

## Council meeting agenda

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Thursday, June 13, 2019

2:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. Safety Briefing**

**3. Public Communication**

**4. Resolutions**

- 4.1 Resolution No. 19-4999, For the Purpose of Proclaiming [RES 19-4999](#)  
June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer  
(LGBTQ) Pride Month in the Metro Region

Presenter(s): Metro's LGBTQ Employee Resource Group, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 19-4999](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

**5. Consent Agenda**

- 5.1 Resolution No. 19-4996, For the Purpose of Confirming [RES 19-4996](#)  
the Appointment of Susan Andrews to the Metro Central  
Station Community Enhancement Committee (MCSCEC)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 19-4996](#)  
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 19-4996](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

- 5.2 Considerations of the Council Meeting Minutes for June 6, [18-5242](#)  
2019

Attachments: [Council Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2019](#)

**6. Ordinances (Second Reading)**

- 6.1 Ordinance No. 19-1437, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19, Metro Advisory Committees, to Establish the Regional Waste Advisory Committee and to Repeal the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee [ORD 19-1437](#)

Presenter(s): Roy Brower, Metro  
Matt Korot, Metro

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 19-1437](#)  
[Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 19-1437](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 to Staff Report](#)

## 7. Resolutions

- 7.1 Resolution No. 19-4985, For the Purpose of Approving the 2019 Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship Grants [RES 19-4985](#)

Presenter(s): Crista Gardner, Metro  
Juan Carlos Ocaña-Chíu, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 19-4985](#)  
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 19-4985](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[PowerPoint: Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship Grants](#)

- 7.2 Resolution No. 19-4977, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20, Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes [RES 19-4977](#)

Presenter(s): Lisa Houghton, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 19-4977](#)  
[Staff Report](#)

### 7.2.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 19-4977

## 8. Chief Operating Officer Communication

## 9. Councilor Communication

## 10. Adjourn

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Agenda Item No. 4.1

**Resolution No. 19-4999**, For the Purpose of Proclaiming  
June as LGBTQ Pride Month in the Metro Region

*Resolutions*

Metro Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING JUNE )  
AS LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER )  
AND QUEER (LGBTQ) PRIDE MONTH IN THE )  
METRO REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 19-4999

Introduced by Councilor Christine Lewis in  
concurrence with Council President Lynn  
Peterson

WHEREAS, June marks the annual recognition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month throughout the United States, and Portland Latinx Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate victories that have affirmed freedom and fairness, and we recommit ourselves to completing the work that remains, and

WHEREAS, this month was chosen to commemorate the dedication, bravery, and sacrifice of the primarily Black and Latinx gender nonconforming patrons who led the uprising against pervasive state sanctioned police violence directed at the LGBTQ community at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village fifty years ago, which sparked the modern LGBTQ rights movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Metro is dedicated to advancing racial equity to address systemic inequities that impact our communities by providing support and tools to Metro Council, staff, and community partners to create an equitable region for all; and

WHEREAS, equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination are among the basic moral rights of every person, necessary for the development and exercise of our most vital capacities and preconditions of human flourishing; and

WHEREAS, recognition remains precarious, imperfect, and expansion of rights incomplete and under threat for LGBTQ members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Metro, as a large employer in the region, has an opportunity to join and lead the cultural shift in workplaces and create policies that create inclusive, affirming spaces for LGBTQ employees; and

WHEREAS, acknowledgment of the ongoing struggles faced by LGBTQ communities must be recognized and advocacy maintained to continue to advance policies and practices that work to eliminate these disparities; and

WHEREAS, greater Portland is strengthened by and thrives because of the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, religious, gender and sexual orientations of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of the region; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Metro Council that:

1. June is recognized as LGBTQ Pride Month in greater Portland to celebrate and to recognize our diverse and vibrant LGBTQ community, and continue the progress in our culture towards justice, equality and full civic recognition for all;

2. Metro Council recognizes people regardless the shade of your skin, your size or ability, your gender or sexuality or how you express it, who you love, or how you identify—you will be treated with dignity and respect in all of Metro’s policies, programs, services and destinations;
3. Metro is and will continue to take steps to create safer spaces for everyone--residents, visitors and staff.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 13th day of June 2019.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Nathan A. S. Sykes, Acting Metro Attorney

## STAFF REPORT

### IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-4999, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING JUNE AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH IN THE METRO REGION

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Date: June 13, 2019

Prepared by: Ernest Hayes, Council/COO

## BACKGROUND

June is recognized as LGBTQ+ Pride Month throughout the United States to commemorate the Stonewall riots of June 1969. As a result, pride events are held during this month to recognize the positive impact LGBTQ people have made in the world, and to highlight their continuing fight for equality.

The State of Oregon decriminalized same-sex sexual activity in 1972.

Since 2008, Oregon has banned discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on both sexual orientation and gender identity (Oregon SB 2 (2007)).

State law covers hate crimes based on both gender identity and sexual orientation.

In 2007, Metro instituted a discrimination and harassment policy and procedure, which prohibits discrimination based upon gender identity or sexual orientation (Personnel Policies (2007) §12.7).

Metro Council adopted the “Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion” in 2016, which states “By addressing the barriers experienced by people of color in the Portland metropolitan area, we will effectively also identify solutions and remove barriers for other groups, like low-income residence, people with disabilities, the LGBTQ community, older adults and young people.”

In 2018, Metro started its first Employee Resource Groups for LGBTQ+ people and People of Color. The agency also participates in the annual Northwest Pride Festival and Parade, and has a series of new training programs addressing LGBTQ issues in the workplace and community.

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have documented the rise in violent crimes against the LGBTQ community, which disproportionately affect LGBTQ+ people of color.

Metro Council has the opportunity to stand with other local, regional, state and national governments and organizations in honoring June as LGBTQ pride month to support and bring awareness to issues facing the LGBTQ community.

## ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition:** None
2. **Legal Antecedents:** On June 23, 2016, Metro Council adopted Resolution 16-4719 proclaiming June as LGBTQ pride month in the Metro region; a second Resolution, No.18-4900, was approved by Council in 2018.



3. **Anticipated Effects:** The month of June will be honored as LGBTQ Pride Month in the Metro region, celebrating and honoring the contributions of the LGBTQ population to our region, and recognizing the importance of continued efforts to ensure justice and protections for the LGBTQ community.

4. **Budget Impacts:** None

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution No. 19-4900 proclaiming the month of June as LGBTQ Pride Month in the Metro region.

Agenda Item No. 5.1

**Resolution No. 19-4996**, For the Purpose of Confirming  
the Appointment of Susan Andrews to the Metro Central  
Station Community Enhancement Committee (MCSCEC)

*Consent Agenda*

Metro Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 19-4996  
APPONTMENT OF SUSAN ANDREWS TO THE )  
METRO CENTRAL STATION COMMUNITY ) Introduced by Councilor Sam Chase  
ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (MCSCEC)

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030, "Membership of the Advisory Committees," states that all members and alternate members of all Metro Advisory Committees shall be appointed by the Council President and shall be subject to confirmation by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.120, "Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (MCSCEC)," provides for the MCSCEC; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.120(b)(1) sets forth representation criteria for membership on the committee; and

WHEREAS, vacancies have occurred in representation of the Forest Park Neighborhood on the MCSCEC; and

WHEREAS, the Council President has appointed Susan Andrews, a resident of the Forest Park Neighborhood and member of the Forest Park Neighborhood Association, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030 states that advisory committee members are limited to two consecutive two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Susan Andrews is a member in good standing and her appointment is supported by the Committee Chair; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council confirms the appointments of Susan Andrews to Metro's Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 13th day of June 2019.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Nathan Sykes, Metro Attorney



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## Metro Central Community Enhancement Program Committee interest form

**Please return completed two-page application to:**

Metro Regional Center

Attn: Rob Nathan

Email: [rob.nathan@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:rob.nathan@oregonmetro.gov)

Questions? Call 503-797-1691

**Information**

Name: Susan Andrews

Organization or business (optional): Forest Park Neighborhood Assn, PUAH

Mailing address: 13410 NW Springville Rd

City: Portland

State: OR

Zip: 97229

Preferred phone: 503-292-6034

Email: [sgoldfield@aol.com](mailto:sgoldfield@aol.com)

Residential address: 13410 NW Springville Rd., Portland, OR 97229

**Check one:**

☒ Forest Park Neighborhood Association

☐ Northwest District Neighborhood Association

☐ Friends of Cathedral Park

☐ Northwest Industrial area (NINA)

☐ Linnton Neighborhood Association

*Metro strives for membership on its committee that reflects the diversity of the Portland metro region.*

***The following demographic information is optional:***

Gender: F Age: 60 Race or ethnicity: Caucasian

**Briefly describe your interest in the Metro Central Enhancement Committee and why you would like to serve.**

I place a high importance on community member participation in making their neighborhood better. I appreciate that the grant allows community members to propose projects that they feel are needed and will improve their communities. I was also asked by my neighborhood assn. if I would represent them.





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**Members of the Metro Central Enhancement Committee offer a wide variety of complementary skills and experiences. Please describe your relevant knowledge and experience.**

I have served on other grant making committees in the past. Most recently the Portland United Against Hate and City of Portland grants for civic dialogue. In the past I also was involved with grant making with Intel community affairs and assigning funding to non-profits through United Way.

**Please explain how you keep informed and aware of the community's diverse needs and priorities. Summarize any relevant experience working with people of varied backgrounds**

I was diversity and affirmative action manager for Intel between 1994 and 2004 and worked extensively with employee groups there representing race and ethnicity, age, gender and sexual orientation, religion, ability. I am involved as a mentor volunteer at IRCO Africa House and do social media posting sharing news about tolerance and hate crimes with Portland United Against Hate now. I've worked also in the past as a hospice respite volunteer meeting a wide variety of our community members in their homes as they approach end of life issues. I have served on the board of my neighborhood association for the past 8 years and participated in many hearings regarding land use and other issues that affect our residents. I am a member of Audubon and place a high value on preserving the environment in our metro area. We sponsor a local immigrant farming project with Village Gardens. I am the NET coordinator for our neighborhood. I read email newsletters from a wide variety of community organizations to understand more about issues and projects in our community.

**Do you anticipate any conflicts of interest that might require you to excuse yourself from the review of any potential project? For example, do you or an immediate family member staff or sit on the board of an organization that might seek a grant from this program? Are you a consultant that might be interested in submitting a proposal for the type of work that this program funds? Please explain.**

Not that I am aware of.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN ANDREWS TO  
THE METRO CENTRAL STATION COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE  
(MCSCEC)

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Date: May 13, 2019  
Department: Property and Environmental  
Services  
Meeting Date: June 13, 2019

Prepared by: Rob Nathan, 503-797-1691  
Presenter(s): Councilor Sam Chase and  
Rob Nathan  
Length: Consent

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### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

A vacancy has occurred in the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (hereinafter referred to as MCSCEC) membership. The vacancy in the MCSCEC membership currently exist due to the end of a term for a member representing the Forest Park Neighborhood.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Lynn Peterson, Council President, and Councilor Sam Chase, chair of the MCSCEC recommend adoption of this resolution to confirm the appointment of Ms. Andrews to serve on the MCSCEC.

### **IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

With adoption of this resolution, Susan Andrews will be appointed to one, two-year, term on the MCSCEC with the option to serve a second two-year term.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends adoption of this resolution to appoint Susan Andrews to the MCSCEC. Ms. Andrews' interest form articulates her passion for community enhancement and her connectedness to the community she lives in and serves through her position on the Forest Park Neighborhood Association. In addition, Ms. Andrews decades of experience in equity and affirmative action work with the greater Portland area's most vulnerable populations make her an especially well-positioned candidate for the MCSCEC.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- How does this advance Metro's racial equity goals?  
This engagement approach for recruiting committee members and the appointment of one of these members supports Goal B/Objective 2: Increase participation of communities of color in metro decision-making.
- How does this advance Metro's climate action goals?  
Ms. Andrews is actively engaged in improving the health of our natural environment, has an extensive environmental stewardship background and residency in the Forest Park Neighborhood makes her uniquely suited to address the diverse geography of the Enhancement Grant boundary and

promote community-based solutions to the environmental issues of her community.

- Known Opposition/Support/Community Feedback  
There is no known opposition to appointment of Susan Andrews to the MCSCEC
- Explicit list of stakeholder groups and individuals who have been involved in policy development.  
Sam Chase, Metro Councilor District 5  
Rob Nathan, Metro Community Enhancement Grant Manager
- Legal Antecedents  
Chapter 2.19 of the Metro Code Relating to Advisory Committees; Section 2.19.120 provides for a Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee and sets forth guidelines for representation.
- Anticipated Effects  
Adoption of this resolution would confirm the appointment of Susan Andrews to the MCSCEC.

## **BACKGROUND**

The MCSCEC is charged with helping develop plans to administer grant funds, solicit and review grant applications, and select for funding improvement projects that benefit the area directly affected by the Metro Central transfer station, including portions of Northwest and North Portland.

Sam Chase, Councilor of Metro district 5, chairs the seven-member committee. Members are required to reside within the boundaries of their respective neighborhood associations. The business and environmental representatives have no residency requirement but must maintain interest in the enhancement boundary. This requirement does not apply to the Metro Councilor appointed to the committee.

A recruitment to fill the positions began in December of 2018, seeking replacement to represent three openings on the MCSCEC (Forest Park, Linnton, and a business representative). Metro staff engaged community partners who service historically marginalized communities within the enhancement boundary in attempt to recruit members. Metro staff ended up with multiple referrals and had conversations with four different residents who qualified and met the requirements for the vacant seats. One resident was nominated by the Forest Park Neighborhood Association and decided to submit an interest form. Staff recommends Susan Andrews for the Forest Park Neighborhood MCSEC seat.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Susan Andrews MCSCEC interest form

Materials following this page will be distributed at the meeting.



Agenda Item No. 5.2

**Considerations of the Council Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2019**

*Consent Agenda*

Metro Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Agenda Item No. 6.1

**Ordinance No. 19-1437**, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19, Metro Advisory Committees, to Establish the Regional Waste Advisory Committee and to Repeal the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee

*Ordinances (Second Reading)*

Metro Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO CODE	)	ORDINANCE NO. 19-1437
CHAPTER 2.19, METRO ADVISORY	)	
COMMITTEES, TO ESTABLISH THE REGIONAL	)	Introduced by Acting Chief Operating
WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TO REPEAL	)	Officer Andrew Scott in concurrence with
THE SOLID WASTE ALTERNATIVES ADVISORY	)	Council President Lynn Peterson
COMMITTEE	)	
	)	

WHEREAS, Metro is the solid waste system planning authority for the region and acts pursuant to its constitutional, statutory, and charter authority; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 19-1431, the Metro Council adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan, which serves as the greater Portland area's blueprint for investing in our garbage and recycling system, reducing the environmental and health impacts of products that end up in this system, and advancing progress towards Metro's racial equity objectives; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Regional Waste Plan provides direction for plan oversight including a newly formed committee to provide input on the development of programs and policies that implement the plan's actions and advice to the Metro Council on legislative and administrative actions the Council will consider related to plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.130 contains the requirement for a Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee to develop policy options related to solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council seeks to revise the Solid Waste Committee requirements to align with the 2030 Regional Waste Plan Goals and Action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed code language revises the purpose, authority, and membership of the advisory committee to improve the functioning of the committee in light of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan; now therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Metro Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee is dissolved and terminated, and the Metro Council hereby establishes the Regional Waste Advisory Committee; and
2. Metro Code Section 2.19.130 "Metro Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee" is repealed and replaced with language in the form attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A.

The provisions of this ordinance will be effective ninety (90) days after the date below.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

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Sara Farrokhzadian, Recording Secretary

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Nathan A. S. Sykes, Acting Metro Attorney



**Metro Code Title II, Chapter 2.19.130**

Amendments to Establish the Regional Waste Advisory Committee

2.19.130 Regional Waste Advisory Committee

(a) Functions. The Metro Regional Waste Advisory Committee will:

- (1) Provide input on certain legislative and administrative actions that the Metro Council or Chief Operating Officer will consider related to implementation of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.
- (2) Provide input on certain policies, programs and projects that implement actions in the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.
- (3) Review and provide input on the status of implementation of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.

(b) Membership.

- (1) Five representatives from city or county governments in the Metro region.
- (2) Three individuals representing the interests of communities of color and other historically marginalized groups.
- (3) One individual representing the interests of environmental or health advocates.
- (4) One user of the solid waste system.
- (5) One representative from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- (6) The Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association's Metro-area regional director.

TOTAL MEMBERS

12

(c) Committee Chair. The Chief Operating Officer will designate the Chair.

(d) Appointment of Members.

- (1) Local government members: a jurisdiction's presiding executive must nominate a member, subject to

appointment by the Metro Council President and confirmation by the Metro Council.

- (2) DEQ member: DEQ's presiding executive must nominate a member, subject to appointment by the Metro Council President and confirmation by the Metro Council.
- (3) The Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association's member: the member is subject to appointment by the Metro Council President and confirmation by the Metro Council.
- (4) Remaining members: Metro will establish a public application process, and nominees are subject to appointment by the Metro Council President and confirmation by the Metro Council.

(e) Member Terms of Office.

- (1) The local government members will serve for a term of two (2) years. A member may be reappointed for additional terms of one (1) to two (2) years through the appointment process set forth above.
- (2) The DEQ member will serve until a replacement is nominated by the DEQ executive.
- (3) The Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association's Metro-area regional director will serve for a term of two (2) years. The regional director may be reappointed for additional terms through the appointment process set forth above.
- (4) The remaining members will serve for a term of two (2) years. A member may serve for a second term of two (2) years.

(f) Meetings.

- (1) The Committee will meet on a schedule determined by the Chair in consultation with members.
- (2) Members should be present at and participate in all regular meetings. The Chair may ask members who are unable to attend consistently to resign.

(g) Ad Hoc Subcommittees.

At the request of the Chair, the Committee may charter ad hoc subcommittees of a limited and defined duration to provide more detailed review of particular topics. These subcommittees will report to the full Committee and may

draw members from a broad representation of stakeholders and experts. The Committee Chair will appoint all subcommittee members, including representatives from the full Committee. The Committee Chair will appoint Metro staff to chair subcommittees.

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-1437, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING  
METRO CODE CHAPTER 2.19, METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEES, TO ESTABLISH THE  
REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TO REPEAL THE SOLID WASTE  
ALTERNATIVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Date: May 22, 2019

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Meeting date: June 6, 2019

Length: 10 minutes

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### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

In March 2019, Metro Council adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. The oversight framework for the plan calls for a newly formed committee to provide input to staff and advise Metro Council on the development of policies, programs and projects that implement actions in the plan. To establish the new committee, the Metro Council must enact code language that identifies the committee's functions, membership categories and other elements. The specific members will be appointed by the Council President and then confirmed by resolution at a future Council meeting.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Staff requests approval of Ordinance 19-1437 to establish the Regional Waste Advisory Committee and repeal code language associated with the former Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee.

### **IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

Metro Council previously approved the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. The Regional Waste Advisory Committee helps advance two primary policy outcomes:

- Advancing racial equity by increasing access and representation in decision-making for historically marginalized communities
- Implementing the accountability framework set forth in the plan

### **POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

1. Approve the ordinance and committee composition as written or with amendments.
2. Do not approve the ordinance.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 19-1437.

## **STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The 2030 Regional Waste Plan guides the greater Portland area's efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of the products we make, use and discard, provide a more equitable distribution of services and benefits to communities of color and other historically marginalized communities, and ensure a high quality, resilient garbage and recycling system. To help achieve this, the plan identifies an oversight structure to include:

- Metro Council
- Metro Committee on Racial Equity
- Metro Policy Advisory Committee
- A new Regional Waste Advisory Committee

The new Regional Waste Advisory Committee is intended to:

- Provide input on legislative and administrative actions that the Metro Council or Chief Operating Officer (COO) will consider related to implementing actions of the Plan.
- Provide input to staff on development of policies, programs and projects to implement actions in the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.
- Review and provide input on the status of implementing the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.

The membership is structured to ensure the highest likelihood that the committee will focus on outcomes that best achieve the public interest in terms of the plan's focus on equitable system benefits and services, and environmental and human health benefits. The membership is proposed as:

- Five city or county government representatives
- Three individuals representing the interests of communities of color and other historically marginalized groups
- One individual representing the interests of environmental or health advocates
- One user of the solid waste system
- One representative from the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
- The Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association's (ORRA) Metro-area regional director
- A Metro staff person designated by the COO to serve as Chair of the committee

Differing from the prior Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee, this committee includes greater representation of communities of color and other historically marginalized communities that helps advance progress towards both Metro's racial equity objectives and actions within the Regional Waste Plan. Local government representation reflects the responsibility they share with Metro for implementing the plan. The perspectives of garbage and recycling companies that have private interests in Metro's and local governments' implementation of the plan will be shared through the ORRA member's

participation, through public comment at each meeting, through the subcommittees described below, and through the public comment periods associated with any proposed code and administrative rule changes. In addition, the system-related needs of haulers will be represented by the local governments that either contract for their services or regulate their operations.

Consistent with best practices associated with the former Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee, the new committee may charter ad hoc subcommittees to provide more detailed review of particular topics. The subcommittees may draw their membership from a broad representation of stakeholders and experts.

If this ordinance is approved, Metro staff would then solicit committee member nominations. The Council President will subsequently appoint members and Council will vote by resolution to confirm members at its August 1, 2019 meeting. The first committee meeting is expected to be held in September 2019.

### **Public Comment**

The committee charter and membership was released for public comment in April 2019. By the close of the public comment period, 12 individuals submitted comments.

- Two were supportive of the code as written
- Eight requested changes to membership
- Two were neutral

The changes requested to membership included:

- Appointing a Metro Councilor to chair the committee
- Increasing the number of individuals representing industry, including private waste companies, recycling processors, composting facilities and collection services.
- Ensuring there is representation from community health advocacy groups such as Oregon Air
- Ensuring that there is representation from individuals with disabilities

In response, Metro staff revised the draft code language to change the committee position representing the interests of “environmental advocates” to “environmental or health advocates.” No other changes were made to the draft code language based on the comments. As written, the proposed membership includes positions for historically marginalized groups that include individuals with disabilities. Staff believes industry representation and expertise is best served on ad hoc subcommittees that will provide more detailed review of particular topics. In addition, Metro will continue to solicit the views of industry and other private interests through public comment periods associated with any proposed code and administrative rule changes. The full list of comments is provided in the attached public comment report.

### **Legal Antecedents**

Ordinance No. 87-740 (For the Purpose of designating solid waste as an area and activity appropriate for development of a functional plan and has a significant impact upon the orderly and responsible development of a metropolitan area) March 12, 1987; Metro Charter; Metro Code Title V Solid Waste; ORS Chapters 268 and 459; Ordinance No. 09-1222 (For The Purpose Of Amending Metro Code Section 2.19.130 to Revise The Purpose and Membership of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee Ordinance) November 12, 2009; and No. 19-1431 (For The Purpose of Adopting the 2030 Regional Waste Plan) March 7, 2019.

### **Anticipated Effects**

Revisions to the purpose, name and membership of the solid waste advisory committee outlined in Metro Code.

### **Financial implications (current year and ongoing)**

Staff time to manage and provide administrative support to the committee and stipends for non-government and non-industry members.

### **BACKGROUND**

Metro Council's advisory committee on solid waste policy, plans and project has taken multiple forms in the last two decades. One of the earliest iterations, known as the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), had 27 members and was comprised of representatives from public and private sectors. In 2008, Council President Bragdon directed staff to reconsider the function and membership of the committee to help improve the quality and consistency of policy options that come before Councilors. Council President Bragdon expressed concern that the committee's composition diluted its value to the Council because the assortment of private companies' casting votes made it difficult for the Council to discern the public interest in the committee's recommendations. Following this evaluation, Metro Council replaced SWAC with the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (SWAAC), a more policy-oriented group that would develop policy options for Metro Council consideration. The membership was reduced to 12 members, eight of which were government, three were solid waste industry, one was a representative of an environmental organization and a chair from Metro. The chairing of the committee was also transferred from a Metro Councilor to a staff person.

The development of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan included an evaluation of the formal bodies that would oversee plan implementation and advise Metro Council on solid waste policy and programs. A new iteration of SWAAC was identified as a formal advisory committee that would include greater representation of communities of color and other historically marginalized communities to align with the plan's direction and Metro's racial equity objectives. Metro Council conducted a work session in February 2019 to discuss the oversight framework for the 2030 Regional Waste Plan implementation. Following Council's direction, staff incorporated the new Regional Waste Advisory Committee as part of the oversight framework in the final plan adopted by Metro Council in March 2019.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Public Comment Report

# Public Comment Report: Regional Waste Advisory Committee



May 22, 2019

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## BACKGROUND

On March 7, 2019 the Metro Council approved the 2030 Regional Waste Plan to guide the greater Portland area's efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of the products we make, use and discard, provide a more equitable distribution of services and benefits to communities of color and other historically marginalized communities, and ensure a high quality, resilient garbage and recycling system. To help achieve this, the plan identifies an oversight structure to include:

- Metro Council
- Metro Committee on Racial Equity
- Metro Policy Advisory Committee
- A new Regional Waste Advisory Committee

To establish the new committee, the Metro Council must enact code language that identifies the committee's functions, membership categories and other elements.

Between April 29 and May 20, 2019, Metro conducted the public comment period for the proposed draft code language for establishing the Regional Waste Advisory Committee. Notification emails were sent to Metro's interested parties list and information was posted on Metro's web site on how to submit public comment. Comments were received primarily through an email address and online web form established for the comment period. All of the comments received are included with this report as Appendix A.

## COMMENT SUMMARY

By the close of the comment period, 12 individuals provided comments:

- Two were supportive of the code as written
- Eight requested changes to membership
- Two were neutral

The changes requested to membership included:

- Appointing a Metro Councilor to chair the committee
- Increasing the number of individuals representing industry, including private waste companies, recycling processors, composting facilities and collection services.
- Ensuring there is representation from community advocacy groups such as Oregon Air
- Ensuring that there is representation from individuals with disabilities



## AMENDMENTS MADE TO CODE LANGUAGE

Metro staff revised the draft code language to include health advocates for the organizations considered for the advocacy position on the committee. No other changes were made to the draft code language based on the comments. As written, the proposed membership includes positions for historically marginalized groups that includes individuals with disabilities. Staff believes industry representation and expertise is best served on ad hoc subcommittees that will provide more detailed review of particular topics.

## NEXT STEPS

If the Metro Council adopts the ordinance to establish the Regional Waste Advisory Committee, the new committee will be established through the following process and associated timeline:

June 6 & 13	First and second readings of the ordinance to establish the committee and repeal code associated with the no-longer-operating Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee
Mid-June	Solicitation of committee member nominations
Mid-July	Staff provides nominations to Council President Peterson for consideration
Late July	Council consideration of resolution to confirm committee appointments
September	First meeting of committee

## Appendix A: Public Comments

**From:** [Winterhalter, Rick](#)  
**To:** [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Opportunity to comment on creation of Regional Waste Advisory Committee  
**Date:** Monday, April 29, 2019 4:31:45 PM

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Thanks Laura, I figured as much and knew I was unnecessarily contributing to Eben's e-mail load.  
cheers

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**From:** 2030 Regional Waste Plan <[RegionalWastePlan@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:RegionalWastePlan@oregonmetro.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2019 4:30 PM  
**To:** Winterhalter, Rick <[rickw@clackamas.us](mailto:rickw@clackamas.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Opportunity to comment on creation of Regional Waste Advisory Committee

Hi Rick,

This email went to the full SW Directors group, individuals who were on our SWAAC interested parties list, folks involved in the technical work groups for the Regional Waste Plan, and anyone who made a public comment on the Regional Waste Plan.

Eben Polk was included on the list. This was also posted as a public notice news item on Metro's website, so it will reach anyone signed up for Metro's garbage and recycling news digest.

Please feel free to share with others you think would be interested in providing feedback. These are the direct links to the public notice and the public comment web form:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/public-notice-opportunity-comment-creation-regional-waste-plan-advisory-committee>

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/comment-creation-regional-waste-advisory-committee>

Thanks!

Laura

**Laura van der Veer**

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**From:** Winterhalter, Rick [<mailto:rickw@clackamas.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2019 4:20 PM  
**To:** 2030 Regional Waste Plan  
**Subject:** RE: Opportunity to comment on creation of Regional Waste Advisory Committee

Thanks Marta. How extensive is the outreach for this. I want to make certain Eben sees it and expect you've sent it to SW Dir group in its entirety. I wanted to know if our Solid Waste Commission is an appropriate audience.  
Cheers

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**From:** Marta McGuire <[regionalwasteplan@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:regionalwasteplan@oregonmetro.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2019 2:11 PM  
**To:** Winterhalter, Rick <[rickw@clackamas.us](mailto:rickw@clackamas.us)>  
**Subject:** Opportunity to comment on creation of Regional Waste Advisory Committee

Good afternoon,

On March 7, the [Metro Council approved](#) the [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#). The plan is a blueprint for how Metro, city and county governments, and the residents and businesses of the greater Portland area will:

- reduce the environmental and health impacts of the products we make, use and dispose
- provide high quality and equitable services in the garbage and recycling system that manages our discarded waste

A key framework of the plan is advancing equity in services and system benefits for communities of color and other historically marginalized communities.

To help achieve this, the Plan identifies an oversight structure to include:

- [Metro Council](#)
- [Committee on Racial Equity](#)
- [Metro Policy Advisory Committee](#)
- A new Regional Waste Advisory Committee

In June 2019, the Metro Council will consider [amendments to the Metro Code](#) to put that latter committee in place. [Metro invites comments on this proposal](#) from April 29 to May 20, 2019 at 5 p.m. Comments may be submitted to [RegionalWastePlan@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:RegionalWastePlan@oregonmetro.gov) or through the [web form](#).

Following the public comment period, Metro staff will review the comments and then develop the proposal that will be submitted to Council for consideration. The full 2019 timeline for establishing the committee is outlined below. Specific dates are still to be determined for the steps after the public comment period.

- April 29 – May 20: Public comment period
- June: First and second readings of the ordinance to establish the committee
- Mid-June to mid-July: Solicitation of committee member nominations
- Late July: Council appointment of committee members
- September: First meeting of committee

Thank you,

**Marta McGuire**

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**From:** [Aaron](#) on behalf of [Metro](#)  
**To:** [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Comment on creation of Regional Waste Advisory Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019 9:15:10 AM

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Submitted on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 - 9:15am  
Submitted by anonymous user: [162.158.107.71]  
Submitted values are:

First name: Aaron  
Last name: Douglas  
Email: akdouglas@msn.com  
Zip code: 97202

Provide your feedback: Sounds like a plan. I'd be interested in being considered as a user of the system since I've been involved with interviewing people from the City of Portland on multifamily recycling and disposal, etc.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/node/27151/submission/86331>

**From:** [Zephyr Moore](#)  
**To:** [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#)  
**Subject:** At Spencer House 60 apartments, five apartments may recycle. Everything else goes in garbage. All bottles in recycle bin have caps. All recycling is contaminated with books, ceramic pots, food, wishful recyclers who have never looked at picture sign...  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 1:20:31 PM

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At Spencer House 60 apartments, five apartments may recycle. Everything else goes in garbage. All bottles in recycle bin have caps. All recycling is contaminated with books, ceramic pots, food, wishful recyclers who have never looked at picture sign on front of recycle dumpster.

The waste area at Spencer has wood fence six-foot high. Behind recycle double lid 4 yard recycle bin is blank wall 2 X 10 feet. Wall could be used to put full size pictures of can, bottle w/out cap, paper, etc. Also, picture what is not recyclable: food, garbage, plastic bag, toy, clothes, etc.

I have begged Beaverton, Oregon recycling to use the wall to educate. They do nothing. Recycle bin is little used while garbage bin fills with tip up lids pried open. Ridiculous waste from families with children who will need resources that parents are TEACHING CHILDREN TO NOT CARE ABOUT ANYTHING.

TALE OF TIN, attached and following. Don't know how to attach. Attach has perfect margins.

## TALE OF TIN

One of few metals known to early man is tin. Tin had a major influence on man in early times and is an essential part of modern society. Processed raw materials allow our way of life.

Man's control of living has been shaped by the availability of raw materials, inventiveness and tools. Smelt tin ore becomes gas-heat, slag, residue of degraded fuel and tin (Element Sn, Atomic Number 50, melting point 231.93 degrees C). Tin alloy with copper (mp 1083 C) makes bronze. Bronze is harder than copper. Melted bronze poured into a mold is shaped into tools or weapons. "Iceman," *National Geographic*, July 2007.

The possession of bronze was so important in early social development, historians define this era as the Bronze Age. Tin is fuel for commerce-then and today, and a strategic metal. Sources of tin ore are distant from where refined tin is consumed. Navigating to a distant port, loading then transporting tin [work] defined trade routes of sailing ships.

There are few geographic sources of tin ore. Southeast Asia, West and Central Africa, South America and China are the major places where tin is mined. Chief tin consumers in 1940s: industrialized America, Europe, Japan and Russia.

America's major supply of tin ore is from the Southeast Asian countries of Malaysia and Sumatra. During World War II, 1941 – 1945, these lands were captured by the Japanese so

cut-off a source of precious metal for the United States. Bolivia, Congo and Nigeria were America's only reservoir of tin besides the tin coated steel (mp 1535 C) container used by every householder (37 C). The "tin can" is America's only homeland source of tin. Every patriotic citizen can remember the urgency to save and recycle tin cans-as my mother, 1910-1984, said, "*For the war effort.*" Children collected scrap paper at school and pulled wagons full of cans-crushed without labels, to scrap metal drives. Wartime motto: "*Slap the Japs with Scrap!*"

Today we are in a war against waste. Billions of tin cans are thrown away each year. Manufacturing metal, glass, paper and plastic packages to satisfy our lifestyle requires raw materials, like oxygen or tin ore. Effort to extract raw commodities and form useable items [work] consumes huge amounts of oxygen-fuel, water, land, plants and labor. Heat and waste of work combine with atmosphere, land and water. Recycling cuts demand to locate, extract and refine raw material, fuels oxidized, toxins to atmosphere-soil-water. Recycling influences pollinators\* and coral\*\*. A healthy environment-land, water, vegetation, climate plus symbiotic creatures, is the foundation for a vibrant society. Reduce consumption, reuse everything, easily recycle, plus; *never* put H<sub>2</sub>O or organic matter in garbage = eliminate disposal cost then anaerobic respiration-landfill gas. Consume and conserve. Prevent resource wars and deterioration of local Planet by recycling at home, play, business.

Recycle for *PEACE!* What would salmon do? >W.W.S.D.?> if it had thumb? Wash, squash, de-label then recycle tin coated steel container *and* paper. Grab plastic litter. Stop work propelling 2.5 gram LEVI pant patch: Cut-off patch.

\*"Hyperalarming" study shows massive insect loss." Ben Guarino, *Washington Post*, 10/15/2018. How to encourage insects?

"FIELD STUDY Can returning farmland to the wild help bumblebees in crisis?" *Smithsonian* April, 2015. If the only time you walk on lawn is to mow it you don't need a lawn. Restore native vegetation for bugs, bees & birds.

Tale of Tin evolved from, "The Promotion and Collection of Strategic Scrap Materials during World War II," 13 p. Reader; thoughtfully consume, conserve and educate: Ask, "Do you use canned food-tin can? How many tin ore mines in North America?" Most folks are surprised when you say, "None." Offer the Tale. Stretch finite resources. Preserve water coated sphere > share Tale of Tin. Vibrant planet and butterfly silently applaud. W.W.B.D.?

[Define word roots. Vocabulary grows understanding and influence to preserve one-habitat, Orca.]

\*\*Startling new research finds large buildup of heat in the oceans, suggesting a faster rate of global warming. Chris Mooney and Brady Dennis, *The Washington Post*, 10.31.18  
"Oceans are warming faster than we thought," Angela Fritz, *Washington Post*, January 12, 2019. A warming climate allows pine beetles to ravage the West. The Bug that's Eating The Woods, National Geographic, April 2015.

We're all in this alone, together. So. Cut long twice,

Zephyr Thoreau Moore, The Voice of the Salmon. Founding member One-EarthSociety.

To become *member* One-EarthSociety, all one need do is *behave as if* there is one-Earth only.



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30 April 2019**

Metro Council President Lynn Peterson  
Metro Councilors Craddick, Lewis, Dirksen, Gonzalez, Chase, and Stacey  
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Dear Council President Peterson and Councilors:

We have reviewed the proposed Code changes which remove the current SWAAC and replace it with a "Regional Waste Advisory Committee" and would like to provide comment.

Looking at most State governments one finds that each department or division has a "Commission" or "Advisory Board" that oversees the activities of that department or division. The members are generally appointed by the Governor for staggered terms, smoothing out transitions between Governors. Also, these members generally are expected to be extremely knowledgeable about certain if not many of the areas supervised by the underlying department; bringing their expertise to the equation. In other words, one generally does not find someone appointed to the Oregon Investment Council who has no financial background nor knowledge. Rather, most appointees to such a position have extensive backgrounds in public and/or private investment and finance.

The proposed Committee lacks the power usually seen in a State oversight committee or board. This is reasonable given the smaller size of Metro. However, in the place of hiring/firing authority a knowledgeable Council Member should be an active part of the Committee and the expert informational conduit to the other Councilors. Lack of having a Councilor on this Committee is either a gross oversight or indicates a general disinterest by Council in the subject. Solid waste excise taxes run a big part of the show at Metro and management of the solid waste system is a big job that should be a significant focus of the Council's time.

The other staffing omission is that there is no representation from the group that is being overseen by Metro. No position proposed requires nor contemplates any financial and operational knowledge about how the solid waste system works. Yes, there is a placeholder for ORRA, an organization that represents haulers and sometimes purports to represent processors. Neither that person nor that organization represents GreenWay Recycling nor do they have the expertise necessary to present relevant necessary economic and operational information required for good decision-making. This is equivalent to the concept of having an Oregon Environmental Quality Board with no member having any agricultural experience whatsoever despite agriculture's huge position in the State. Another example would be a Fish and Wildlife Commission with all environmental advocates or all hunters. The result would be disastrous. Balance is the key.

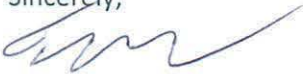
The proposed format removes the thin veil many in the industry have felt for the past five or six years: Staff has included us in order to "check the box", largely ignoring our advice and counsel so Staff may pursue their personal agendas. Yes, I know that some statements made by industry are self-serving and not necessarily in the public's best interest. I also know that many statements are valid, with the information presented necessary to good decision-making. A good Advisory Committee is balanced with no one group being left out, under-represented, or over-represented. The proposed structure of this Committee is unbalanced, and the resultant advice will be uneducated, short-sighted, and erroneous unless the transfer industry has real representation and a Councilor is placed on the committee.

The dry waste recycle rates of system facilities shown below are proof that the Council will be better served through direct involvement in this Committee, the oversight of solid waste, and the environmental future of this planet.

FACILITY	RECYCLE RATE
CORE	55%
GreenWay Recycling	36%
TVWR	22%
Willamette Resources	21%
ECR	16%
Pride	15%
Metro Central	9%
Metro South	6%
Recology	0%

These numbers are from January 2018 through end of February 2019 and are derived from Metro provided data.

Sincerely,



Terrell Garrett

**From:** [Metro](#)  
**To:** [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Comment on creation of Regional Waste Advisory Committee  
**Date:** Monday, May 06, 2019 7:07:36 AM

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Submitted on Monday, May 6, 2019 - 7:07am  
Submitted by anonymous user: [108.162.246.243]  
Submitted values are:

First name:

Last name:

Email:

Zip code: 97035

Provide your feedback: I think it's a great idea. Like metro transportation, but this is waste.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/node/27151/submission/86781>

**From:** [Marie](#) on behalf of [Metro](#)  
**To:** [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Comment on creation of Regional Waste Advisory Committee  
**Date:** Monday, May 06, 2019 8:55:24 AM

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Submitted on Monday, May 6, 2019 - 8:55am  
Submitted by anonymous user: [162.158.106.4]  
Submitted values are:

First name: Marie  
Last name: Valleroy  
Email: [msmuggle@yahoo.com](mailto:msmuggle@yahoo.com)  
Zip code: 97221

Provide your feedback: Please be sure to include input from people w/ disabilities (hopefully you have already recognized this as a "historically marginalized group").

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/node/27151/submission/86786>

**From:** [R.B](#)  
**To:** [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Metro Membership Structure  
**Date:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:31:57 AM

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I would like to see Metro modify the proposed membership structure to include more space for community advocacy groups such as Oregon Air.

Respectfully,

Rocky Bixby  
Ponyridge

**From:** [Cynthia](#) on behalf of [Metro](#)  
**To:** [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Comment on creation of Regional Waste Advisory Committee  
**Date:** Friday, May 17, 2019 8:56:56 AM

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Submitted on Friday, May 17, 2019 - 8:56am  
Submitted by anonymous user: [172.68.174.74]  
Submitted values are:

First name: Cynthia  
Last name: Hedrick  
Email: beckercc@comcast.net  
Zip code: 97224

Provide your feedback:

Committee members should include representation from cities that have composting/waste companies within their borders, cities that are impacted by the waste companies processing and neighborhood environmental groups.

Tualatin and Sherwood are not represented yet Grimm's Fuel Company 18850 SW Cipole Rd in Tualatin and Pride Disposal 13980 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Rd in Sherwood reside within their borders.

Grimm's Fuel Company has been the source of odor and dust pollution for years destroying quality of life for the citizens of Tualatin, Sherwood, Tigard, King City and parts of Beaverton. Within this list only Beaverton has representation and King City as an alternate. Neighborhood groups such as Oregon Air and CASE that have been fighting to get Grimm's Fuel Company's odor and dust problem under control should also be included as committee members.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/node/27151/submission/87806>

May 20, 2019

Metro Council  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232- 2736

RE: Metro Creation of the Regional Waste Advisory Committee and Industry Representation

Dear Metro Councilors,

This letter represents the Portland Haulers' Association (PHA) comments regarding Metro's outline to create the Regional Waste Advisory Committee. As you know, PHA members provide services across the solid waste system including hauling, resource recovery & transfer, processing and landfilling for all areas of the Metro region. Members are committed to working cooperatively with their regulatory local governments to provide safe, modern, and efficient waste collection services that include garbage, recycling, and organics collection at reasonable rates.

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As a result, we accept the proposal for ORRA's Regional Director to serve as a voting member, but also request that the Regional Waste Advisory Committee include voting members from private solid waste facilities, recycling processors, and collection services.

PHA members provide these comments to demonstrate our strong commitment to work with Metro, local government, as well as the community at large, and share our expertise in the

industry. Partnering with local government, member haulers have promoted “reduce, reuse, and recycle” for decades and continue to improve their successful coordinated work reducing overall waste and related negative effects. It is these coordinated efforts among state, regional, local, industry and community members that contribute to Oregon’s position as a national leader in recycling and waste management. We look forward to the opportunity to continue serving as a resource, imparting experience from our own challenges as large and many small, family and women-owned companies, in navigating the business of waste management while promoting our common values advancing equity in waste management. Please don’t hesitate to contact Beth Vargas Duncan at 971-707-1683 or [bethvd@orra.net](mailto:bethvd@orra.net) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Vallerie Gruetter Hill, President  
Portland Haulers’ Association



May 20, 2019

Metro Council  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232- 2736

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Sincerely,

Josh Brown, President  
Clackamas County Refuse and Recycling Association

May 20, 2019

Metro Council  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232- 2736

RE: Metro Creation of the Regional Waste Advisory Committee and Industry Representation

Dear Metro Councilors,

This letter represents the Washington County Haulers Association's (WCHA) comments regarding Metro's outline to create the Regional Waste Advisory Committee. As you know, WCHA members provide services across the solid waste system including hauling, resource recovery & transfer, processing and landfilling for all areas of the Metro region. Members are committed to working cooperatively with their regulatory local governments to provide safe, modern, and efficient waste collection services that include garbage, recycling, and organics collection at reasonable rates.

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Sincerely,

Mike Leichner, President  
Washington County Haulers’ Association



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May 20, 2019

Metro  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Re: Membership on the proposed Regional Waste Advisory Committee

Dear Council President Lynn Peterson:

I am Scott Jenkins, President and CEO of Environmental Fibers International, Inc. (EFI). EFI was founded in 2001 and is one of the largest, family-owned commercial recycling companies in the Northwest. EFI is proud of all we have accomplished in over 18 years of hard work in the recycling business. We have been recognized for our leadership and for our successful efforts in recycling.

I have been closely following the development of the recently approved 2030 Regional Waste Plan. Metro says the Plan is a blueprint for how the region will "...provide high quality and equitable services in the garbage and recycling system that manages our discarded waste". The Plan and its successful implementation will have significant environmental, economic, and livability impacts on the region, its citizens and its businesses for years to come.

To that end, the Plan identifies an oversight structure that includes the establishment of a new Regional Waste Advisory Committee. In April Metro announced the opportunity to provide comments on the creation of the committee. I am concerned about the proposed membership of the committee.

As noted, the Plan is the blueprint for *how* to provide high quality and equitable services to the community. When looking at how to do something, it is prudent to get input from folks who actually have experience *doing* it. It makes sense to ask teachers about needed classroom improvements and farmers about successful practices for sustainable food production. Such should be the case with this important committee.

The proposed committee membership includes 12 positions: six from government, three from historically marginalized communities, an environmentalist, a solid waste system customer and the Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association (ORRA) for the solid waste industry. So, 11 of the positions either regulate the system, are impacted by it or use it.



Each position has a valuable role in providing input, however I strongly question whether this composition will provide the committee with the necessary information, experience and expertise that will be needed regarding all aspects of the solid waste industry.

The solid waste system is broad and varied and includes the collection, transport, processing, marketing and disposal of numerous waste and commodity materials. EFI is one component of the system. Our facility operations and economics differ significantly from collectors, dry waste processors and landfills. A single solid waste industry representative on the committee is not sufficient. In the Metro region, ORRA primarily represents its members that provide franchised collection and it is an excellent choice for the committee. However, when it comes to matters involving non-franchised facilities operating in the open market place, ORRA may not be able to take a position.

The 1995 Regional Solid Waste Plan understood this. It established a Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) comprised of citizen representatives, government representatives and separate recycling, hauling and facility representatives (see attached). The committee was large and some thought it was unwieldy but what it did offer was differing perspectives, valuable input, information sharing and an opportunity for dialogue.

I am not suggesting that the earlier SWAC should be the model for the RWAC but I am asking that Metro add two industry positions, including one specifically representing source-separated recyclable material recovery facilities. Considering the major impact that local economics and global markets have on the sustainability of region's recycling programs, the experience and expertise of this representative would be invaluable to the committee's success.

Lastly, the attached document also indicates that a Metro councilor was a member of SWAC and served as the chair. This was important because the councilor directly heard the discussions, could provide input as needed and was a liaison to the Council. I was told having a Councilor on the RWAC was discussed during the development of the Plan but this is not included in the proposal. I strongly encourage that a position for a Metro Councilor be added to the RWAC.

Thank you for the thoughtful consideration of my input and recommendations. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you in person if you would find that helpful.



Scott Jenkins,  
President and CEO  
EFI Recycling

## Solid Waste Advisory Committee

The Metro Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meets the third Wednesday of each month, Metro Regional Center, Conference Room 370, 8:30 - 10:30 AM (unless otherwise announced). Call Connie Kinney 797-1643 if you would like to receive copies of SWAC meeting agendas.

Committee Members (and alternates)	Affiliation	Telephone
<b>Committee Chair:</b>		
Jon Kvistad	Metro Council	797-1549
<b>Recycling Industry Representatives:</b>		
John Drew	Far West Fibers	643-9944
Jeff Murray (Alternate)	Far West Fibers	255-2299
<b>Hauling Industry Representatives:</b>		
Jim Cozzetto, Jr.	Metropolitan Disposal & Recycling Corporation	285-0571
Dean Kampf (Alternate)	Alpine Disposal & Recycling	253-5403
Steve Schwab	Sunset Garbage Collection Company	774-4122
Jack Deines (Alternate)	Deines Brothers Sanitary Service	654-1449
David White	ORRA / Tri-County Council	690-3143
Brian Heiberg (Alternate)	Heiberg Garbage & Recycling	231-9949
Tom Miller	Miller's Sanitary Service, Inc.	644-6161
Mike Lechner (Alternate)	Pride Disposal	625-6177
<b>Solid Waste Facility Representatives:</b>		
Doug Coenen	Oregon Waste Systems	1-454-2030
Gary Penning (Alternate)	Waste Mgt. of Oregon	249-8078
Ralph Gilbert	East County Recycling	253-0867
Steven Miesen	BFI / Trans Industries	226-6161
<b>Citizen Representatives:</b>		
Jeanne Roy		244-0026
Merle Irvine		222-6565
Bruce Broussard		240-8565
Chad Debnam (Alternate)		240-0708
<b>Government Representatives:</b>		
Ken Spiegle	Clackamas County	650-3374
Susan Ziolk (Alternate)	Clackamas County	655-8521
Gary Hansen	Multnomah County	248-5219
Lynne Storz	Washington County	648-8609
Bob Kincaid	Clackamas County Cities	635-0220
Debra ("Debbie") Noah	Multnomah County Cities	684-7829
Lynda Kotta (Alternate)	Multnomah County Cities	661-3000
Loreen Mills	Washington County Cities	639-4171
Dave Kanner (Alternate)	Washington County Cities	648-8611
Susan Keil	City of Portland	823-7763

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<b>Committee Members (and alternates)</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
<b>Non-Voting Members:</b>		
Judy Ashley	Yamhill County	1-434-7516
Bob Baumgartner	DEQ	229-5323
Brian Carlson	Clark County	(360) 699-2375
Renee Dowlin	Port of Portland	231-5000
David Kunz (Alternate)	DEQ	229-5061
Jim Sears	Marion County	1-588-5056
Bern Shanks	Metro Solid Waste Director	797-1650
<b>Ad-Hoc Members:</b>		
Lex Johnson	Oregon Hydrocarbon	735-9525
Jeff Grimm	Grimm's Fuel	636-3623

## **Metro Officials and Staff**

### **Metro Elected Officials:**

Mike Burton	Executive Officer	797-1502
Ruth McFarland	Council Presiding Officer	797-1547
Jon Kvistad	Councilor, SWAC Chair	797-1549

### **Metro Regional Environmental Management Planning Staff:**

Bern Shanks	Director, Regional Environmental Management	797-1650
Debbie Gorham	Waste Reduction and Planning Services Manager	797-1679
Marie Nelson	Planning Supervisor	797-1670
Kelly Shafer Hossaini	RSWMP Public Involvement Coordinator	797-1503
Connie Kinney	Clerk to the Committee	797-1643

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**From:** [Brett Hamilton](#)  
**To:** [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Waste Advisory Committee  
**Date:** Monday, May 20, 2019 4:49:14 PM

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Dear Metro,

On behalf of the members of Oregon Air, I would like to express our excitement regarding Metro's formation of a Regional Waste Advisory Committee. We appreciate Metro's goal of advancing equity in services and system benefits for communities of color and other historically marginalized communities.

We hope that a representative from Oregon Air has an opportunity to serve on this new committee, however we are concerned that the proposed membership structure of the advisory committee might not provide room for our interests to be represented.

We would request that Metro either 1) open up the committee membership criteria to explicitly include representatives of the residents who live near the largest composting facilities in the Metro region and/or 2) increase the number of seats for environmental advocates on the committee and/or 3) provide an additional membership category for representatives from community advocacy groups such as Oregon Air.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the Metro Code. We look forward to working with Metro on this process.

Thank you,  
Brett Hamilton  
Oregon Air  
<http://www.oregonair.org/>

Agenda Item No. 7.1

**Resolution No. 19-4985**, For the Purpose of Approving the  
2019 Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and  
Community Stewardship Grants

*Resolutions*

Metro Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING 2019	)	RESOLUTION NO. 19-4985
NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS	)	
RESTORATION AND COMMUNITY	)	Introduced by Interim Chief Operating Officer
STEWARDSHIP COMMUNITY GRANTS	)	Andrew Scott in concurrence with Council
	)	President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Metro Council established an initiative designed to protect and restore our region's significant fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature as provided in Resolution No. 05-3574A, "Establishing a Regional Habitat Protection, Restoration and Greenspaces Initiative called Nature in Neighborhoods," adopted May 12, 2005;

WHEREAS, to fulfill the goals of this regional initiative, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 05-3580A to establish the Nature in Neighborhoods grant program for local communities;

WHEREAS, the Metro Council reaffirmed the grant program's purpose, eligibility and funding criteria via Resolution No. 12-4398 when the council referred a 5-year local option levy for Metro's parks and natural areas to the voters, and called for the creation of a committee to review grant applications and make award recommendations to the Metro Council;

WHEREAS, in May 2013, voters in the Metro region approved the 5-year local option levy which included new and expanded funding for this grant program, referred to in the levy as Nature in Neighborhoods community grants;

WHEREAS, Metro awarded the first round of Nature in Neighborhood Restoration and Community Stewardship grants in September 2014 via Resolution 14-4554;

WHEREAS, Metro awarded the second round of Nature in Neighborhood Restoration and Community Stewardship grants in November 2015 via Resolution 15-4644;

WHEREAS, Metro awarded the third round of Nature in Neighborhood Restoration community grants in September 2016 via Resolution 16-4725;

WHEREAS, the Metro Council confirmed the grant program's purpose and funding via Resolution No. 16-4690, when the council referred the renewal of Metro's local option levy for Metro's parks and natural areas to the voters;

WHEREAS, the Metro Council approved Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion via Resolution No. 16-4708, which directs the agency to incorporate racial equity into all aspects of its work;

WHEREAS, Metro has solicited and received applications for 2019 Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship grants, and the grant review committee has identified the proposals which best meet the grant criteria and the goals of the Nature in Neighborhoods community grant program; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby approves the award of the 2019 Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship community grants to those recipients listed in Exhibit A and for the amounts listed for each individual award.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2019.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Nathan Sykes, Interim Metro Attorney

## **Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship Community Grants**

### **2019 Grant Review Committee Recommendation to Metro Council**

#### **Backyard Habitat Certification Program – Washington County Expansion and Equity Project**

**Recipient:** Audubon Society of Portland

**Grant amount:** \$64,658

**Project Partners:** Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation, Clean Water Services and the Cities of Tigard, Tualatin and Beaverton

**Program summary:** Expansion of the Backyard Habitat Certification Program to provide technical assistance, incentives, resources, and recognition to Washington County residents as they enhance native wildlife habitat, control invasive weeds, reduce pesticides, and manage stormwater at home while deepening the diversity, equity and inclusion training for program staff.

#### **Young Black Environmentalists Internship Program**

**Recipient:** Camp E.L.S.O. Inc.

**Grant amount:** \$100,000

**Project Partners:** BEAM Village (Black Educational Achievement Movement), Friends of Tryon Creek, The Blueprint Foundation, Crag Environmental Law Center, Portland Harbor Community Coalition and Reed College

**Program summary:** Internships, education, and exposure to all levels of environmental careers for Black students to increase leadership, engagement, and representation for people of color in the broader environmental movement.

#### **Seiben Creek Landowner Stewardship Engagement Project**

**Recipient:** Clackamas River Basin Council

**Grant amount:** \$22,000

**Project Partners:** Clackamas River Basin Council, Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District and the Clackamas River Community Cooperative

**Program summary:** A riparian zone restoration and residential stewardship education project on the property of the Clackamas River Community Cooperative, a nonprofit, resident-owned manufactured home community with riverfront property along the Clackamas River.

[Depave the Centennial School District](#)

**Recipient:** Depave

**Grant amount:** \$42,000

**Project Partners:** Centennial School District: Powell Butte, Patrick Lynch, and Oliver-Parklane elementary schools, Mercy Corps Northwest, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services Clean Rivers Education and Johnson Creek Watershed Council

**Program summary:** This project will develop, plan and implement two to three re-greening projects at Title 1 Centennial School District elementary schools. Depave will conduct a community design process, and create ~10,000 sf of new greenspaces with 800 native plants, nature play and on-site stormwater elements.

[Collaborative Community Stewardship: Restoring Public Land through Traditional Knowledge](#)

**Recipient:** Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors

**Grant amount:** \$75,452

**Project Partners:** Wisdom of the Elders, Portland Parks and Recreation and Portland Public Schools: Lent, Kelly, and Marysville school sites

**Program summary:** Project Partners will create a collaborative approach to improving local habitats, whereby members of Indigenous groups mentor students in Traditional Ecological Knowledge while meeting the restoration needs of public lands.

[Gladstone Nature Park Butterfly Hill](#)

**Recipient:** Friends of Gladstone Nature Park

**Grant amount:** \$11,600

**Project Partners:** Gladstone School District, Boskey Dell Nursery, City of Gladstone and Exceed Enterprises

**Program summary:** This project will rehabilitate a 25-foot tall hill located in the Gladstone Nature Park using park and city volunteers, along with middle and high school students and their families, to restore it with native plants that will attract pollinators including butterflies.

[Mitchell Creek Floodplain Restoration](#)

**Recipient:** Johnson Creek Watershed Council

**Grant amount:** \$36,750

**Project Partners:** Centennial School District, The Nature Conservancy, Portland General Electric, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, Wisdom of the Elders, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Program summary:** A 35-acre property in the Mitchell Creek Floodplain contains an artificially constructed and impounded in-line pond that is both a fish passage barrier and a cause of lethally high summer temperature for salmonids. This project will remove the barriers and add large wood for habitat.

[Re-Indigenizing the Urban Landscapes](#)

**Recipient:** National Indian Parent Information Center

**Grant amount:** \$49,819

**Project Partners:** City Repair, Portland Parks & Recreation, Indigenous Nations Studies at Portland State University

**Program summary:** An Indigenous multigenerational approach to restoration; healing the land and ourselves. Revitalizing cultural connections to Place by creating an inclusive community utilizing Traditional Ecological Knowledge to restore waterways and wildlife habitats.

[Green Job Workforce Development for High School Aged Youth](#)

**Recipient:** Northwest Youth Corps

**Grant amount:** \$86,751

**Project Partners:** Girls Inc., Friends of Trees, Forest Park Conservancy, City of Troutdale, Portland Workforce Alliance

**Program summary:** A collaboration with Girls Inc. to improve the ability of high school aged youth from historically marginalized groups to help restore the region's natural areas, as they earn money, and engage in green job workforce development.

#### Student Crew Leadership Training Program

**Recipient:** Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc.

**Grant amount:** \$50,000

**Project Partners:** Friends of Trees, Portland Parks & Recreation, Gresham Parks and Recreation, Friends of Nadaka Nature Park, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Friends of Columbia Children's Arboretum and Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors

**Program summary:** Through the Student Crew Leadership Training Program, project partners provide low-income youth and youth of color with the opportunity to restore local habitats and receive career-track natural resource mentorship/education.

#### SW 25th Ave ROW Community Trail Restoration

**Recipient:** Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation

**Grant amount:** \$12,500

**Project Partners:** Habitat Restoration NW, LLC, SW Watershed Resource Center, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, SOLVE, Mittleman Jewish Community Center, Portland Jewish Academy, Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

**Program summary:** This project is located along a popular SW Portland community trail used by a diverse group of people. This project engages the community in a variety of restoration and educational programs to improve and maintain this neighborhood green space.

#### Balch Creek Restoration Partnership

**Recipient:** The Forest Park Conservancy

**Grant amount:** \$100,000

**Project Partners:** Portland Parks and Recreation, Rosario Franco, Inc., Ash Creek Forest Management, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland State University

**Program summary:** The Balch Creek Restoration Partnership has three elements: 1) Habitat restoration, 2) Promotion of community stewardship, and 3) Improving economic and environmental equity. The project will directly benefit 200 acres of Forest Park in the Balch Creek Watershed.



[From Labor to Leadership: Advancing People of Color into Restoration Careers](#)

**Recipient:** Verde

**Grant amount:** \$30,599

**Project Partners:** Columbia Slough Watershed Council, VOZ Workers' Rights Education Project, Hacienda CDC and City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

**Program summary:** This project will provide a series of site-specific restoration trainings in the Columbia Slough Watershed designed by low-income people of color, taking Verde Landscape from labor to leadership in the local environmental sector.

[Restoration Equity: Stewardship and Job Skills for Immigrant Workers](#)

**Recipient:** Voz Workers' Rights Education Project

**Grant amount:** \$50,000

**Project Partners:** City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, People-Places-Things, Verde, Oregon State University Master Gardener Program and East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

**Program summary:** Project partners will work together to provide restoration skills trainings and hands-on restoration experiences that improve economic outcomes for day laborers.

[Westside Wildlife Corridor for People and Habitat](#)

**Recipient:** West Willamette Restoration Partnership

**Grant amount:** \$63,000

**Project Partners:** Portland Parks & Recreation, Columbia Land Trust, Friends of Marquam Nature Park, Friends of Terwilliger, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, Wisdom of the Elders, Community Engagement Liaison Services, Central City Concern and Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership

**Program summary:** The West Willamette Restoration Partnership will enhance 20 acres of forest habitat in SW Portland and implement a community engagement project with culturally-specific organizations to inform planning for trails and access to nature.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 19-4985, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING 2019 NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS RESTORATION AND COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP COMMUNITY GRANTS**

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Date: May 16, 2019

Prepared by: Crista Gardner, 503-797-1627

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## **BACKGROUND**

For nearly two decades, the Metro Council has provided funding for grants to community groups, non-profits, and other organizations, designed to support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature.

In May 2013, voters approved Measure 26-152, providing new funding for Metro's parks and natural areas and providing increased funding for Nature in Neighborhoods community grants, which was referred to the voters by Metro Council (Resolution 12-4398). The Metro Council awarded Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardship grants in 2014 (Resolution 14-4554), in 2015 (Resolution 15-4644) and in 2016 (Resolution 16-4725).

In November 2016, voters renewed the Metro parks and natural areas levy with the approval of Measure 26-178, referred to the voters by Metro Council (Resolution 16-4690), which continued funding for Nature in Neighborhoods community grants. Furthermore, in June 2016, the Metro Council adopted the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (Resolution 16-4708), which directs the agency to incorporate racial equity into all aspects of its work.

Grant program staff used the framework provided by Metro Council in Resolutions No. 12-4398, No. 16-4690, and No. 16-4708 to develop an outreach plan, application materials, review committee and evaluation criteria for these community grants, referred to as Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardship grants. Staff aligned Metro's grant criteria with state, regional and local conservation plans and community initiatives in order to achieve multiple benefits.

### **Grant Evaluation Criteria**

The following are the purpose and three goal categories for funding. Fulfillment of these purpose and goals are the primary evaluation criteria for the proposals submitted to the Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardship grants program:

**Purpose:** Restoration grants support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature.

**Goal 1: Improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat.** These grants will preserve and restore fish and wildlife habitat in local communities and support larger conservation initiatives such as the Oregon State Conservation Strategy, Regional Conservation Strategy, Watershed Action Plans or local community plans.

**Goal 2: Community partnerships.** These grants support and create partnerships in local communities to connect people to nature and respond to community needs; increase people's awareness of the need for – and benefits of – protecting and managing natural areas; and improve the ability of all communities (especially communities of color and other historically marginalized groups) to learn about, help restore, experience and connect with nature and the region's natural areas.

**Goal 3: Economic and environmental equity.** The restoration and community stewardship grants help diversify the conservation movement. The grants provide access to outdoor, environmental, and natural resources; economic opportunities; protected natural areas; and the positive impacts of clean land, air and water to communities of color and other historically marginalized groups in greater Portland.

### **Review committee**

Parks and Nature Director Jonathan Blasher selected this year's review committee from a pool of applicants. Participation on the grant review committee is by application, which is open to all and broadly advertised. The review committee included local experts in habitat restoration, natural area land management, conservation planning, mentorship and job skill development, diversity, equity and inclusion, community partnership development, philanthropy, and grant management.

The members of the 2019 Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardship grants review committee are: Charlotte Trowbridge, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District; Danielle Jones, KairosPDX; Gabrielle Haber, Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center; Jeff Merrill, Metro; Jennifer Wilson, Metro; Jihane Nami, Institute for Sustainable Solutions, Portland State University; Patty Lyons, The Wetlands Conservancy; Ruby Bucholtz, Tualatin Riverkeepers; Shannah Anderson, Bureau of Environmental Services, City of Portland; and Valerie Oster, Anchor QEA, LLC.

Committee members declared any direct conflict of interest with the proposals and did not score or participate directly in the discussion or ranking of an application where they had a conflict. Perceived conflicts were also noted and recorded in meeting minutes.

### **2019 Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardship grant review discussion**

Due to the large number of applications, Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardship grant program follows a two-step process including a pre-application phase and a full application phase. The review committee evaluated pre-applications and full applications based on the information submitted by applicants, the stated evaluation criteria, and the review committee's professional and collective judgment.

In this round of the Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardship grants, the review committee valued the range of organizations, project types and project scales represented in the pre-applications submitted. The received project proposals came from smaller, volunteer-led or neighborhood-based groups all the way to large, well-established organizations. The applicants shared their own interpretation and meaning of restoration from the neighborhood to the regional

scale. Proposals emanated from a mix of culturally specific organizations and conservation focused organizations.

The review committee identified compelling projects which address career pathways in the environmental field and remove barriers for marginalized communities to enter that field. They emphasized the importance of on-the-ground restoration projects and appreciated the use of emerging technologies in conservation efforts, such as drones and cameras that offer a different perspective on nature.

The review committee valued projects which aligned with the Nature in Neighborhood grant program goals, individual organizations' plans or priorities, and state, regional or local conservation strategies. They found proposals stronger when they demonstrated progress according to their priorities, plans or strategies. They also found it compelling when applicants used relevant data that is not typical in restoration projects and plans to share data with others locally, nationally or internationally.

The review committee welcomed how applicants addressed their diversity, equity and inclusion experience at any level with honesty. Returning committee members noted an overall improvement in response to the diversity, equity and inclusion question from previous grant cycles. They valued proposals by organizations led by and for people of color and that nature-based organizations proposed projects which advanced their core missions while being more inclusive. They appreciated the openness of groups that are new to diversity, equity and inclusion to learning more, and projects in less diverse geographic areas applying different methods to be more inclusive. They also found compelling projects that made clear connections between conservation and restoration, where applicable, and traditional ecological knowledge and food, plants and wildlife significant to First Peoples.

Finally, the review committee valued authentic, long-established or newer partnerships. They noted partnerships that included clear plans to connect regularly and evaluate their work together. The committee also acknowledged the difficulty and appreciated effort of applicants to establish true, long-term partnerships with larger, complex organizations.

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the approval of the slate of grants indicated in Exhibit A of this Resolution. Metro received 33 pre-applications, totaling \$1.9M in funding requests and 19 full applications, totaling \$1.09M. The review committee reviewed the pre-applications and full applications according to the grant criteria and recommends **fifteen (15)** grants for funding a total of **seven hundred ninety-five thousand one hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$795,129)** to the Metro Council (see Exhibit A).

Pending Metro Council approval, grant-funded projects will begin July 1, 2019. Grant applicants may have up to two years to complete their projects.

## **ANALYSIS/INFORMATION**

### **1. Known Opposition**

None.

## **2. Legal Antecedents**

Resolution No. 16-4690, For the Purpose of Referring to the Voters of the Metro Area Renewal of the Metro's Local Option Levy for Protecting Water Quality, Restoring Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Connecting People to Nature.

Resolution 16-4708, For the Purpose of Approving the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Resolution 16-4725, For the Purpose of Approving the 2016 Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship Community Grants.

Resolution No. 15-4644, For the Purpose of Approving 2015 Nature in Neighborhood Restoration and Community Stewardship grants.

Resolution No. 14-4554, For the Purpose of Approving 2014 Nature in Neighborhood Restoration and Community Stewardship grants.

Resolution No. 12-4398, For the Purpose of Referring to the Voters of the Metro Area a Local Option Levy for the Purpose of Preserving Water Quality, Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Maintaining Metro's Parks and Natural Areas for the Public.

Resolution No. 05-3574A, Establishing a Regional Habitat Protection, Restoration and Greenspaces Initiative called Nature in Neighborhoods.

Resolution 05-3580A, Transferring \$1,250,000 from the Balance of the FY 2004-05 Recovery Rate Stabilization Reserve to a General Fund Reserve for Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Projects.

Ordinance No. 07-1160B, Transferring \$250,000 from the Recovery Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund for Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Projects.

Ordinance No. 09-1215B, Approving \$92,500 in the FY 2009-10 Budget and Appropriation Schedule for an additional round of Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Enhancement grants.

Ordinance No. 10-1235B, Approving \$150,000 in the FY 2010-11 Budget and Appropriation Schedule for an additional round of Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Enhancement grants.

Ordinance No. 12-1274A, Approving \$200,000 in the FY 2012-13 Budget and Appropriation Schedule for an additional round of Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Enhancement grants.

## **3. Anticipated Effects**

This Resolution approves the award of 2019 Nature in Neighborhood restoration and community stewardship community grants and begins the individual contract award process for the selected grant applicants with an anticipated project start date on or after July 1, 2019. Projects may be up to two years in length.

#### **4. Budget Impacts**

This Resolution authorizes award of contracts in an amount previously identified by the Metro Council in the budget for this purpose. The adopted FY 2019-20 budget includes the necessary appropriation authority for reimbursement of these grants.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Interim Chief Operating Officer recommends approval of Resolution No. 19-4985.

Agenda Item No. 7.2

**Resolution No. 19-4977**, For the Purpose of Adopting the  
Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20, Making  
Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes

*Resolutions*

Metro Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE ANNUAL	)	RESOLUTION NO 19-4977
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20, MAKING	)	
APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVYING AD VALOREM	)	Introduced by Andrew Scott, Interim Chief
TAXES	)	Operating Officer, with the concurrence of
	)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission held its public hearing on the annual Metro budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, recommendations from the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission have been received by Metro (attached as Exhibit A and made a part of the Resolution) and considered; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The "Fiscal Year 2019-20 Metro Budget," in the total amount of ONE BILLION, THREE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND FIVE (\$1,348,980,005), attached hereto as Exhibit B, and the Schedule of Appropriations, attached hereto as Exhibit C, are hereby adopted.

2. The Metro Council does hereby levy ad valorem taxes, as provided in the budget adopted by Section 1 of this Resolution, at the rate of \$0.0966 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) of assessed value for operating rate levy; at the rate of \$0.0960 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) of assessed values for local option rate levy and in the amount of NINETY ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY TWO (\$91,529,542) for general obligation bond debt, said taxes to be levied upon taxable properties within the Metro District for the fiscal year 2019-20. The following allocation and categorization subject to the limits of Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution constitute the above aggregate levy.

SUMMARY OF AD VALOREM TAX LEVY

	Subject to the General Government <u>Limitation</u>	Excluded from <u>the Limitation</u>
Operating Tax Rate Levy	\$0.0966/\$1,000	
Local Option Tax Rate Levy	\$0.0960/\$1,000	
General Obligation Bond Levy		\$91,529,542

3. In accordance with Section 2.02.040 of the Metro Code, the Metro Council hereby authorizes positions and expenditures in accordance with the Annual Budget adopted by Section 1 of this Resolution, and hereby appropriates funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, from the funds and for the purposes listed in the Schedule of Appropriations, Exhibit C.



4. The Chief Operating Officer shall make the filings as required by ORS 294.458 and ORS 310.060, or as requested by the Assessor's Office of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council on this 20<sup>st</sup> day of June 2019.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Nathan A. S. Sykes, Acting Metro Attorney

## STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND NOTES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET. APPROVED CHANGES WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO RESOLUTION 19-4977, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES

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Meeting date: 6.13.19

Length: 30 minutes

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### ISSUE STATEMENT

Council action, through Resolution 19-4977, will be the final step in the adoption of Metro's FY 2019-20 budget. Final action by Council must be completed by June 30, 2019.

### ACTION REQUESTED

Council consideration of the proposed budget amendments and notes to the FY 2019-20 budget.

### IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Approved budget amendments and notes will be incorporated into the FY 2019-20 budget prior to adoption of the budget by the Council.

### POLICY QUESTION

Which proposed budget amendments and notes to the FY 2019-20 reflect Council policies and goals?

### POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Council may approve all or some of the proposed budget amendments and notes to the FY 2019-20 budget.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim Chief Operating Officer recommends:

- Consideration and vote on the Council proposed amendments and notes to the FY 2019-20 budget.
- Consideration and approval of the department amendments to the FY 2019-20 budget.

## **STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

On May 2, 2019, Council adopted Resolution 19-4976 approving the FY 2019-20 budget, setting property tax levies and approving transmission of the approved budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

Subsequent to Council consideration of the proposed budget amendments and notes to the FY 2019-20 budget, Resolution 19-4977 and related exhibits will be revised to include changes approved by Council.

Subsequent to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising Conservation Commission's June 6, 2019 public hearing, their letter certifying the FY 2019-20 Approved Budget will be attached to Resolution 19-4977 as an exhibit.

Council adoption of the FY 2019-20 budget is scheduled for June 20, 2019.

1. **Known Opposition** – None known at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents** – The preparation, review and adoption of Metro's annual budget is subject to the requirements of Oregon Budget Law, ORS Chapter 294. Oregon Revised Statutes 294.635 requires that Metro prepare and submit its approved budget to the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Commission will conduct a hearing on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the purpose of receiving information from the public regarding the Council's approved budget. Following the hearing, the Commission will certify the budget to the Council for adoption and may provide recommendations to the Council regarding any aspect of the budget.
3. **Anticipated Effects** – Approved budget amendments and notes will be effective as of July 1, 2019.
4. **Budget Impacts** – The total appropriations of the FY 2019-20 Approved Budget is \$1,348,980,005 and 956.71 FTE. Approved budget amendments and notes will be incorporated into the FY 2019-20 budget prior to Council adoption.

## **BACKGROUND**

Oregon Budget Law requires local governments to prepare their annual budgets in three legislatively defined stages; Proposed, Approved and Adopted. The agency's current processes and calendar allow the agency to meet this requirement.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution #19-4977 For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20, Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes

Materials following this page will be distributed at the meeting.

## Barbur Blvd MAX light rail concerns

1. Environmental Impact. Per official artist depictions, Barbur will be clear cut and a monstrous concrete abutment wall, about 30' tall, constructed. Between Burlingame and Corbett/Lair Hill, Barbur is widened from 4-lanes to 8-lanes, (2-lanes for MAX, 2-lanes for buses, 2-lanes in each direction for traffic. This segment of forest canopy will be clear cut. The segment further north will also be clear cut of forest canopy.
2. Impact on health. Trees and foliage collect diesel particulates and other pollutants. The abutment wall will allow these pollutants to reform into clouds of pollution spread by wind and air flow of traffic.
3. Development potential. Barbur Blvd between Burlingame and Capitol Hwy at Taylors Ferry will likewise be widened, but traffic speeds will remain 35-45mph. Projected development will impose upon new residents this air pollution and noise right outside their windows. Walking to transit stops and to commercial enterprises alongside Barbur will not be a pleasant experience nor attract high quality development. Crossing Barbur will be as much or more hazardous than it is today. The new traffic entering/leaving Barbur to/from new development is an increase in accident potential.
4. Rail + Bus duplicative service flaws. For many transit trips, this choice of either bus or rail will encourage unsafe pedestrian crossings of Barbur and side streets to reach bus stop or rail station, whichever vehicle comes first. Only BRT can 'spur' off Barbur to other existing bus routes, in the process increasing the number of BRT routes. Transferring from MAX to bus lines is both time-consuming and creates hazardous crossings of Barbur. Because the plan includes bus lines, and because Barbur is already a relatively fast, scenic bus route, and because BRT will NOT require near as much widening of Barbur, BRT is seemingly more suitable than MAX. It seems Metro has not performed 'due diligence' in its considerations of BRT.
5. LRT to Tigard/Tualatin via the WES corridor. Oregon's premier rail advocacy AORTA (Associated Oregon Rail & Transit Advocates) does not support MAX on Barbur Blvd. Instead, they propose converting the WES corridor into an extension of the MAX Red Line from Beaverton to Wilsonville. The Portland & Western RR would continue to operate a single-track with a double-track MAX line alongside. This would cut cost by more than half and impacts are minimal. Portland-bound traffic would still be served, but so would cities in Washington County. Motorists who drive Hwy 217 would have a fine transit alternative, much like Hwy 84 Banfield Freeway motorists have an LRT alternative.
6. Development potential on the WES corridor. It may be possible to include a Washington Square station with a MAX 'flyover' to/from the WES corridor. There could be a Beaverton City Hall MAX station and stations 'flanking' this flyover along the WES corridor.
7. Bridgeport Village Terminus. This destination is possible on the MAX line, but not as a terminus. That is, from there it should extend to Tualatin 'proper' on the converted WES corridor. It may also extend to Wilsonville, especially desirable with a connection to an improved Amtrak Cascades line. A stipulation that these extensions are an eventual necessity should be a part of any legal public agreement.

## "The Walking Communities of 2040"

The original essay with this title was penned in 1997 to grace the back cover of a transit proposal submitted to Portland City Council where it received a formal review and was awarded merit. Twenty years later with significant progress achieved in light rail projects nationally, mass transit still fails to address ever growing traffic woes nor soothe environmental nightmares predicted with global warming. As today's divestment in fossil fuel movement builds momentum, I remain certain that mass transit must receive redirected investment dollars. I am just as certain that self-driving car technology is a fraudulent ruse meant to distract public attention from actual solutions that include truly modern mass transit as a fundamental travel mode with the most potential to direct development beyond car dependency and traffic havoc.

The transit proposal is based on a design concept dubbed LOTi (Loop Oriented Transit Intermodal). Sometimes I refer to it as sort of missing link. Its closest model is Denver's 16th Street Shuttle. The design application writ broadly is meant to reduce the cost and impact of light rail and transit centers; streamline both light rail and peripheral bus lines by avoiding circuitous routing; provide convenient transfers rail to bus and between bus lines with the least number of any suitable transit vehicle; and, to offer much more potential for transit-oriented infill mixed-use development.

The basic flaws of self-driving cars are simple enough: Their technological hurdles are plainly unsurmountable, they will never be completely safe. They won't decrease traffic congestion, fuel/energy consumption nor emissions sufficient to prevent worst harm from catastrophic climate change. They are most unlikely to reduce travel-related cost of living. They won't take full advantage of the benefits EVs offer, and the technology is supported for all the wrong reasons; to bust transit operator and teamster unions; to give freeway planners an excuse to predict worsening traffic can be managed with reckless tailgating; to maintain most profitable but least resilient regional utility grids despite decentralized EV+PV household backup power systems proven complementary.

The most telling aspect of self-driving car folly is eliminating ownership whereupon all cars are kept in central garage locations and dispatched on demand. Never mind that in a grid failure, every household with an EV in the garage gains a backup power supply. Never mind any emergency where a car is needed immediately, not one that may arrive too late. Self-driving car tech completely denies those safety features and pretends 'mass tailgating' won't produce horrific multi-car pileups. Self-driving tech in many ways puts safety dead last.

A household EV offers the means to more closely monitor and reduce energy consumption overall, both for driving and household use. Rooftop PV solar arrays are the perfect match to EV battery packs. Perhaps most important, a household EV is an incentive to drive less, whereby more trips become possible without having to drive, whereby local economies grow and alternate modes of travel - mass transit, walking and bicycling - all more energy efficient than EVs alone - may serve more travel needs in this vision of walking communities in 2040. It's last line, "Look, there's a gas station. You don't see too many them no more."

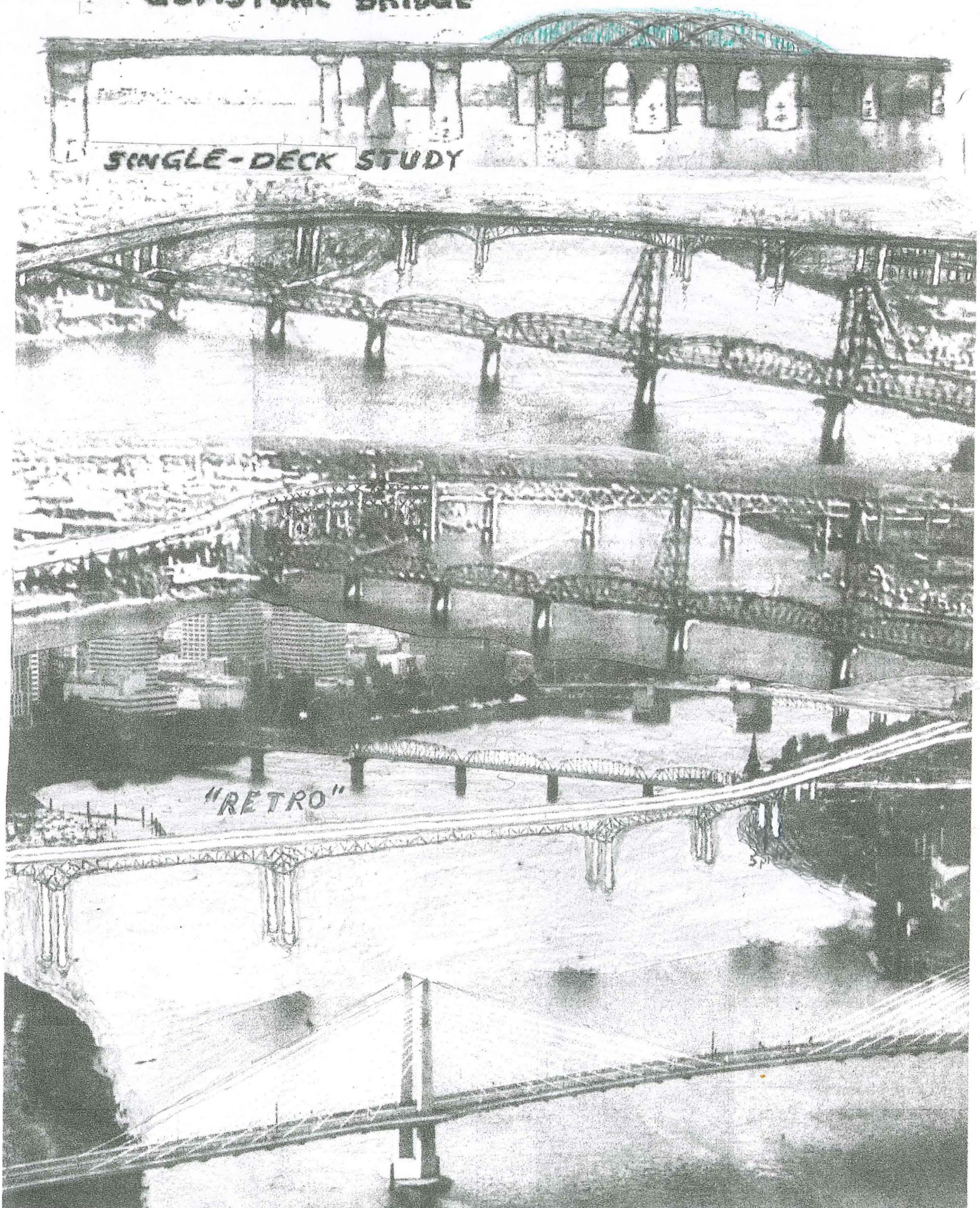
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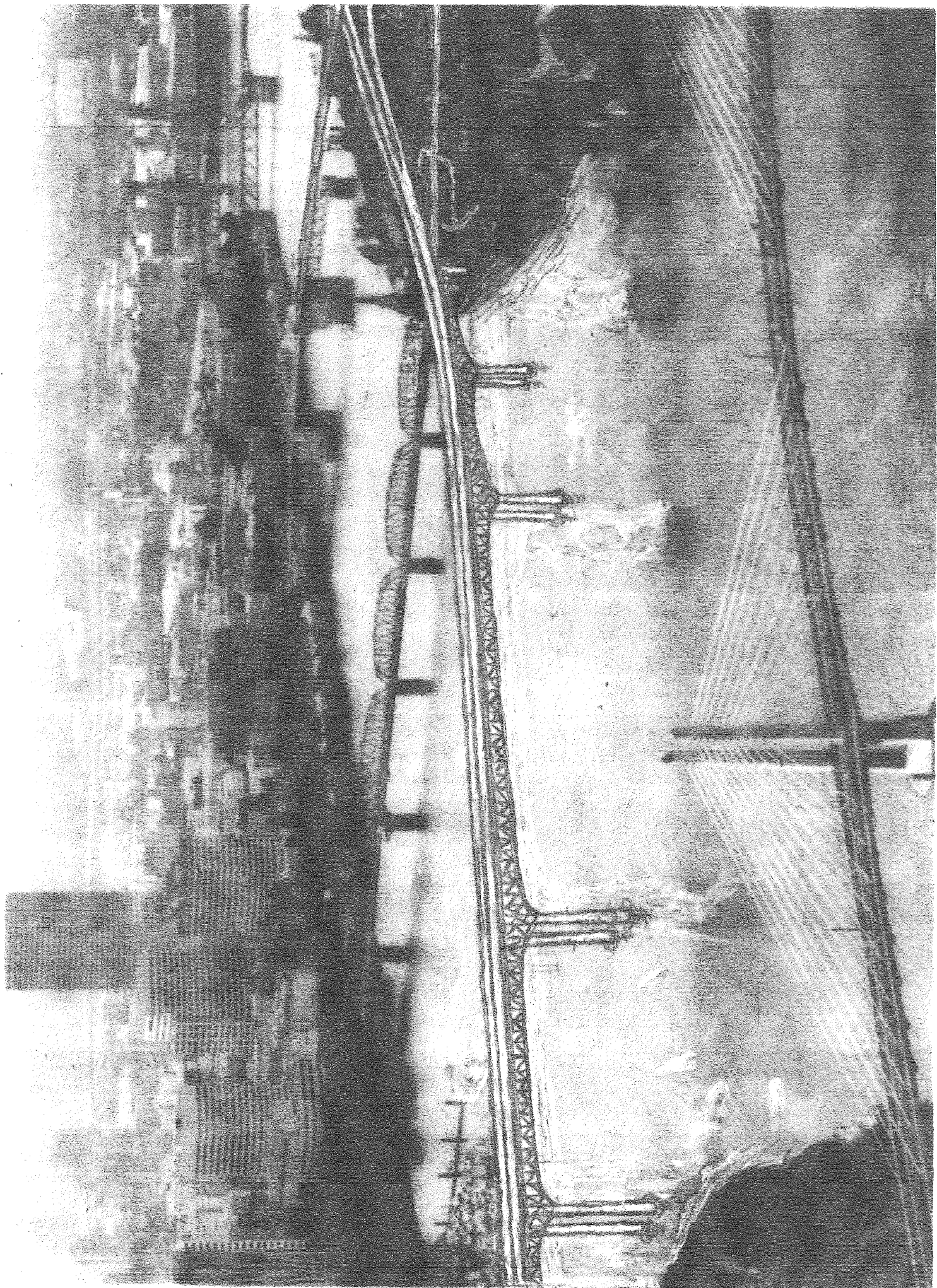
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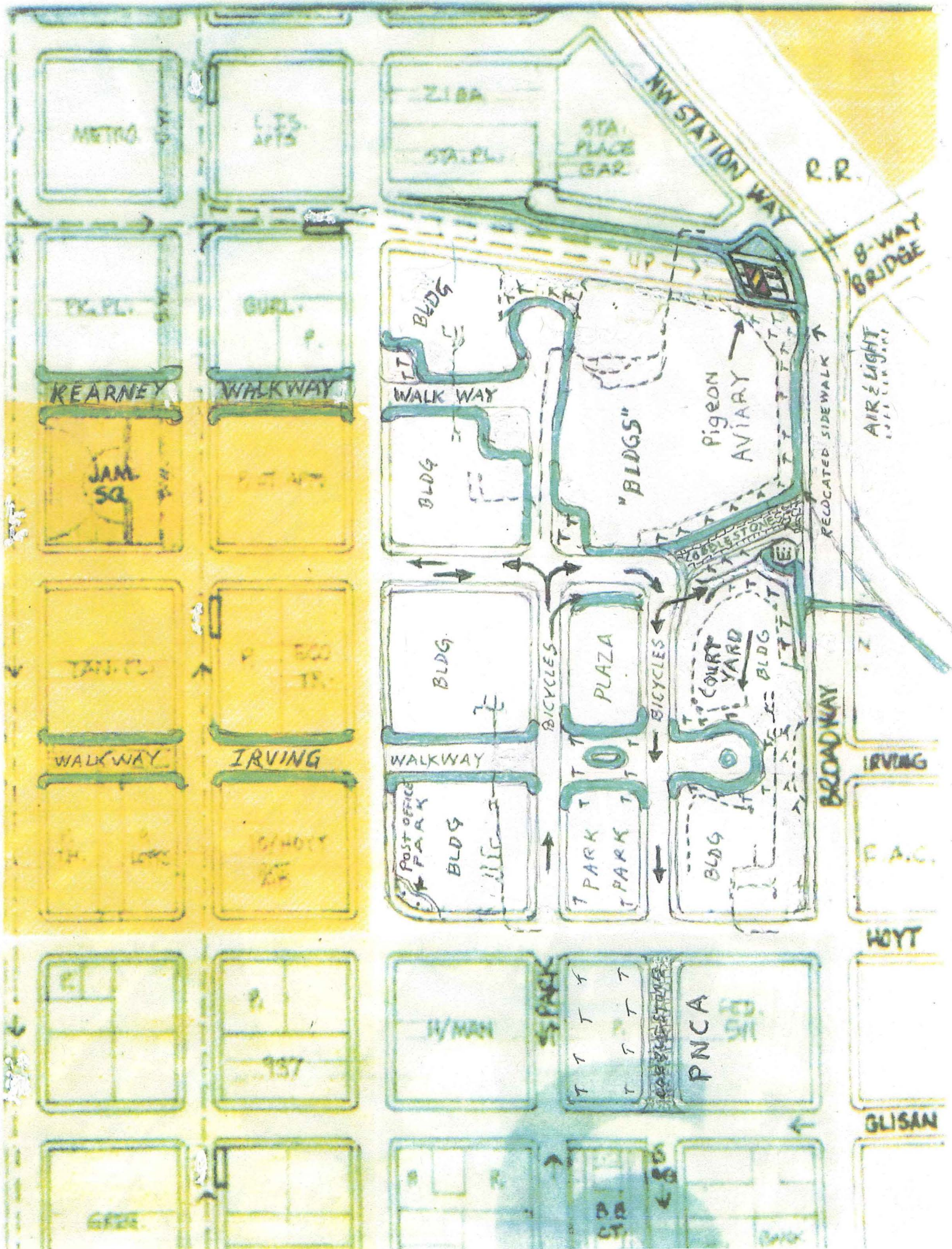
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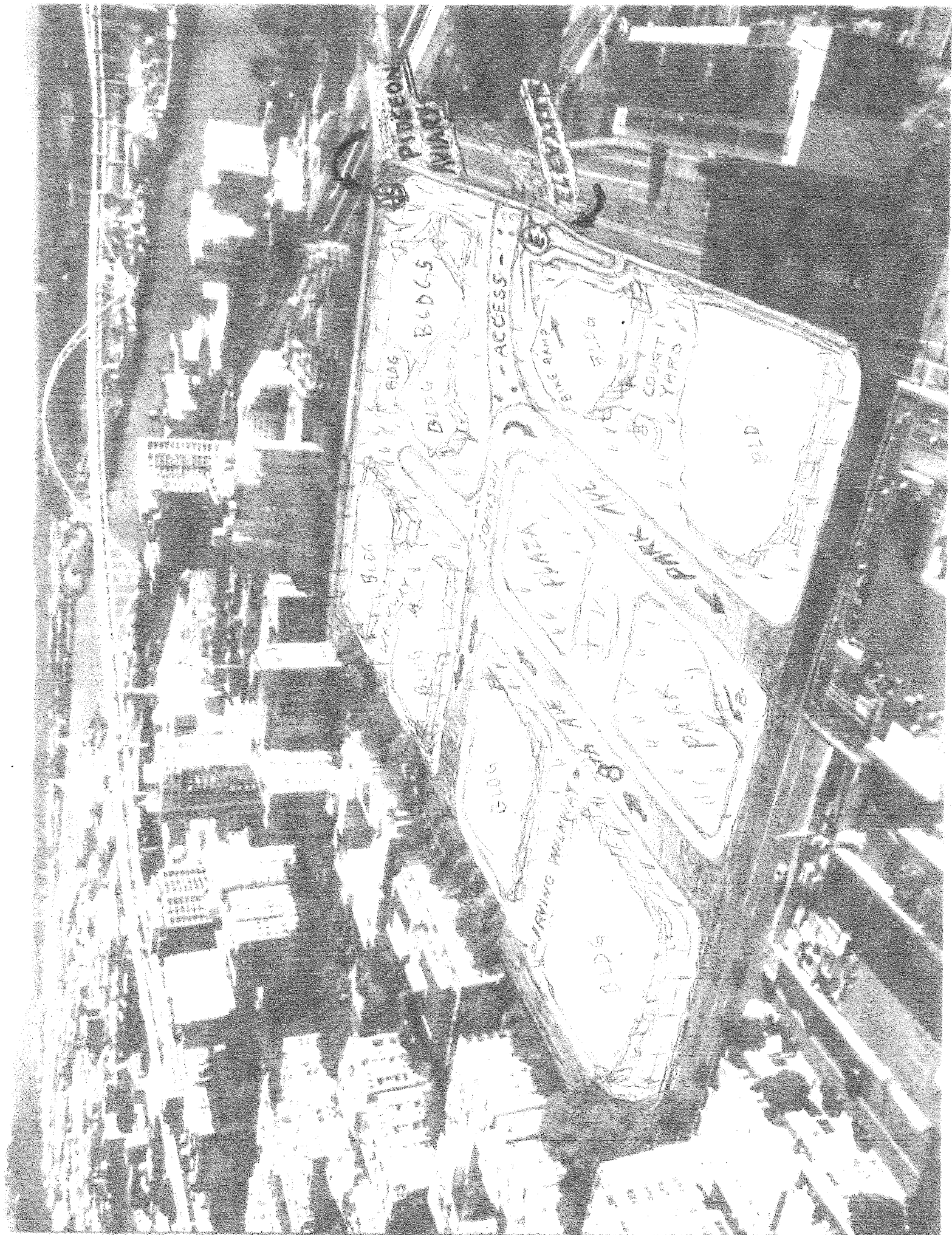












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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, June 6, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**2. Safety Briefing**

Council President Peterson called on Councilor Chase to provide a safety briefing. Councilor Chase provided a safety briefing for the meeting including information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

**3. Public Communication**

There was none.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

4.1 Considerations of the Council Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2019

**5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)**

5.1 Ordinance No. 19-1437, For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19, Metro Advisory Committees, to Establish the Regional Waste Advisory Committee and to Repeal the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Roy Brower,

Interim Director of Property and Environmental Services, and Mr. Matt Korot, Resource Conservation and Recycling Program Director, to provide a brief presentation on the ordinance. Mr. Brower reviewed the oversight framework in the recently adopted Regional Waste Plan and noted that the oversight framework included the establishment of the Regional Waste Advisory Committee. He explained that the Regional Waste Advisory Committee would replace the existing Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee and shared the process for appointing members to the committee.

Mr. Korot reviewed the primary functions of the advisory committee and shared the proposed membership structure for the committee. He noted that membership included representation from communities of color and other historically marginalized communities as well as environmental and health advocates. He highlighted comments received through the public comment process and provided staff's responses to the public comment suggestions.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Lewis asked whether staff had a process for evaluating committee membership before re-appointments to ensure regional representation. Councilor Craddick asked how staff planned to continue to keep industry members informed and involved. She expressed her support for the ordinance and highlighted the importance of providing more recycling and food scrap opportunities for individuals living in multi-family housing. Councilor Gonzalez asked how the advisory committee would be involved in the implementation of the Regional Waste Plan. Councilor Chase asked how staff was planning to provide technical and

advisory support to committee members to aid them in decision making.

#### 5.1.1 Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 19-1437

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-1437 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

##### Beth Vargas Duncan, Oregon Refuse and Recycling

Association: Ms. Vargas Duncan discussed the importance of adequate representation of service providers within the garbage and recycling system on the advisory committee. She highlighted the expertise of service providers and advocated for the ability of industry members to select their own voting member on the advisory committee.

Terrell Garrett, Greenway Recycling: Mr. Garrett advocated for representation of private haulers on the advisory committee and discussed plans to create an association of private haulers. He shared that he needed time to organize the association and requested that the association hold a position on the advisory committee.

Council President Peterson acknowledged Mr. Garrett's request.

Seeing no further testimony, Council President Peterson gavelled out of the public hearing. She noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 19-1437 would take place on Thursday, June 13.

## 6. Resolutions

### 6.1 Resolution No. 19-4987, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Caroline MacLaren As Metro Attorney

Council President Peterson introduced the resolution,

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explaining that the Metro Council had undertaken an extensive recruitment process to fill the vacant Metro Attorney position. She thanked Acting Metro Attorney Nathan Sykes for his work to fill the role during the interim period and his commitment to Metro's mission. Council President Peterson announced that the resolution would appoint Ms. Carrie MacLaren, former Deputy Director of Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, as the Metro Attorney. She introduced Ms. MacLaren to share a few words. Ms. MacLaren thanked Council for the opportunity, stating she looked forward to serving as the Metro Attorney.

**A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Stacey, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 6.2 Resolution No. 19-4988, For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area General Obligation Bonds in the Amount of \$475 million to Fund Natural Area and Water Quality Protection and to Connect People to Nature Close to Home; and Setting Forth the Official Intent of the Metro Council to Reimburse Certain Expenditures Out of the Proceeds of Said Bonds Upon Issuance

Council President Peterson called on Acting Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott to provide opening remarks. Mr. Scott framed the resolution before Council in the large context of Metro's strategies for regional investments. He noted the importance of a comprehensive approach to the region's livability and shared that investments in parks and nature were part of Metro's comprehensive approach. Mr. Scott highlighted the proposals policy commitments to ensure that the bond investments serve communities of color, Indigenous communities and other communities that had

not equally benefitted from previous bond measures. He noted the proposal's commitment to make communities more resilient and reinforced the connection between nature and other community benefits including affordable housing, living wage jobs and transportation. Mr. Scott introduced Mr. Jon Blasher, Metro Parks and Nature Director, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution.

Mr. Blasher acknowledged the Indigenous peoples that have cared for the land since time immemorial. He explained how the proposed bond measure aligned with Metro's mission around protecting quality of life. Mr. Blasher recounted the steps leading up to the proposed bond measure, noting the extensive community engagement process. He discussed the importance of investing in natural areas and parks and shared how these investments would build resilience to the effects of climate change.

Mr. Blasher recounted the advice collected from the stakeholder tables, including aligning this bond with Metro's commitment to ensure people of color benefit from public decisions and investments. He reviewed the six program areas in the proposed bond measure including large scale vision projects and the emphasis on increasing access to those who have not historically had access to natural areas. Mr. Blasher shared his personal commitment to the legacy for future generations.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Stacey directed a question to Mr. Brian Kennedy, Metro Finance and Regulatory Services Director, as to the effects of taxation for the proposed bond measure. Mr. Kennedy explained that the estimates for the proposed measure would not increase the property tax rate from the



19 cents per thousand rate of the 2006 bond measure.

Councilor Craddick stated her support for the resolution and discussed the many opportunities to benefit the region with these bond funds. She shared her personal experience with the beauty of the region's natural areas and stated the importance of protecting these places for future generations. Councilor Dirksen expressed his appreciation for the overwhelming community support for the measure, noting the regional system Metro had created. He discussed the importance of partnerships including the local share program.

Councilor Chase stated that climate change and protecting the environment one of the greatest challenges of facing our communities and shared that the proposed bond measure would go a long way to address this challenge. He discussed the benefits of natural investments in urban areas to increase access to natural areas and framed this work within the context of Metro's responsibility for urban growth management.

Councilor Lewis discussed the importance of improving water quality and commitment to open spaces. She highlighted key projects including the Willamette Falls Legacy Project and commended staff on designing an inclusive process. Councilor Stacey explained the role of the Nature in Neighborhoods grant program in creating small scale connection between people and nature in urban environments.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed his appreciation for the work of all of the region's communities in developing the bond measure and emphasized the racial equity and climate justice framework in the measure. Council President

Peterson shared her personal experience with conservation ethics, noting the interconnectedness of working and living in an ecosystem. She framed the proposed bond measure within the context of Metro's investment strategies on housing and transportation and commended staff on a process that empowered the community to advocate their needs. Council President Peterson thanked community partners and those who had paved the way for this proposed bond measure.

**A motion was made by Councilor Chase, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

6.2.1 Public Hearing on Resolution No. 19-4988

Council President Peterson opened up a public hearing on Resolution No. 19-4988 and requested those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Adena Long, City of Portland: Ms. Long, Director of Portland Parks and Recreation, testified in support of the resolution and highlighted opportunities for investments in the region's natural areas and parks. She stated the importance of addressing long standing regional inequities in bond funding benefits and noted that some of the region's most vulnerable community members did not have access to parks and natural areas. Ms. Long discussed open spaces purchased through the 2006 bond and operated by the City of Portland and shared that this bond measure could provide funding for continued improvements. She pointed to opportunities to use local share funding to advance key shared priorities.

Doug Menke, Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District:

Mr. Menke, General Manager of the Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District, testified in support of the resolution and commended Metro staff for their exemplary efforts in successfully engaging the community in the process of shaping the proposed bond measure. He discussed the accomplishments that the district had achieved in partnership with Metro and emphasized the importance of serving the whole community. Mr. Menke expressed his appreciation for the proposal to expand access to nature through the regional trail system.

Tony DeFalco, Verde: Mr. DeFalco, Executive Director of Verde, stated he was representing the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Self-Enhancement Inc. and Verde to testify in support of the resolution. He commended Council and staff on the public engagement process and expressed his appreciation for the strong racial equity criteria to guide all investments for bond revenue. Mr. DeFalco discussed the ability of bond investments to create a livable and just region and the importance of centering conservation on the needs of communities of color.

Kathleen Brennan Hunter: Ms. Brennan Hunter, President of the Global Directors of the Intertwine Alliance and Director of Conservation at the Nature Conservancy Oregon Chapter, testified in support of the resolution. She provided background on the Intertwine Alliance and shared that the Intertwine Alliance commitment to secure funds for equitable investments in the region's parks and natural areas. Ms. Brennan Hunter restated the Alliance's support of the bond measure.

Miranda Bonifield, Cascade Policy Institute: Ms. Bonifield,

Cascade Policy Institute Research Associate, testified in opposition to the resolution. She expressed her concern over the cost to taxpayers and debt service and questioned the need for protection against climate change. Ms. Bonifield raised questions about the most effective way to spend taxpayer funds and accountability.

Helen Cook, City of Beaverton: Ms. Cook testified in opposition to the resolution and expressed her concern over the accessibility of remote natural areas. She discussed the role of land trusts and non-profit organizations in land conservation and raised questions over whether the proposed bond was in alignment with Metro's mission. (Ms. Cook submitted written documents as part of her testimony; see the June 6 materials packet).

Bob Salinger, Audubon Society of Oregon: Mr. Salinger, Conservation Director for the Audubon Society of Oregon, thanked staff for their work with the stakeholder committees and shared that the Audubon Society Board of Directors unanimously endorsed the proposed measure. He discussed the success of the previous two bond measures and highlighted the need for continued habitat protection and equitable benefits to the region.

Rowan Schmidt, Earth Economics: Mr. Schmidt, Earth Economics Program Director, testified in support for the resolution. He provided economic context to the proposed bond measure, stating the important value of the conservation and stewardship to the region. He outlined key economic benefits of parks and natural areas to communities and infrastructure.

Andrew Mason, Willamette Falls Trust: Mr. Mason, Willamette Falls Trust Executive Director, testified in support

of the resolution. He shared his experience as a member of the stakeholder table and expressed his organization's support for Metro's vision to support the Willamette Falls project. Mr. Mason discussed the importance of the Willamette Falls to the region and its alignment with Metro values.

James Holt, City of Portland: Mr. Holt testified in support of the resolution. He thanked Mr. Blasher for his leadership in lifting up the Indigenous community through the community engagement process and discussed past cycles of engagement followed by marginalization of Indigenous communities. He highlighted the importance of protecting and restoring natural areas as well as protecting and restoring the way of life of Indigenous communities.

Matthew Weintraub, Oregon Mountain Biking Coalition: Mr. Weintraub, State Policy Director for the Oregon Mountain Biking Coalition, testified in support of the resolution and commended Council and staff in engaging the stakeholder table throughout the process. He stated support for the commitment to ensure equity and access in the bond investments and discussed the importance of regional trail acquisition.

Sam Diaz, 1000 Friends of Oregon: Mr. Diaz, Director of Community Engagement at 1000 Friends of Oregon, stated his organization's support for the resolution. He highlighted key components of the proposed measure including addressing climate change and the emphasis on equitable benefits of investments. Mr. Diaz thanked Metro leadership for developing the bond measure through a collaborative process.

Walter Valenta, 40 Mile Loop Land Trust: Mr. Valenta, Board

Member of the 40 Mile Loop Land Trust, testified in support of the resolution and shared that the proposed bond measure would help complete the 40 mile loop trail system including an connection between the east to west connection of the Columbia Slough and the north to south connection of the slough.

Joanne Lazo, Sauvie Island Center: Ms. Lazo, Executive Director of the Sauvie Island Center, stated her organization's support for the bond measure. She discussed the community impacts of the center's education programming made possible through Metro's Nature in Neighborhood grant funding.

Cathy Corlett, American Trails: Ms. Corlett, American Trails board member, testified in support of the proposed bond measure. She advocated for investments in trail stewardship through the bond measure and discussed the benefits of trail stewardship including building resiliency and balancing transportation investments

Steve Wise, Sandy River Watershed Council: Mr. Wise, Executive Director of the Sandy River Watershed Council, stated his organization's support for the resolution. He discussed the value of the bond measure investments in capital grants to improve water quality, connecting wildlife corridors and restoring habitat.

Owen Wozniak, The Intertwine Alliance: Mr. Wozniak, The Intertwine Alliance board member, testified in support of the proposed bond measure. He highlighted the transformative nature of the investments in natural areas and shared his experience in implementing Metro parks and nature investment projects as a partner. Mr. Wozniak discussed the importance of strategic investments through

Metro's local share funds including Dirksen Park in Tigard and expressed his support for the proposed bond measure as it seeks to address the intersection of urgent housing and climate change needs.

Scott Archer, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation

District: Mr. Archer, Director of the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, stated his organization's support for the proposed bond measure. He commended Council and staff for their effective public engagement process and discussed the benefits of the proposed measure to the community. Mr. Archer highlighted the importance of continuation of the local share program and expressed his appreciation for the continued partnership.

Dan Roix, Columbia Land Trust: Mr. Roix, Conservation Director of the Columbia Land Trust, and expressed his organization's support for the resolution. He provided background on the Regional Conservation Strategy and noted the importance of this Metro bond measure in advancing the strategy. Mr. Roix conveyed that addressing racial equity and climate resiliency in protecting nature was a core element of the conservation strategy.

Juntu Oberg, Northwest Trail Alliance: Ms. Oberg, Northwest Trail Alliance board member, testified in support of the resolution. She shared her personal experience with connecting with nature and discussed the benefits of connecting trails to allow increased access to nature.

Seeing no further testimony, Council President Peterson closed the public hearing.

## **7. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Mr. Andrew Scott provided an update on the following

events or items: the Sapporo Friendship Bell re-dedication at the Oregon Convention Center and the Oregon Zoo Brew event.

**8. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Oregon Zoo Foundation meeting, a Convention Center Hotel tour and the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. Councilor Lewis announced that new labor agreements had been reached with four unions representing labor at some of Metro's venues. Councilor Stacey provided an update on the Southwest Corridor Marquam Hill connector alignment. Councilor Stacey discussed a conversation with fourth graders at Glencoe School about solutions to plastic pollution.

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 4:25 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on June 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2019**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Minutes	6/6/19	Council Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2019	060619c-01
<b>6.2</b>	Powerpoint	6/6/19	Parks and Nature Bond Renewal	060619c-02
<b>6.2.1</b>	Letter	6/6/19	Written Testimony on Resolution No. 19-4988 Submitted by Helen Cook	060619c-03



Metro

**Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and  
community stewardship grants**  
Metro Council – June 13, 2019

# Thanks to voters!

2018 Natural Areas  
Levy renewal

Five-year levy

2018 to 2023





# Racial equity, diversity and inclusion

Metro Council  
2013 Levy  
Resolution

Metro Racial  
Equity, Diversity,  
and Inclusion  
Strategy

Metro Racial  
Equity, Diversity,  
and Inclusion  
Action Plans



# Purpose

Restoration and community stewardship grants support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature.





# Goals

Goal 1: Improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat

Goal 2: Community partnerships

Goal 3: Economic and environmental equity





## M&M Marketplace's Green Community Plaza – Hillsboro, Oregon - 2017









































## Inukai Girls & Boys Club – Hillsboro, Oregon - 2018









Rosemary Anderson High School Friends of  
Trees  
Student Crew Leader Training Program



# 2006 - partnership formed between RAHS and FOT with the help of Portland Development Commission

- ▶ Crew Leaders trained in Neighborhood Plantings
- ▶ No Green Space training
- ▶ No ecology education



# Today - Rosemary Anderson High School Friends of Trees Student Crew Leader Training Program

- ▶ In 2018-2019 SCLTP provides crew members with 30-40 hours of ecology education.
- ▶ Crew Leaders are trained in Green Space plantings and Neighborhood plantings.
- ▶ Crew Leaders are trained in pruning techniques.
- ▶ Crew Leaders Lead 5 greenspace plantings.
- ▶ Two participants in Urban Forestry with FOT.





# Numbers over the years

## ► 2015-2016

- 134 Volunteer Hours
- 330 Native Plants Planted
- 9 Crew Leaders Hired



## ► 2018-2019

- 940 Volunteer Hours
- 2200 Native Plants Planted
- 14 Crew Leaders Hired



# 2019 Grants review committee

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# 2019 Grants recommendation

2019 Nature in  
Neighborhoods  
restoration and  
community  
stewardship grants







**Backyard Habitat– Washington County Expansion and Equity**  
**Audubon Society of Portland, Columbia Land Trust - \$64,658**





**Young Black Environmentalists Internship Program**  
**Camp E.L.S.O. Inc. - \$100,000**





**Seiben Creek Landowner Stewardship Engagement Project**  
**Clackamas River Basin Council - \$22,000**





**Depave the Centennial School District**

**Depave - \$42,000**





## **Collaborative Community Stewardship: Restoring Public Land through Traditional Knowledge**

**Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors - \$75,452**





**Gladstone Nature Park Butterfly Hill**

Friends of Gladstone Nature Park - \$11,600





**Mitchell Creek Floodplain Restoration**  
Johnson Creek Watershed Council - \$36,750





**Re-Indigenizing the Urban Landscapes**

**National Indian Parent Information Center - \$49,819**





**Green Job Workforce Development for High School Aged Youth**  
**Northwest Youth Corps - \$86,751**



**Student Crew Leadership Training Program**

**Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc. - \$50,000**





## SW 25th Ave ROW Community Trail Restoration

Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, Friends of Fanno Creek  
Headwaters - \$12,500





**Balch Creek Restoration Partnership**  
The Forest Park Conservancy - \$100,000





## **From Labor to Leadership: Advancing People of Color into Restoration Careers**

Verde - \$30,599





**Restoration Equity: Stewardship and Job Skills for Immigrant Workers**

Voz Workers' Rights Education Project - \$50,000





**Westside Wildlife Corridor for People and Habitat**  
**West Willamette Restoration Partnership - \$63,000**



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