

# FRIDAY MEMO




February 11, 2005

1. On February 8, 2005 the Planning Commission heard the following:
  - ✓ City Attorney Gary Firestone briefed the Commission on the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Person Act of 2002. The act was adopted by Congress in response to what Mr. Firestone calls a tug-of-war between the Courts and Congress over the meaning and reach of constitutional provisions affecting the exercise of religion. The act limits the discretion of local decision making bodies to condition or deny land use applications, including means that help reduce neighborhood impacts and concerns typically associated with city decisions.
  - ✓ The application of Norm Scott for subdivision of his 28th Avenue property was continued to a date certain to allow the applicant to consider design alternatives. The Commission imposed a 45-day deadline for submission of any changes.
  - ✓ Finding the proposal complies with historic resource criteria, and in consideration of the Design and Landmarks Committee recommendation, the Commission approved Brittany Chambers' request to expand her 1938 home on Cambridge Drive. The existing house is noteworthy for its fine Tudor style architecture designed by Richard Sundleaf and was formerly the home the Clarence Francis, owner of Portland's first car dealership.
  - ✓ The application of Life Christian Center for a church in the Business Industrial Area on International way was approved. In addition, the Commission approved the Ukranian Bible Church application for an expansion of their facility on Stanley Avenue. The proposal includes construction of a 112 parking lot and a shared parking agreement with the adjacent Linwood School. The Commission heard neighbor concerns about noise, light, and parking impacts. The applicant accepted conditions of approval that help minimize those concerns.
  - ✓ The Commission will meet on February 19, 2005 for a general meeting to talk about current issues and agenda setting for the coming year's work program.
2. Randall Welch was elected vice-chair of the DLC.

3. Council photos will be taken on February 15. The photographer will be set up in the Council Chambers between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. if anyone wants to come early.
4. Sen. Kate Brown and Rep. Carolyn Tomei will host a Town Hall at Milwaukie City Hall on February 17 at 7:00 p.m.
5. At the March 8 Riverfront Board meeting Board members will work with Gill Williams of Atlas Landscape Architecture to develop Riverfront design concepts. Each member will bring design and layout ideas to the meeting, and Williams will assist the group in incorporating these ideas into two to three concepts. These concepts will be used in a public input process for a final design for the Riverfront Park that the Riverfront Board plans to propose to Council this spring.
6. We are readvertising the Community Development Director position in order to increase the applicant pool to be considered.
7. Attachments to this Friday Memo are:
  - ✓ Next weeks meetings; and
  - ✓ NDA News



## City and Public Interest Meetings The Week of February 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<b><u>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></u></b>	City Council Coffee Hour	8:00 a.m.	PSB – Community Meeting Room	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
	Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Assoc. Annual Membership Meeting	11:00 a.m.	Milwaukie Museum	Dolly Macken-Hambright 503-659-8908
<b><u>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></u></b> 	Hector Campbell NDA	7:00 p.m.	PSB – Community Meeting Room	 David Aschenbrenner 503-654-4258  Ed Zumwalt 503-654-2493
	Historic Milwaukie NDA	6:30 p.m.	Milwaukie Elementary	
<b><u>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></u></b>	City Council Work Session	5:30 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
	City Council Regular Session	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
<b><u>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Citizens Utility Advisory Board	6:00 p.m.	JCB – Conference Room	Paul Shirey 503-786-7601
<b><u>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Town Hall Meeting with Senator Kate Brown & Rep. Carolyn Tomei	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
	Island Station NDA	6:30 p.m.	Milwaukie Grange	 Lisa Batey 503-353-1825 Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
<b><u>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Council Goal Setting Work Session	8:30 a.m.	City Hall Conference Room	

**From:** Wachs, Jason  
**Sent:** Friday, February 11, 2005 9:18 AM  
**To:** Swanson, Mike  
**Subject:** NDA News, 02/11/05

The news for this week includes:

1. Volunteer Recognition Event in April - **I need your assistance!**
2. Calendar of Meetings for next week - **Feb. 14th - 20th**
3. Milwaukie Academy of Arts Charter School on the way - **Informational meeting on Feb. 15th**
4. Johnson Creek Watershed Wide Event (Free workshops and volunteers needed for restoration sites) - **Sat., March 5th**
5. Metro Regional Planning E-Newsletter - **Feb. 05**
6. Training Opportunity - Portland State Univ. Spring for credit Naturalist Training Program - **April 1-3**

### **1. Volunteer Recognition Event - April**

The City will host a Volunteer Recognition Event in April (day and time to be determined). The event is meant to recognize and thank the officers of all of the NDAs, Boards, Committees, and Commissions and take a look at the accomplishments of the past year. **I need your help to gather the following information about your NDA. Please discuss this during your March meeting.**

1. **Accomplishments of the past year** (I can include the accomplishments of the Grant Program, but please include other accomplishments if you would like.)
2. **Goals for next year** (Again, I can include the goals for the grant program, but include other goals if you would like.)
3. **A list of people, organizations, or businesses that you want to thank**

Once this information is obtained we will then create boards that will be displayed during the recognition event. After the event the boards could be displayed at City Buildings and the information could be posted on the web for the public to learn about each of the volunteer groups.

I will be reminding you of this task over the next several weeks. Please let me know if you have any questions.

### **2. Calendar of Meetings for next week**



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### **3. Milwaukie Academy of**

### **Arts Charter School on the way**

A new Academy of the Arts charter school will come to Milwaukie High in September, if approved by the School Board later in February. **Meanwhile, the school will host an informational meeting for parents who might be interested in the program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15.** The school within a school will provide instruction in all subjects with an emphasis on the arts.

The school will share some electives with the larger Milwaukie High, but operate independent of the host school. The goal is to not have the school's enrollment exceed 400 students. Application forms are available for eighth or ninth-graders living in the district by calling Milwaukie High. If the target of 400 students is not reached, students from outside the district could apply. As part of the charter documents presented to the Board, several community leaders expressed support for the charter. Assistant Principal Kelly Carlisle said there is great support from the arts community. He said there will be great interest in expanding curriculum, including the creation of a dance program that reflects state physical education standards.

#### **4. Johnson Creek Watershed Wide Event (Free workshops and restoration sites) - Sat., March 5th**

Want to be a part of a great community event? For the seventh year in a row, the Johnson Creek Watershed Council and its partners will be taking a Watershed-Wide perspective on winter invasive removal, native planting, surveying, naturescaping, composting, and more.

On March 5, 2005 the Watershed Wide Event will bring together hundreds of volunteers from throughout the Johnson Creek watershed to twelve sites for a variety of activities. Volunteers of all ages and abilities will help enhance the creek by removing invasive species, planting native trees and shrubs, and mulching new plants. Others will help to survey salmon and inventory vegetation or learn the hows and whys of naturescaping and composting for their yards.

All individual neighborhoods along Johnson Creek are a part of a larger community: the Johnson Creek watershed. Residents of this community know that they all live both up and down stream of other members of the watershed. They also know that in order to bring back the once-abundant salmon population and increase both wildlife habitat and green spaces for people, Johnson Creek must be restored as a whole.

By coming together on this day in March, watershed residents can support restoration in their own neighborhood as well as contribute to the greater vision of a healthy Johnson Creek.

**Work parties will go from 9 a.m. until Noon. Pre-registration is appreciated.**

**The sites in Milwaukie include:**

ODS (SE 17th and Lava Drive, Milwaukie)  
St. John's Church (SE 25th & Washington St., Milwaukie)

Other sites include:

Johnson Property (SE 36th and Johnson Cr. Blvd.)  
Eastmoreland Golf Course (SE 27th and Bybee)  
Springwater @ Lambert (SE 87th and Lambert St.)  
Brookside Park (SE 111th and Foster Road)  
Bundy Wildlife Area (SE 141st and Foster Rd.)  
Powell Butte Nature Park (SE 162nd and Powell Blvd.)  
East Buttes Open Space (Rodlun Rd. and Butler Rd.)  
Butler Creek Nature Trail (Willow Pkwy. and Meyer Dr.)  
Springwater @ Walters Rd. (SW Walters & Springwater Trail)  
Wheeler Creek (287th & Stone Rd.)

FREE Celebration Lunch to follow at 2 locations in the Watershed!

**There will also be 2 free workshops on Sat., March 5th. Registration is required. Learn how below.**

**1. Landscaping Secrets 101**

*Golf Course Quality Lawns and Landscapes*

9 a.m. until Noon

Lynchview Elementary School

**2. Composting Workshop and Demonstration**

10 a.m until Noon

Leach Botanical Garden

Register online and learn more at [www.jcwc.org/wwe.htm](http://www.jcwc.org/wwe.htm) or call (503) 652-7477 or email [info@jcwc.org](mailto:info@jcwc.org)

Coordinated by the Johnson Creek Watershed Council

**5. Metro Regional Planning E-Newsletter - February 2005**

Welcome to Metro's regional planning newsletter, e-mailed periodically to interested persons. Check the end of the newsletter for subscription information.

In this issue:

Comments to be taken Feb. 17 on transportation project funding

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**Comments to be taken Feb. 17 on transportation project funding**

The Metro Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Feb. 17, to take final comments on funding for future transportation projects in the region. The hearing begins at 5 p.m. at Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland. Registration begins at 4 p.m. Comments are limited to three minutes per person; speakers are asked to bring written comments for the record.

Metro's Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC), a group of agency staff and citizen representatives from across the region, recommended two funding options for further consideration. For a summary of the recommendations, visit [www.metro-region.org/mtip](http://www.metro-region.org/mtip).

The next steps in selecting projects for federal funding under the \$62 million Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, called Transportation Priorities 2006-09, are as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 22: deadline for public comments to Metro

Thursday, March 17: JPACT makes recommendations on project funding

Thursday, March 24: Metro Council acts on final project funding list.

Other ways to comment:

E-mail: [trans@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:trans@metro.dst.or.us)

Phone: (503) 797-1900 option 3

Fax: (503) 797-1911

Mail: Metro Planning Department, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232

For more information, or to be taken off the mailing list, call (503) 797-1839.

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### **Yearlong Get Centered! campaign under way**

Metro has launched Get Centered!, a yearlong campaign designed to spur investment and build more livable downtowns and main streets. Get Centered! will showcase thriving mixed-use centers and help generate ideas for the future with a discussion series, tours of successful projects and connections to financial and technical resources.

A Feb. 3 kick-off event in the Brewhouse + Tower Offices in the Pearl District attracted 400 people. The program featured speaker Mark Edlen of Gerding/Edlen Development Co.

Upcoming events will feature the following mixed-use centers:

March 31 ? Gresham regional center: the Crossings, Central Point

June 2 ? Lake Oswego town center: Lake View Village, Millennium Park

July 26 ? Beaverton regional center: The Round, Beaverton Library

Sept. 15 ? Vancouver regional center: Convention Center, Heritage Place

Oct. 27 ? Hollywood town center: Library and Bookmark Apartments

In addition, brown bag discussions during the year will discuss the opportunities and challenges of building mixed-use projects.

Campaign sponsors include the Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc., Urban Land Institute of Oregon/Southwest Washington, American Institute of Architects Portland Chapter, Metro and local governments.

For more information on events and discussions, visit [www.metro-region.org/getcentered](http://www.metro-region.org/getcentered) or call (503) 797-1757.

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### **South Corridor Light Rail Project impact statement published**

The South Corridor I-205 to Portland Mall Light Rail Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been published. The FEIS assesses the costs, benefits and impacts of the project, which would add 8.3 miles of rail to the region's transit system and provide a link from the Clackamas regional center to Portland State University. The project includes eight new stations and five park-and-ride lots in the I-205 segment, and would add seven stations on Fifth and Sixth avenues on the Portland Mall.

For more information, visit [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org) or call (503) 797-1756 for a print or CD copy.

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### **Feb. 16 open house on trail routes in Smith and Bybee lakes area**

Metro and the city of Portland are exploring possible trail routes that will connect nearby parks,

neighborhoods and workplaces to the 2,000-acre Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area in North Portland.

The public can learn about, and comment on, possible new trail connections at an open house from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Water Pollution Control Laboratory, 6543 N. Burlington Ave., Portland.

A trail feasibility study will be completed this summer, and will include possible trail routes, designs and amenities. The Metro Council will make a decision about the final trail alignment shortly after the study is published.

For more information about the study, contact Jane Hart, (503) 797-1585, send e-mail to [hartj@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:hartj@metro.dst.or.us) or visit Metro's web site at [www.metro-region.org/parks](http://www.metro-region.org/parks).

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### **Regional livability summit scheduled March 3-4**

The Coalition for a Livable Future's third annual regional livability summit is scheduled March 3-4 at Portland State University.

This year's theme is Creating Livable Communities: Connecting People, Policy and Practice. The keynote address, Talking Smart About Growth: How Portlanders Can Learn From and Lead the Nation, features David Goldberg, communications director for Smart Growth America. Sheila Martin, director of the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies at Portland State University, will give a state of the region presentation.

The summit will provide opportunities for building cross-discipline relationships and discussing ways to create great places and strong communities. Learn how work on local concerns fits into a broader regional context.

For more information, visit [www.clfutur.org](http://www.clfutur.org) or call (503) 294-2889.

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### **Natural gardens sought for Metro's July 10 tour**

Do you control garden pests using organic and/or natural methods? Do you use techniques to conserve water? Do you maintain your own garden?

If you answered yes to these questions and your garden is within Metro's boundary, you can help showcase the benefits of using natural techniques to grow healthy, attractive gardens.

Metro will select residential gardens in the Portland metropolitan area for its seventh annual public Gardens of Natural Delights tour on July 10.

For more information and an application to be considered as a host gardener for the seventh annual Gardens of Natural Delights tour, call Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, March 11.

The tour is a cooperative partnership of the Audubon Society of Portland and Metro.

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Planning e-news subscription information

If you have updates to the e-mail list or wish to be taken off the list, call (503) 797-1839. The hearing impaired can call TDD at (503) 797-1804. Share this information with others you think would like to receive this e-newsletter.

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

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

Your Metro representatives

Metro Council President David Bragdon  
Metro Council Rod Park, District 1; Brian Newman, District 2; Carl Hosticka, District 3; Susan McLain, District 4; Rex Burkholder, deputy council president, District 5; Robert Liberty, District 6.

Auditor Alexis Dow, CPA

Metro's web site: [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org)

## **6. Training Opportunity - Portland State Univ. Spring for credit Naturalist Training Program**

### **PSU, SPRING, FOR CREDIT, NATURALIST TRAINING PROGRAM**

**when: April 1-3, 2005**

**where: Marmot Cabin near the Bull Run Wilderness Area**

**cost: see below**

Do you like nature and want more time outside? What if your course work this spring term had you...

- > Sitting quietly in nature
- > Learning the language of the birds
- > Tracking wild animals like red fox and elk
- > Practicing the skills of hunter-gatherer cultures
- > Mapping your living habitat and learning its story
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Restoring the bond between people and the natural world is essential to fostering our sense of place. Unlike the hunter-gatherer cultures of old, life in this modern world removes us from our ability to see and experience our relationship to the Earth as home. This course returns to those roots of awareness and learning tested and refined through thousands of years of human survival.

Join naturalists Al Thieme, Dan Daly and Tony Deis for a 2 or 4 credit naturalist training experience that will take your relationship with nature to a new depth and understanding. Together we will develop skills, values and knowledge of the natural world that emerge from a direct, sensory relationship to our embedded ecosystem. We will learn the language of the more than human world by practicing arts, sciences, and crafts rooted in sustainable earth based cultures. This course will begin with a weekend at beautiful Marmot Cabin on the edge of the Bull Run Reservoir Wilderness April 1st-3rd. Following the workshop, the skills and practices we learn will be re-integrated into our daily lives through solo nature observation in a routine place as it fits into your schedule along with evening group gatherings to share and learn from one another. The workload and time commitment will vary according to credit option you choose. Space is limited.

For more information contact: Dan Daly at Portland State University, or email: [dand@pdx.edu](mailto:dand@pdx.edu)

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