

Dear Councilor Park:

On behalf of X-PAC I want to thank you for speaking at our January 6, 1999 General Meeting.

Your candid responses to our questions regarding regional land use, the future of transportation, and other issues concerning Metro were appreciated.

We hope you will consider speaking at or attending X-PAC in the future. Please call us at 460.9597 if we may be of service to you.

Sincerely,

J. K. B. L.
Secretary, X-PAC

Thank You

Liz gives me
another good reason
to vote for it.

you have
my vote

Now -

Keep going

and i'm going
South

Smith & Bybee Lakes, and Rosemary Furfey, from Growth Management. I wanted you to know in case you ever have a chance to talk with them directly there at Metro.

Thanks again for your interest.

Jay Mower, Coordinator

January 29, 1999

Dear Councilor Park,

Just a quick note to say thanks for attending the monthly Columbia Slough Watershed Council meeting. I was impressed that you took the time. FYI - our two reps from Metro alternate (share the assignment) attending. They are Emily Roth, mgr. of

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Rod Park
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Dear Mr. Park:

I am writing to express my outrage over having to drive almost 3 hours North to Tacoma, Washington or drive to California to see some of the most popular sports entertainment companies in the world. The company I am speaking of is of course the World Wrestling Federation and companies of that sort. They come to all the states surrounding Oregon but not to Oregon.

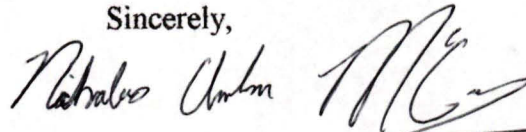
It is my understanding that the reason none of these companies come to Portland is because of the stiff regulations you have on these events and on probably all other events of it's kind. My question to you is why? Why all the stiff regulations? Why all the hatred towards a company or business that have given you no reason. A relationship may serve the state of Oregon good. A long-term relationship with this company would have a positive effect on Oregon's economy and would make Portland a more "primed" sight for larger future events.

If you lower your regulations and let the WWF come to Portland this may give youth something more to look forward to in Portland than the Blazers, our amateur Hockey team the Winterhawks and the overpriced concerts that come to Portland. These events are just as bad or worse then the World Wrestling Federation.

For these reasons I urge you to consider this motion and talk it over with your mayor who will also receive a copy of this letter.

I look forward to hearing from you on this issue. Will you please send me a list of the regulations that an event like this has to comply with to come to Portland. Also, please include a list of what I would have to do to bring an event like this to the great city of Portland. Please write me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Nicholas A. McCoy

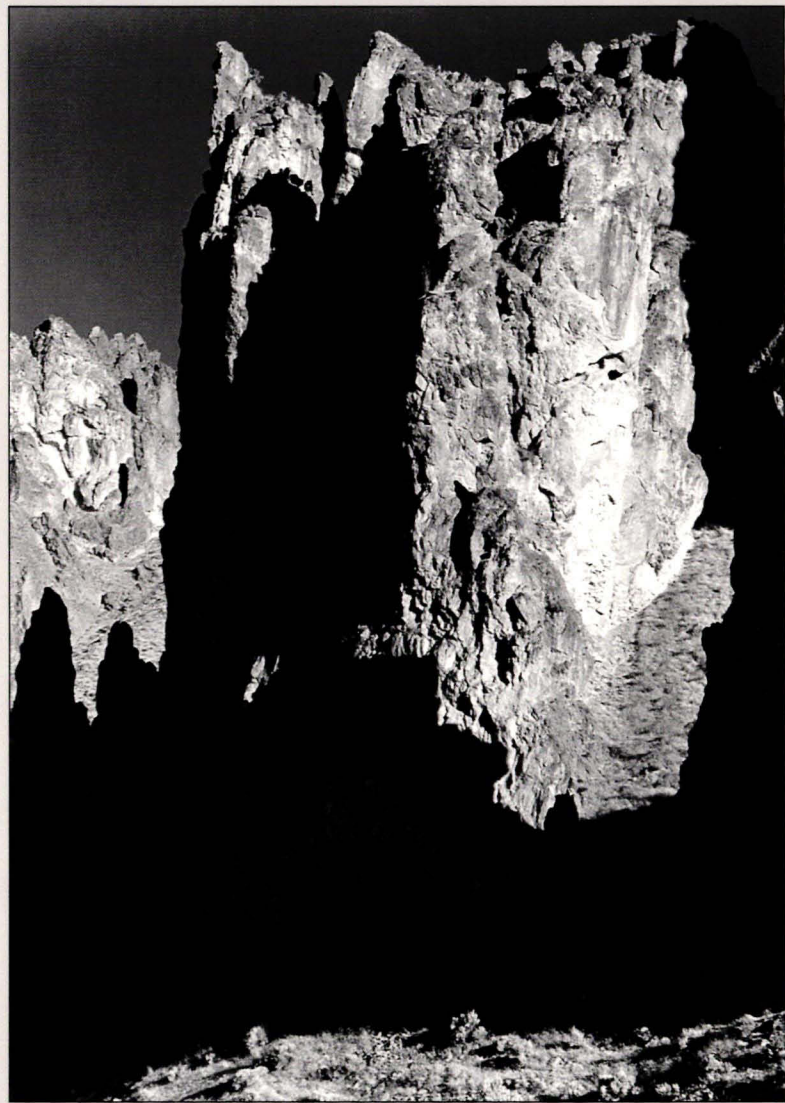
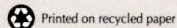
Leslie Gulch

Richard B. Wilhelm

Leslie Gulch is a magical place where the eroded rocks take on the shapes of all the animals which ever trod the paths and dry creek beds. Wind and water carved through ancient volcanic ashflows to create this seven-mile-long canyon, a tributary of the Owyhee River. The light here can shift radically within minutes—photography is either done very quickly or is an anticipatory exercise full of surprises. When the sky is clear, and the sun is high, light seems to come from every direction.

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Rod,

Thanks for the opinion piece!
I changed your text slightly
and hopefully educated people in
L.O. about Metro.

I can't wait to hear about
your meeting with Andy and
Tom on the RTP. Just remember,
the RTP is the place to re-visit
how we go through the MTIP
process next time. If you don't
see a policy statement that will
help us hang our hats in 1½ yrs,
we will be back in the same place!
Thanks again, Lynn Peterson

case of the Hidden Grove development, where a developer wedges a 52-unit townhouse project into a "Street of Dreams" touches both Lake Oswego and West Linn, it is anything but a fair. The neighbors have every right to fight it, and seeking a Improvement District (LID) for which they would foot the bill is a reasonable step toward preserving the pocket of wilderness. The logistics of an LID might have to be worked out, such as how improvements will actually be made, but an LID or something like that should be favored.

The federal government should listen to state officials in making, and state government should listen to its cities and counties. Cities should be willing to work with their neighborhoods. There are concerns that these two neighborhood uprisings in West Linn might trigger a trend toward neighborhood purchases of property to defend against future development. But where development is zoned, infrastructure can be placed and traffic flow improved, development will occur. The message from the first neighbors is that neighborhoods don't necessarily want issues forced on them. And we can understand that. Marylhurst neighbors want a 5-acre wilderness park instead of townhouses, and they're willing to pay for it, the cities of West Linn and Lake Oswego should give these constituents a chance to happen. A chance to control their own neighborhood. That's the prerogative of local government at its best.

Getting teens on city boards is a win-win

Inclusion to add youth voices to local government is a win-win. It's a creative step in providing youth immunity a voice in local government, and that's a good thing.

It's going to make front page headlines or appear on the 11 news, but the city has taken a creative step in providing youth immunity a voice in local government, and that's a good thing.

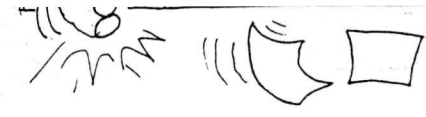
It will benefit from having youth representation on six giving a teen perspective on some key issues in Lake Oswego navigate through the committee structure. It's a huge victory for local teens, too. High schoolers interested in leadership, politics, government or community service can benefit from the experience of sitting on a city board for a year. With that pool Lake Oswego has at its two high schools, it's likely that it will be regular contributors to the process.

The city has received 22 applications from local teens under age 18 on a variety of advisory boards and commissions. For the first time, teens will be appointed to the Arts Commission, Historic Resources Advisory Board, Library Advisory Board, Natural Resources Advisory Board, Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Board and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

A fabulous way to get more youths into the system and provide political voice to a TRIUMPH and opportunity.



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Myths about Metro's role cloud the issues

CITIZEN'S VIEW

Lynn Peterson

As part of the current controversies in Lake Oswego over the Stafford area urban reserve, minimum densities and transit corridor designations, citizens are attacking Metro. Unfortunately, many of these attacks are misinformed. Metro is here to serve the people of the region. Instead of broadly criticizing our regional government, we should take advantage of it by educating ourselves on Metro's role and by getting involved to have our voices heard.

These are the following myths about Metro I have heard:

Myth One: Metro picks up the garbage. Reality: Your local solid waste company collects the garbage and recycling items. Garbage haulers bring the garbage to one of Metro's transfer stations or to one franchised by Metro. There, Metro sorts out any additional recyclable materials that are left and makes sure the waste from our transfer stations gets transported safely to a landfill in Gilliam County. Metro has a great information line for recycling questions, 234-3000.

Myth Two: Metro operates the Tri-Met buses and MAX trains. Reality: Tri-Met is a separate organization with its own taxing authority and has its own board of directors. Metro does help plan light rail lines and coordinate transportation policy for the region, but it does not build the lines nor does it run the transit system. For questions on transit service, call Tri-Met at 238-RIDE.

Myth Three: Metro builds and repairs roads. Reality: Local cities, counties and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) actually build and maintain the roads. The state collects vehicle registration fees and gasoline taxes and distributes road construction and maintenance money. Cities and counties also use property taxes to finance local street construction and maintenance.

Every urban area in the U.S. is required to have a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO distributes most federal and some state transportation funds to local jurisdictions in its area. Metro, through its work with local partners in the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation, is our MPO and distributes millions of dollars for road projects based on regional policies and plans. It does not actually build those roads.

Myth Four: Metro dictates density and has the authority to zone local communities. Reality: While the region's voters mandated that Metro deal with growth issues when they approved Metro's charter, only local communities dictate what and where local densities will be through their own local zoning. Lake Oswego follows guidelines from Metro's 2040 Growth Plan. Those guidelines do not order cities or counties to put specific kinds of densities in specific places. The 2040 Growth Plan was unanimously adopted by representatives from the 24 cities and three counties inside the Metro boundary, including Lake Oswego. Those representatives work through a group called the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC). MPAC advises the Metro Council on items of "metropolitan concern" including all major land use issues.

Myth Five: Metro is responsible for the growth of cities. Reality: State law requires all cities in Oregon with populations over 25,000 (and in certain fast-growing cities under 25,000) to maintain a 20-year supply of land available for urban residential development (ORS 197.296). In the Metro region, it is Metro's responsibility to determine the amount of land required and to

make the necessary changes in the region's urban growth boundary. Our cities are growing not only due to immigration but also from families having children. In fact, our own children will account for one-third of the growth we will see in the next 20 years.

Myth Six: Everything you read or hear about Metro in the news media is accurate. Reality: The majority of what is reported about Metro is accurate but incomplete. Sometimes, due to a lack of space or time available, the details are lacking, and as the saying goes, "the devil is in the details." Before accepting something as a "done deal" or "as a fact," call Metro at 797-1942 for general information or our representative Metro Councilor Bill Atherton at 797-1887.

I believe you will find Metro to be one of the most open governments around, with many different ways for you to get involved and to get information.

Lynn Peterson is a resident of Lake Oswego and vice-chair of the First Addition Neighborhood Association. She also is the Transportation Program Director for 1000 Friends of Oregon, a non-profit, non-partisan land-use watchdog group founded by the late Governor Tom McCall.

Annexation of 'island' is power grab by city

CITIZEN'S VIEW

Jay Hendon

A small tract of homes off Jean Road near Pilkington Road is about to be forcibly annexed — an all-too-common event known throughout America as "hostile annexation."

The requisite power and authority accompany this hostility by government toward a small, isolated, politically powerless group. The right to abuse citizens has been granted to government by our (ironically enough) elected representatives in Salem who authored and passed legislation empowering such abuse on behalf of the greater good. They did this by passing Oregon Revised Statute 222.750, which makes it quite clear that we victims of hostile annexations have no say in the matter.

And the Oregon Supreme Court has duly sanctified the legislators' anti-democratic inclinations by

big a bother for both government bodies and decided between themselves to turn sole ownership of the road over to the city.

This resulted in our tract of homes becoming completely surrounded — "islanded" — by the city of Lake Oswego. For the sake of governmental efficiency and logical boundaries, the comprehensive plan advises the city to force annexation upon the residents of such "islands."

Our property taxes will increase significantly in return for virtually no increased delivery of services. Not exactly a "win-win" solution by any means, but definitely a bonus for the city's coffers.

that although once we are annexed, we can legally be required to form a municipal improvement district and replace our septic tanks, such provisions of city code have not been strictly enforced (yet). But, of course, the first time anyone in this tract has a problem with a septic system, the city code will prevent repair or replacement of the septic tank. And the city will have a perfect excuse to force the entire tract to fund installation of a sewer system.

The hostile annexation of this tract is "advised" by the city's comprehensive plan, goal 14: urbanization. Sprinkled liberally with nice-sounding but sufficiently vague terms such as "enhanced livability," "managing growth" and establishing "stable and predictable land use patterns," this government master plan, with Salem's assistance, essentially

paired by the additional money we will be required to send to the city, as well our ability to afford health care and/or put money aside for rainy days in general.

Government has become America's biggest growth industry. Its unending growth fuels ever-increasing government power accompanied by insatiable appetites for more and more taxes. If one takes into account the taxes hidden within the prices we pay for things, Americans presently surrender from 30 percent to 50 percent of everything we earn to some type of government-imposed tax, fee, charge, license, permit, endorsement, registration, lien, excise, certificate, impost, stamp, tag, decal, fund, trust, assessment or surcharge.

But we subjects are still allowed to voice futile protestations at public hearings of little significance. The

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September 21, 1999

Carl Berry
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Dear Mr. Berry: *Carl,*

I want to thank you for asking me to speak to the Gresham Breakfast Lion's Club's August 26th meeting. I enjoyed the opportunity to speak to your group. I look forward to being invited back in the future to talk on any topic you should choose.

Thanks again for asking me to participate in your breakfast meeting.

Sincerely,

Rod

Rod Park
Metro Councilor
District 1

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