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MEETING: **BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE FOR TRAILS**
DATE: May 5, 2008
DAY: Monday, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Reception 6:00-7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Metro Council Chamber/Annex

NO	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION	TIME
	CALL TO ORDER	Bragdon		
1	Welcome and opening context	Bragdon		4:00 p.m.
2	Committee chair and members are empanelled, discuss committee charge	Yaden	Discussion	4:15 p.m.
3	Video presentation	Desmond	Information	4:50 p.m.
4	History, status and future of the regional system	Birk, Geller, Wetter	Information	5:00 p.m.
5	Situational analysis of the regional trails system	Cassin/ Kloster/ Wetter	Information/ Discussion	5:20 p.m.
6	Final questions	Yaden		5:50 p.m.
7	Introduction to trails packages	Robbins		6:00 p.m.
8	Adjourn to reception	Yaden		

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Monday, June 2nd, 4-6 p.m. Metro, Council Chambers
Monday, July 7th, 4-6 p.m. Metro, Council Chambers

For agenda and schedule information, call Lake McTighe at 503-797-1560. e-mail: mctighel@metro.dst.or.us

Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails
Member Guide

Here's some key information about the Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails:

What is the committee's charge? To evaluate the benefits of a proposed regional network of walking and bicycling trails, help determine whether the region should accelerate its development and if so, recommend strategies that should be employed. The committee will also help identify the most compelling arguments for the network's development and, if it agrees that development should be accelerated, help make this case.

Who created the committee? The committee was formally appointed by a resolution of the Metro Council on April 24th, 2008. The Blue Ribbon Committee is advisory to the Metro Council, which means it abides by public meeting law. Meetings will be noticed in local newspapers and minutes will be kept.

What is Connecting Green? In June 2007 elected, civic and business leaders convened at the Gerding-Edlen Theater in downtown Portland to launch Connecting Green, an initiative to create the world's greatest system of parks, trails and natural areas in the Portland Metropolitan Region. The Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails is one of the first initiatives to have resulted from Connecting Green and the project is sometimes called Connecting Green: Trails.

What is the role of the committee chair? As chair of the committee, Dave Yaden will work with staff to develop agendas for the meetings and to help manage meeting sequence and flow. He will also help manage committee discussion and deliberation. Committee members may contact the chair with suggestions, questions or issues regarding the committee.

What is the extent of my commitment? The committee will meet six times from May-October 2008, once a month, for about two hours. In addition to the regular committee meetings, several optional field trips are intended to support the work of the committee. These trips include trips to completed and proposed trails, a weeklong trip to Copenhagen and Amsterdam and the bi-state policy maker's bicycle ride.

What meeting preparation is required? In order to reduce the scope to only six meetings, we have assumed some meeting preparation between meetings. You may also be provided with material that will, at your option, allow you to explore particular issues in more depth. Meeting preparation should require no more than one hour per meeting.

What happens if I have to miss a meeting? The meeting sequence is designed to be fast paced with each meeting building on the previous meetings to engage members in decisions and get to results as quickly and efficiently as possible. If other commitments require that you miss a meeting or two, we will work with you to bring you current with committee progress. If it appears you will need to miss more than two meetings, please contact David Bragdon or Mike Wetter. If, during the course of the project, a scheduling conflict arises and you will need to miss a meeting, please let us know by contacting Lake McTighe, who is managing committee logistics, at (503) 797-1560 or mctighel@metro.dst.or.us.

How can I keep track of committee logistics and information? The committee will have a webpage on the Metro website with meeting dates and locations, directions if necessary, information on optional trail tours, meeting agendas, materials, and summaries. The committee webpage can be accessed at: www.metro-region.org From the Metro homepage type in the search words "Blue Ribbon Committee" or "Trails".

Narrative summaries of each meeting will be produced by staff and posted to the committee webpage. Summaries will consist of key points raised, options under consideration, agreements reached, and action items. Technical presentations will be attached, but not summarized. There will be no attribution of comments. The proceedings will be electronically recorded in accordance with Metro code. Hard copies of all information will be handed out at each meeting. The committee will be provided with notebooks to help organize all handouts and information.

How does the committee arrive at decisions? The committee will operate by consensus to the extent possible. If consensus cannot be reached a majority of those committee members present is sufficient to make a decision.

Who provides staff support to the committee? The committee is supported by staff from several different organizations including Metro, the City of Portland, Oregon State Parks, the City of Forest Grove, and Alta Planning and Design. The composition of the staff workgroups is diverse, with expertise in transportation, trail, bicycle and parks planning, data analysis, cartography and GIS, funding, legislative process, and design. Staff will work collaboratively to serve the needs of the committee as a whole and to foster shared understanding rather than to advocate any specific position.

Who do I contact if I have questions? Depending on the question or issue, please contact Council President David Bragdon, Committee Chair Dave Yaden, Project Leader Mike Wetter, or Logistics Manager Lake McTighe.

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