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Minutes

Thursday, September 29, 2022

10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber and
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
929-205-6099 (toll free)

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 5 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Duncan Hwang, and Councilor Shirely Craddick

Excused: 2 - Councilor Mary Nolan, and Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

2. Public Communication

Council President Lynn Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on a non-agenda items.

There were two members of the public that testified:

- Randy Lauer, Mayor of Troutdale mentioned thanked the staff, Councilor Craddick and others for their work on the Sandy River Greenway River front Trail project. Lauer mentioned the connections that the trail project would make and make it safer for bikers and pedestrians. Lauer noted that the grant will be the last piece of the funding for the project.
- Brad Perkins, noted the need for funding for the development of Sullivan's Gulch Trail and encouraged the Metro and the city to support the project. Perkins also mentioned their vision for high-speed rail and the work they have done so far. For example, they did an EIS study. Perkins wanted public-private partnership and the Council's support for the project to get funding from the Biden administration for the development.

President Peterson mentioned that she sits on the committee with WSDOT. She mentioned that there has been no analysis or discussion yet.

Staff noted that there will be Ultra-high- speed
Ground Transportation update.

3. Resolutions

- 3.1 Resolution No. 22-5285, For the Purpose of Approving Local Government Trails Projects Funded by the Parks and Nature Bond Competitive Grant Program

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher (he/him), Metro
Robert Spurlock (he/him), Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 22-5285](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 22-5285](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson called on called on Jon Blasher (he/him), Metro and Robert Spurlock (he/him), Metro to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the *Parks and Nature Bond Trails Grants Presentation* to present to Council.

Jon Blasher (he/him), Metro began the presentation by mentioning some property acquisitions including the waterline project at Blue Lake. Blasher noted that 380 acres have been purchased from the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond. Staff thanked voters for the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond measure. He discussed the \$20 million grant program and that the bond allowed for funding to acquire property for trails.

Robert Spurlock (he/him), Metro provided an overview of the process. He noted that projects were solicited and then selected with the joint region flexible funds. He also thanked the Council, staff, and others for their work. He explained the role of the evaluation work group in the process. The criteria for the bond were community engagement, racial equity, and climate resilience. Staff thanked their partners

for their work as well. Some of those partners were at the Council meeting.

One partner expressed concerns about her children's safety on the trails. Another partner was Ann Lane, discussed the Emerald Necklace Trail in Forest Grove. Another partner discussed the Clackamas River Trail project and Scott Creek Trail project in Happy Valley. The Parks and Trails Planning manager discussed the Marine Drive Trail: I-205 to NE 122nd Avenue project and mentioned that it will increase safety.

Spurlock continued the presentation by explaining the remaining projects, their locations, and the grant amount for each project. These projects were the North Portland Willamette Greenway: Kelley Point Park, the Columbia Slough Trail: Cornfoot Road, the Gresham-Fairview Trail, the Sandy River Greenway, the Trolley Trail, the Crescent Park Greenway and Brookwood Pedestrian Overpass, the Westside Trail: US 26 Bike/Ped Bridge and the Westside Trail: Segment 1. There were 12 projects in total.

Council Discussion

President Peterson asked the councilors if they had any questions before moving to a motion and then to comments.

The councilors did not have questions.

Councilor Craddick thanked voters for their continued support and the Metro Council. She hoped that there would be a focus on trails in a future bond measure because trails are important. She mentioned the work of support organizations. For example, one of the support organizations went along Marine drive to look at area. Councilor Craddick explained that the trail in Troutdale

would connect downtown Troutdale with I-84 and with 40-mile loop along the levy system.

Councilor Gonzales commented that the snapshots in the presentation resonated with him. He noted that these trails have relationship with their everyday lives. He thanked staff and Councilor Craddick for their work to make a streamline process. He appreciated the partners that spoke and attended the meeting and hoped that Metro will continue to invest in this.

Councilor Hwang commented on the health and human benefits of parks and nature. He highlighted that there was a lot of community engagement in the grants process. He mentioned that there were 1,500 responses and surveys in different languages.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff and partners for their work.

President Peterson mentioned that she moved here in 1993 from a city with more off-street pathways. She noted that 1993 was when the region started to work on safe streets, and they have worked to change how the country designs streets. She added that children should also be able to ride their bikes without worrying about cars. President Peterson noted that they need to commute to work fast and to enjoy being outside.

A motion was made by Councilor Craddick, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this Resolution was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Craddick, and Councilor Hwang

Excused: 2 - Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

4. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Andrew Scott, Deputy Chief Operating Officer provided an update on the following events or items:

- Thanked staff for their work to make the hybrid meeting possible

5. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **President Peterson** commented that she and Councilor Craddick attended the WTS Women's Transportation Seminar Gala last night. She mentioned that Metro staff recognized for their work on the Regional Congestion Pricing Study.
- **Councilor Craddick** mentioned that she was proud to be there and have Metro staff and their work to be recognized.
- **Councilor Gonzales** mentioned that they were breaking ground on the Affordable Housing project on the Cedar Mill neighborhood later that day
- **Councilor Lewis** gave an update that she is now the Chair for the Willamette Falls Locks Authority. She also gave an update on the MPAC meeting.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jemeshia Taylor, Legislative Assistant

Materials following this page were distributed at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

| ITEM | DOCUMENT TYPE | DOC DATE | DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION | DOCUMENT No. |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1.0 | Powerpoint | 09/29/2022 | Parks and Nature Bond Trails Grants | 092922c-01 |
| 2.0 | Testimony | 09/28/2022 | The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon Testimony | 092922c-02 |
| 3.0 | Testimony | 09/29/2022 | 40 Mile Loop Land Trust Testimony | 092922c-03 |