

TIGARD CITY COUNCIL VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

Bull Mountain Annexation

This vote approved a plan for the annexation of Bull Mountain. The implementation of the plan would apply Tigard's environmental standards to subsequent development and construction on Bull Mountain, which are lower than the standards currently upheld by the Bull Mountain Community Plan. Tigard also does not have a comprehensive plan for the creation of parks and green spaces on Bull Mountain, meaning that opportunities to obtain park land may be passed up while a plan is being developed. The City Council should have rejected the Annexation plan as such and recommended that it be reformulated to respect the environmental standards of the Bull Mountain Community Plan and that a comprehensive parks plan be created before annexation.

PASSED 5-0 on August 10, 2004

The pro-environment was "No" (to reject the annexation plan in its current form)

Solid Waste and Recycling

The City Council voted to increase rates for solid waste pickup and to implement a new container-based recycling program. Increasing the waste rate promotes recycling because it makes recycling more cost-effective than disposing of household trash. The new recycling program is positive for the environment because it is expected to increase diversion of recyclables from 36% to 43%, thereby reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfills and increasing the amount that is recycled.*

PASSED 5-0 on July 12, 2005

The pro-environment vote was "Yes" (to increase waste rates and implement the new recycling program)

*Note: Although the new recycling program is an improvement over the old one, it should be noted that additional changes could have been made to make the program even more effective; for example, the Council might have voted to increase *what* can get recycled in addition to how much gets recycled. It is also important to note that the waste rate increase was not prompted out of concern for the environment but rather to keep waste hauling a profitable operation for the haulers.

Refuge at Fanno Creek

This vote supports the development of one of the last available pieces of property on Fanno Creek which a developer purchased after the city failed to buy it. The development plan requires the degradation of wetlands that cover most of the area. A hearings officer ruled that the development plan met environmental standards, despite considerable evidence to the contrary. The City Council then voted to uphold the findings of the hearings officer. This vote demonstrates a failure on the part of the City Council to hold developers to a rigorous environmental standard and to listen to citizens, and it could set a precedent for the city's handling of future development projects with regards to such natural resources like Fanno Creek.

PASSED 3-1 on January 24, 2006

The pro-environment vote was "No" (to reject the Hearings officer's decision to allow this development to proceed)

Ash Creek Estates

This vote gives final approval to developers to build the Ash Creek Estates subdivision on

Tigard land that contains valuable natural resources and wildlife habitat. The decision to permit development has been appealed three times to the Land Use Board of Appeals but has been remanded to the City Council; the Council's decision reflects its continued support of a plan that includes harm to wetlands, construction on steep slopes, the potential for increased flooding, as well as the disturbance of one of the largest stands of western red cedar in Oregon. Here the Council has passed up the opportunity to protect trees to the greatest degree possible as per the city's municipal code and to protect one of the few remaining undeveloped areas on Ash Creek.

PASSED 3-1 on March 28, 2006

The pro-environment vote was "No" (to reject the approval of the construction of Ash Creek Estates)

Wall Street Extension and Comprehensive Plan Amendment

The City Council voted to approve a Comprehensive Plan Amendment which would permit the removal of Goal 5 status (protected as a significant natural space) from an area along Fanno Creek. This allows for Wall Street to be extended through this area to give access to the new library and Fanno Pointe condominiums. The Council did not fully consider all options for this project, resulting in a plan that will be more degrading to the environment than necessary. The Pinebrook Creek wetlands would be significantly reconfigured by the construction, affecting wildlife and the wetland ecosystem. While the Plan included efforts to create new wetlands, the net loss of wetlands was significant. Voting to remove Goal 5 status from this area not only

permits destruction and disturbance to a valuable natural space but demonstrates the dangerous ease with which environmental protection can be removed from ecologically significant areas.

PASSED 3-1 on May 9, 2006

The pro-environment vote was "No" (to reject the Wall Street extension plan)

Downtown Improvement Plan and Capital Improvement Plan:

The City Council approved the Capital Improvement Plan and the Downtown Improvement Plan, both of which fund projects that may threaten Tigard's environment. These votes were not included on the Scorecard because both plans included other elements that were not related to environmental issues.

Tigard is facing pressure to grow and develop at a rapid pace. It is important that we elect city council members who support growth that protects Tigard's natural resources and who recognize the need to curb development that damages the integrity of Tigard's environment.

The Environmental Scorecard is designed to provide voters with information about their elected officials' environmental voting records.



ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD 2004-2006

| ISSUE | Dirksen Mayor | Wilson | Woodruff | Sherwood | Harding |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Bull Mountain Annexation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | not yet in office |
| Waste and Recycling | ⊕ | ⊕ | ⊕ | ⊕ | ⊕ |
| Refuge at Fanno Creek | ☐ | ☐ | absent | ☐ | ⊕ |
| Ash Creek Estates | ☐ | absent | ☐ | ☐ | ⊕ |
| Wall Street Extension | ☐ | ☐ | absent | ☐ | ⊕ |
| % of votes that were pro-environment | 20% | 25% | 33% | 20% | 100% |

⊕ = PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE
 ☐ = ANTI-ENVIRONMENT VOTE

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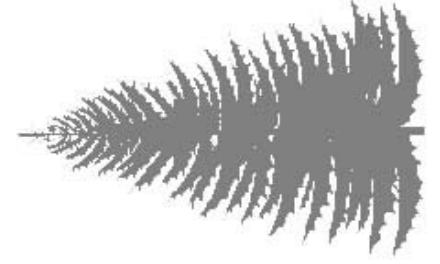
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