

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Ordinance No. 546

An ordinance establishing a Parks Advisory Committee in Multnomah County, to be known as the Multnomah County Parks Advisory Committee, providing for appointment of Committee members, officers, and subcommittees; designating the purpose and duties of the Committee.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1 - Findings

The Board of County Commissioners finds that:

- A. Because Regional Parks provide numerous opportunities for the constructive use of leisure time, they are vitally important to a healthy and productive society
- B. Regional Parks are a component of the area's growing tourism industry.
- C. Regional Parks preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas.
- D. Regional Parks improve the quality of life for area residents which serves as an incentive for attracting new industries.
- E. Provision of Regional Parks is a legitimate and desirable function of Multnomah County.
- F. An effective Regional Park system requires the on-going involvement and support of the citizens which the system serves

Section 2 - Parks Advisory Committee Established

- A. A Parks Advisory Committee is hereby established to assist and advise Park Services staff and the Board of County Commissioners.

- B. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed pursuant to Section 3.70 of the Charter of Multnomah County to fill designated positions number one (1) through seven (7).
- C. Members of the Committee shall be, and remain during their terms, residents of Multnomah County, and shall serve without compensation.

Section 3 - Powers and Duties

- A. Review proposed budgets, priorities, programs, policies and development plans to assure responsiveness to the needs and desires of metropolitan residents; cost-effective use of manpower and financial resources; avoidance of duplication of effort.
- B. Act as a vehicle for citizen participation in the planning, acquisition, development and operation of Regional Parks.
- C. Encourage and suggest methods to promote, where appropriate, public/private partnerships in ways which are responsive **and of benefit to public needs while working in a** cooperative spirit with the development community and at **the same time** maintaining the integrity of the parks and recreational resources.
- D. Review issues relative to the long term health and usability of Regional Parks and/or recreational resources (including but not limited to: open space, scenic vistas, environmentally sensitive areas), and advise the Board, staff and/or other appropriate agencies regarding the same.
- E. Support adequate funding levels for the acquisition, development and on-going operation of existing and future Regional Parks.
- F. Encourage and support the development of new revenue sources for park purposes at the local, state and federal level.
- G. Identify gaps in the provision of recreation services and recommend corrective measures.
- H. Assist with fund raising efforts for park purposes.

- I. Continue to assist with interim management of Neighborhood Parks, orderly transfer to local municipalities, and compliance with Neighborhood Park Master Plan.
- J. Perform such other related duties as may be requested by the Board of County Commissioners.

#### Section 4 - Terms of Office

- A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this section, terms of office of Committee members shall be three (3) years.
- B. The terms of the initial members of the Committee shall expire on December 31st of the following years.

<u>Position No.</u>	<u>Expiration Year</u>
1	1989
2	1988
3	1989
4	1988
5	1989
6	1988
7	1989

- C. No Committee member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms, excluding completion of an unexpired term, unless otherwise provided by two-thirds majority of the Board.
- D. If a member resigns, then during the interim period before an appointment is made, three (3) members shall constitute a quorum.

#### Section 5 - Officers

At its second meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and other officers deemed necessary. Thereafter, such officers shall be elected at or before the Committee's first meeting in each year.

#### Section 6 - Subcommittees

- A. The Chairperson of the Committee may appoint Committee members and/or other interested parties to advisory or subcommittees as are deemed appropriate.

- B. The Park Services Division staff, with approval of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, will assist and advise the Committee as is feasible considering available financial and personnel resources.

#### Section 7 - Quorum and Voting

- A. Four (4) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business, except as provided under Section 4D of this ordinance.
- B. The Committee and its subcommittees shall act by a majority vote for the members present at a meeting, excluding members present but abstaining.
- C. The Committee may adopt rules of procedure to regulate the conduct of meetings; in absence of such rules, proceedings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Revised, William Morrow and Company (1971).

#### Section 8 - Meetings, Notices

- A. The Committee shall hold at least four (4) meetings per calendar year and may hold such other meetings as are necessary to perform its functions.
- B. Before any meeting of the Committee, notice shall be given as required by law.
- C. The Committee may continue any proceedings, and a proceeding continued to a date certain requires no additional notice unless such notice is required by law or is ordered by the Committee.

#### Section 9 - Savings Clause

In the event any subsection, subdivision, phrase, clause, sentence or word in this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate the remainder of this ordinance, but shall be confined to the subsection, subdivision, phrase, clause, sentence, or word held invalid or unconstitutional.

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ADOPTED this 15th day of January, 1987, being the date  
of its 2nd reading before the Board of County Commissioners of  
Multnomah County, Oregon.

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