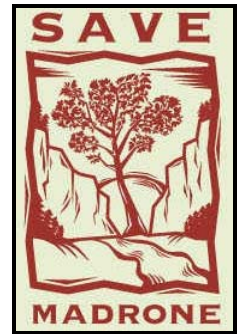


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Commissioner Lynn Peterson, Vice Chair
Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners
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Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Re: Request for constructive and timely progress on Madrone Wall park creation effort

Dear Commissioner Peterson:

Thank you for returning my call today. I understand you wish to hold off on Board of County Commissioner (BCC) review of the DRAFT Hardscrabble/Madrone Wall Resolution until after the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) makes their winter 2008 (January-April) review of the 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). I am now more clear on your timeframe to review the Resolution you requested last April.

We have a concern, which we continue to share with the BCC, PAB, and the Parks Department, and that is the continued stop-and-start effort countermands the massive public support for timely creation of a park at this County site. Hundred and hundreds of folks agree this site should have been made a park years ago. Arguably, no other docketed County Park effort has received this much public support (see ledger at left) for this long. Yet, examining current County spending priorities, it is clear the vast majority is directed at Barton Park – over \$1.5 million this and next fiscal year making up the lion's share of the \$1.937 million local share allocation from the Metro greenspace measure. Apparently, this massive expenditure is meant to be justified because it will generate direct County revenue. A rough calculation, however, shows that, given a campsite fee of \$19/night-weekend (\$16/night-weekday), over 85,000 paid camping nights must occur before this lopsided investment is paid back which will take years. Charitably assuming that all 98 Barton Park camping sites are occupied two-thirds of all days available in the May-September camping season, the payback would be over eight years not considering the time value of money or lost opportunity cost. Is this nearly complete monopoly of unique taxpayer largess justified when so many other worthwhile projects, including the Madrone Wall, are being sidelined, delayed, or shelved outright?

Endorsing Preser. & Park:

- > 500 Citizen Letters (2005)
- Clack. County Parks Advisory Board
- Damascus City Council
- Grant Park CPO (Comm. Plan. Org.)
- Boring CPO
- Rock Creek CPO
- Eagle Creek-Barton CPO
- South Clackamas CPO
- Carver Store
- Carver Hangar
- Carver Curves Café
- Rock Garden Tavern
- Still Meadow Community
- Clackamas River Basin Council
- Damascus for Open Space
- Friends of Barton Pk. & Clack. Riv.
- Friends of Mount Hood
- Cooper Spur Wild and Free Coalition
- Oregon Natural Resources Council
- Oregon League of Conserv. Voters
- Native Plant Society of Oregon
- Sierra Club
- Audubon Society of Portland
- Friends of Forest Park
- Three Rivers Land Conservancy
- American Alpine Club
- Yvon Chouinard, Patagonia
- Fed. of Western Outdoors Clubs
- Oregon Equestrian Trails
- Outward Bound
- Mazamas
- Ptarmigans
- The Access Fund

Grants Received From:

- Meyer Memorial Trust
- Jubitz Family Foundation
- Mazamas
- The Access Fund
- American Alpine Club-Oregon
- Yvon Chouinard, Patagonia

Awards:

- Montague Cup/Conservation (Mazamas, 2006)
- Sharp End Award (The Access Fund, 2005)

The Madrone Wall Preservation Committee is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) Oregon all-volunteer public charitable organization focused on preserving and re-establishing access to the Madrone Wall of Clackamas County and to act as a parks advocacy organization for a future park at the site of this amazing civic treasure.

When the BCC unanimously approved the PAB recommendations regarding the Madrone Wall at the 31 January 2006 study session, they agreed to make the Madrone Wall a priority for parks master planning. For some unknown reason, even though the PAB's CIP review had just started for winter 2006, it was not even considered for master planning FY06-07. Another year's delay and winter 2007 brought about a PAB recommendation for master planning leading to BCC funding authorization in FY07-08. Now, five months through FY07-08, the RFP's are only now finally being advertised delaying the multi-month master planning process until after the PAB's winter 2008 CIP review. This most recent delay is of note because it is likely to cause yet another year long unnecessary halt to the process, if not longer, unless something is done. It is a tautology: with no CIP provisional funding currently allocated in FY08-09 for capital improvements, nothing will happen at all after the plan is completed next spring unless funding is identified in FY08-09. Why is the Madrone Wall, once again, dealt the hand of a neglected step child with no funding identified when other master plans do enjoy the benefit of marching inexorably forward? One example of this, which is of no surprise, is the \$1.5 million funding for the "Barton Park Lake Improvements" that immediately follow this fiscal year's "Barton Park Lake Master Plan" (see PAB's CIP review from February 2007). Everyone understands capital is needed to improve the Madrone Wall park site, most importantly for creation of on-site parking. This cost will be a fraction of the Barton Park expenditures and I am certain County Parks could make a reasonable estimate of its cost. We request this estimate be made without delay and be included in the FY08-09 CIP budget so this project too can move forward.

At least as much as the next person, I understand the virtue of patience needed to work within a decade-long government process to reach a satisfactory conclusion. That said, we believe it is incumbent upon County leaders, employees, and the PAB to seek opportunities to establish this park rather than ignoring it or making excuses for further delay. We ask you to help move forward this process in a constructive and timely manner in the new year.

Sincerely,

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Keith K. Daellenbach (503/691-4102, kdaellenbach@att.net)
Director, Secretary/Treasurer

encl.:

- 02/23/07 PAB review of Clackamas County Parks – Capital Improvements Five Year Plan

cc:

- Bill Kennemer, Commissioner, Clackamas Board of County Commissioners
- Mike McLees, Supervisor, Clackamas County Parks and Forest, Clackamas County
- Lynn Peterson, Vice Chair, Clackamas Board of County Commissioners
- Kellie Rice, President, MWPC, and Regional Coordinator/Western Oregon, The Access Fund, Portland, Oregon
- Martha Schrader, Chair, Clackamas Board of County Commissioners
- Dan Zinzer, Director, Department of Business and Community Services, Clackamas County

02/23/07 PAB mtg

Clackamas County Parks
Capital Improvements Five Year Plan

Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Fiscal Year 2007-08	Fiscal Year 2008-09	Fiscal Year 2009-10	Fiscal Year 2010-11	Fiscal Year 2011-12	Metro Green Spaces Support
RELOCATED Knights Bridge Acquisition (18 acres)	\$ 616,500	\$ 616,500					\$ 310,000
Barton Park Caretaker Residence	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000					
Barton Park Lake Master Plan	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000		2 YEAR DELAY FROM PLAN TO IMPLEMENTATION			\$ 40,000
Barton Park Ticket Booth realignment	\$ 31,500	\$ 31,500					
Hardscrabble Master Plan	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000		4 YEAR DELAY FROM PLAN TO IMPL.			\$ 40,000
Barton Park West Campground Paving	\$ 94,000	\$ 94,000					\$ 47,000
Barton Park Lake Improvements	\$ 1,500,000		\$ 1,500,000				\$ 1,500,000
Springwater Trail Paving/Culvert	\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000				
Hoodland Community Center	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000				
Rosemont Trail	\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000				
Barlow Trail Master Plan	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000				
Barlow Trail Wayside	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000				
Knights Bridge Development	\$ 125,000		\$ 125,000				
Mt. Hood Trail	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000				
Boones Ferry Master Plan	\$ 55,000			\$ 55,000			
Metzler Park Master Plan	\$ 40,000			\$ 40,000			
Capital Equipment	\$ 120,000			\$ 120,000			
Trail at Stonecreek Golf Club	\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000			
Wilhoit Park Improvements FEYER	\$ 155,000			\$ 155,000			
Barton Park Parking Expansion	\$ 80,000			\$ 80,000			
Boones Ferry Improvements	\$ 500,000				\$ 500,000		
Marion Wall Park Improvements	\$ 300,000					\$ 300,000	
Boone Trailhead Park	\$ 200,000					\$ 200,000	
Totals By Year		\$ 937,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$ 6,437,000						\$ 1,937,000
Revenue Sources							
Metro Greenspaces	\$ 1,937,000	\$ 437,000	\$ 1,500,000				
Trust Fund	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	
Grant Funds	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	
Community Funds	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000				
Trust Fund/Property Sale	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000				
Totals	\$ 6,437,000	\$ 937,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	