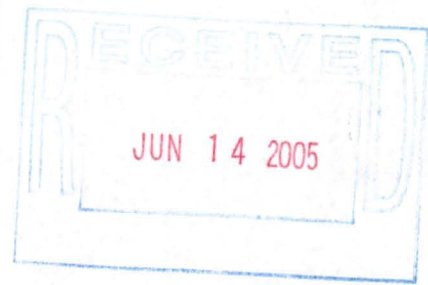


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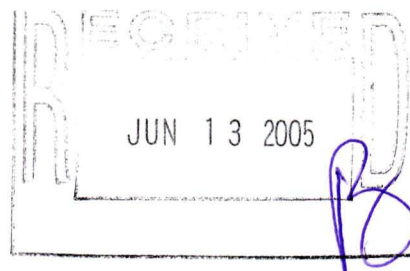
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To: Kathryn Schutte
Date: 6/14/2005 5:43:26 PM
Subject: Fwd: Cedar Grove Composting Site off Marine Drive

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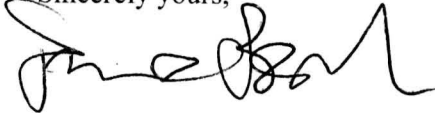
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**To: Councilor Rod Park
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Subject: Cedar Grove Composting

Date: Friday, June 10, 2005 11:49 AM

From: Barbara Rehm <brehm@pps.k12.or.us>

To: <Hoglundm@metro.dst.or.us>

Cc: <bragdond@metro.dst.or.us>, <Parkr@metro.dst.or.us>

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Subject: Cedar Grove

Date: Sunday, June 12, 2005 4:55 PM

From: bob watson <ski102271@hotmail.com>

To: <Hoglundm@metro.dst.or.us>, <Parkr@metro.dst.or.us>, <bragdond@metro.dst.or.us>

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Thank you,
Bob and Sheri Watson

Subject: Proposed Cedar Grove Composting Site off Marine Drive

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2005 5:03 PM

From: Mary.Carlton@wellsfargo.com

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Rod Park
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June 16, 2005

Jim and Jeannie McStrom
17809 NE Marine Dr, Slip D2
Portland, OR 97230

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1470 NW 116th Ave
Portland, OR 97229

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Kathryn Schutte - Fwd: Re: Cedar Grove Composting

From: David Bragdon
To: Kathryn Schutte
Date: 6/17/2005 10:01 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Cedar Grove Composting

>>> David Bragdon 6/17/2005 9:59:15 AM >>>
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>>> "Barbara Rehm" <brehm@pps.k12.or.us> 6/10/2005 11:49:17 AM >>>

Dear Mr. Hoglund, I am writing you with great concern regarding the purchase of land by Cedar Grove Composting. My husband and I live at McGuire Point Marina. McGuire Point is an upscale, gated community filled with residents who pride themselves on where they live. We strive to keep our marina pristine and beautiful. The placement of this composting company is just not compatible with our marina. There is another recycling and composting company further east on Marine Drive with land adjacent to it that would be much more suited to the surroundings. I don't believe there are any residences close to the recycler's on 23000 N. E. Marine Drive. Please research the possibility of purchasing land that is not close to McGuire Point Marina or any other residence. These parcels of land do exist in east county. It just takes some research to discover them. The whole idea of a composting company that runs twenty-four hours a day across the road from our marina and all the other marinas within the vicinity is highly upsetting to us. Thank you for your considering a change of location for this company.

Kathryn Schutte - Re: Cedar Grove

From: David Bragdon
To: ski102271@hotmail.com
Date: 6/17/2005 10:01 AM
Subject: Re: Cedar Grove
CC: Kathryn Schutte

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>>> "bob watson" <ski102271@hotmail.com> 6/12/2005 4:55:10 PM >>>

We wish to express our concern regarding the proposed food composter site along N.E. Marine Drive. We live in McGuire Point Marina and enjoy our quality of live on the river. We are also environmentally concious people. We are concerned that a plant of this nature would upset the numerous wildlife that depend on this area as their home. Our city has a wonderful bike path along the river that is used daily by bikers and joggers taking in the senic beauty of our river. I would imagine a plant of this nature would disrupt and polute this area with increased traffic, noise and offensive ordors to the hundreds of people who exercise in this area. We appreciate the quality of our clean rivers and air. The state of Oregon is admired and known for its livability and beauty.

Thank you,
Bob and Sheri Watson

Oregon Refuse & Recycling Assn.

Fax Transmittal



Date: 7-12-05 Total Pages: 3, including this cover.

To: Rod Park

Fax No: 503 797-1797

From: David White Phone and Fax: (503) 690-3143

Memo: I'd like to talk to you about
this newsletter article. It

seems to confirm what I said
at the Council hearing:

this is about greenspaces,
parks, habitat, fish, etc. etc.

etc. etc. etc. etc... oh
yeah... and about haulers.

I still think this was an
"end-run" on SWAC to get \$
for environmental programs.

I'll give you a call to meet

Kathy,
Please show this to Kade & make the
appointment asap. - Please call Dave.

Brian Newman

July 2005

METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 NEWS



METRO

PEOPLE PLACES
OPEN SPACES

Brian Newman represents District 2, which includes a portion of Southwest Portland and much of urban Clackamas County including Gladstone, Johnson City, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Oak Grove, Oregon City, Rivergrove and West Linn.

Open Spaces, Treasured Places

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Metro's open spaces acquisition program. In 1995, voters in the Portland metropolitan region made an important investment in the future with their overwhelming support of Metro's open spaces, parks and streams bond measure.

Ten years later, more than 8,000 acres of valuable natural areas and nearly 74 miles of stream and river frontage have been protected. Just minutes from your door, gems of green, breathtaking views, rushing rivers and quiet meandering streams await. Meadows, forests, stream banks and butte tops provide lasting opportunities for people to connect with nature in their neighborhoods.

More than 100 local park projects in neighborhoods across the region offer biking, hiking and wildlife watching opportunities close to home. By protecting clean air and water and fish and wildlife habitat, this highly successful land conservation effort will benefit the region for generations to come.

As we mark the 10th anniversary of Metro's open spaces acquisition program, you'll have more opportunities than ever to get to know the nature of the region. Check back for information about a special series of events planned for Sept. 1-10, 2005. Throughout the summer and fall, you'll find many ways to celebrate "open spaces, treasured places" on Metro's online calendar.

For more information, call the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department at (503) 797-1850, fax (503) 797-1849 or send e-mail to metroparks@metro-region.org. The hearing impaired can call TDD (503) 797-1804.

Nature in Neighborhoods grants program funded

The Metro Council invested further in its commitment to protect fish and wildlife habitat when it passed a resolution at its June 9 meeting to fund the Nature in Neighborhoods grants program.

Council agreed to transfer \$1 million from the solid waste recovery rate stabilization reserve to a general fund reserve for Nature in Neighborhoods projects. The money will fund a two-year grants program for Metro's regional effort to ensure the restoration and protection of regionally significant fish and wildlife habitat.

Though the Council has yet to determine exactly how the funds will be administered, the region's solid waste industry supports this effort, as waste haulers will be involved in keeping nature in the neighborhoods.

Additionally, I worked with councilors to add \$250,000 to be used for projects at Metro's Oregon Zoo. As council liaison to the zoo, it is important to support the zoo's valuable work to protect native wildlife in our neighborhoods. I look forward to reporting back to you about the important programs these funds will support.



Get Centered! Beaverton

Developers, architects, planners, lenders and elected officials are invited to Get Centered! Beaverton from 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 26. Throughout 2005, a series of Get Centered! events are showcasing several of the region's most successful mixed-use centers and development opportunity sites throughout the region. Metro Councilor Susan McLain will host the event.

Mayor Rob Drake, his staff, developers and others involved in the project will share the real story behind Beaverton's toughest and now most successful project, The Round.



After studying and visiting The Round, we will gather at Beaverton's Last Tuesday art exhibition and music festival to experience The Round in action.

The Round has become a centerpiece of downtown Beaverton's economic and cultural revitalization. The progressive urban development brings together living, shopping and working space conveniently located at a MAX light rail station.

Registration is required and limited to 50 people. The event costs \$10. For more information, visit the Get Centered! page, call Metro's Centers Program at (503) 797-1757, or send e-mail to webbk@metro.dst.or.us.

About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

Your Metro representatives

Metro Council President
David Bragdon

Metro Councilors
Rod Park, District 1
Brian Newman, District 2
Carl Hosticka, District 3
Susan McLain, District 4
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Robert Liberty, District 6

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COUNCILOR ROD PARK

September 8, 2005

Mr Glenn Zimmerman
Wood Waste Reclamation
PO Box 1136
Aumsville, OR 97325-1136

Dear Mr Zimmerman:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to serve on the *Subcommittee on Solid Waste Rate Policies* that I announced at the July 28 meeting of SWAC.

As I outlined on July 28, last year's Rate Review Committee identified a number of issues that affect Metro's rates, and recommended that the policies underlying these issues be reviewed by a broader group than the RRC alone. These include:

- a. Policies toward sustainable purchasing, hours of operation, self-haul customers, regulatory scope, fines and enforcement.
- b. The effect of changes in the structure of Metro's tip fee on the broader solid waste system, including private facility economics and local government rate-making.
- c. Other issues that the subcommittee may identify on its own.

These policies should help guide the Council in its discussion of the budget, and inform the Rate Review Committee on mechanisms for cost recovery and appropriate rate structures.

To help you plan and decide whether you are able to serve, here is my take on the schedule and time involved:

- First meeting: toward the end of September/early October
- Meet approximately every three weeks
- Meetings run 1½ to 2 hours and will be held here at Metro
- Meet through December 2005, probably into January 2006

We have not yet decided whether the meetings will be held during the day or evening (or a combination of the two). Also, we have not yet landed on a day of the week.

We will make those decisions after we determine your availabilities.

I anticipate that very little of your time will be required outside of the meetings. I am looking for your knowledge and expertise at the table. Staff will provide materials for the meetings, and will be available to support the subcommittee on research and other issues that may arise.

I will be out of the country for three weeks beginning August 31, but my staff will follow-up this letter with a telephone call to determine if you are available and willing to serve.

If you have questions or comments you may contact Mike Hoglund (who will co-chair the subcommittee with me), Solid Waste & Recycling Director at 503-797-1743 or hoglundm@metro.dst.or.us; Douglas Anderson, Solid Waste & Recycling Department at 503-797-1788 or andersond@metro.dst.or.us; or Amelia Porterfield, Council Assistant, at 503-797-1543 or porterfielda@metro.dst.or.us.

I look forward to your participation in these important policy discussions.

Sincerely,

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Rod Park
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2420 SW Boundary St.
Portland, OR 97239
September 17, 2005

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SEP 20 2005



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Even if such a blatant practice doesn't happen, the number of recyclables from MRFs being landfilled is too high. This happens in two ways. First, the MRF has residue left after sorting that is landfilled. Metro inspections have found that 5%-35% of what gets landfilled could have been recycled. The problem is that processing is too fast and sloppy. To keep costs down the MRFs run the lines too quickly and don't hire enough pickers. Second, non-paper items get mixed into the paper. Metro staff reports that 6%-11% of newspaper loads going from the MRFs to the paper mills is not newspaper; it's plastic bottles, cardboard, and other items. These items get landfilled at the mill. The average contamination rate is 9.5%, higher than the average of MRFs around the country.

Metro has always prided itself in doing a good job of recycling. However, that is not currently the case. Some corrections in the system need to be made.

I recommend that Metro establish standards for the recycling processors. A good standard would be that 95% of each recyclable material received be sorted and sent to an appropriate market. Metro could then certify processors that meet the standard, and local governments could require the haulers to go only to those MRFs, in the same way the City of Portland does for yard debris. If some haulers delivered loads that were highly contaminated with non-recyclables, the MRF would have an incentive to reject the load or charge more. That would put some pressure on haulers to do a good job of checking bins at the source.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know what you think of this idea.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joanne Roy", is written over the typed name.
Joanne Roy

cc: Mike Hoglund

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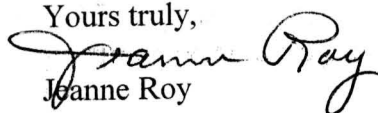
Even if such a blatant practice doesn't happen, the number of recyclables from MRFs being landfilled is too high. This happens in two ways. First, the MRF has residue left after sorting that is landfilled. Metro inspections have found that 5%-35% of what gets landfilled could have been recycled. The problem is that processing is too fast and sloppy. To keep costs down the MRFs run the lines too quickly and don't hire enough pickers. Second, non-paper items get mixed into the paper. Metro staff reports that 6%-11% of newspaper loads going from the MRFs to the paper mills is not newspaper; it's plastic bottles, cardboard, and other items. These items get landfilled at the mill. The average contamination rate is 9.5%, higher than the average of MRFs around the country.

Metro has always prided itself in doing a good job of recycling. However, that is not currently the case. Some corrections in the system need to be made.

I recommend that Metro establish standards for the recycling processors. A good standard would be that 95% of each recyclable material received be sorted and sent to an appropriate market. Metro could then certify processors that meet the standard, and local governments could require the haulers to go only to those MRFs, in the same way the City of Portland does for yard debris. If some haulers delivered loads that were highly contaminated with non-recyclables, the MRF would have an incentive to reject the load or charge more. That would put some pressure on haulers to do a good job of checking bins at the source.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know what you think of this idea.

Yours truly,


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