell: 503-313-7106.

Respectfully,
Chuck Wolsborn
Superintendent - Partner
Gresham Golf Course