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Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee

Name **Nancy J. Bray**

Address **2155 Monroe St.**

Eugene OR 97405

Occupation **English Language Learner Specialist**

Business Address **1200 Highway 99 N.**

Eugene OR 97402

Optional Information

Gender **F** Age **56-65** Ethnicity **White/European American**

Additional Languages spoken

Education / Training

**B.A. in Elementary Education, M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction
Endorsements in Special Education, Reading and Language Arts, and English for Speakers of Other Languages**

Community Service / Volunteer

From 2009-2013 I worked part-time at UO College of Education. I was a member of the University Senate and the Organizing Committee for United Academics. I am a member of CALC and Kids on the Border Committee.

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Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **64 years**

Ward **1** Neighborhood **Friendly Area Neighbors**

Employer **Lane Education Service District**

Fax E-Mail **braynj@gmail.com**

How did you learn of this vacancy? **Friend**

Disability **N** Description

Job Experience

I retired from Springfield School District in 2009, after 20 years as a Reading Specialist and 12 years teaching and coordinating the English Language Learner (ELL) Program. I currently work part-time as ELL Specialist at Lane ESD.

Personal Experience

I have been an educator for many years. In addition to the jobs described above, I was also Lane County Migrant Education Program Director for five years and coordinated the Migrant Summer School for seven years.



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Personal Interest

My family has been in Eugene since my great-grandparents moved here in 1900. I am working with Nearby Nature on a history of Alton Baker Park since the Bray family had a farm there. I am interested in the cultural and natural history of the area.

Contribution

As a life-long citizen of Eugene with some family history in the Alton Baker Park area, I was very happy when the Whilamut Natural Area was formed and the Talking Stones were placed. As a member of the Committee, I hope to help promote the value of this natural and cultural area to Eugene/Springfield citizens.



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1 Have you been a frequent visitor to the Whilamut Natural Area? What do you most enjoy about the park?

I am a frequent visitor to the Whilamut Natural Area. I enjoy identifying wildflowers and birds; walking, biking and canoeing; and appreciating the natural beauty of the area.

2 The Citizen Planning Committee (CPC) meets as a full committee on a quarterly basis and all members are expected to attend. There are additional opportunities for involvement which include subcommittees which focus on specific park issues and volunteer work parties in the park. Would you be able or willing to participate in these additional activities?

Yes, I would be able and willing to participate in additional activities.

3 Describe your top three interest areas or issues regarding the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park.

I have read the East Alton Baker Park Plan and I support its Vision and Goals. My top areas of interest are to preserve and enhance the natural and cultural history of the area, to encourage educational programs, and to encourage the use of the recreational activities that the Natural Area provides.

4 The CPC works with the City of Eugene, Willamalane Park and Recreation District and other organizations. What specific strengths and attributes can you contribute to the CPC?

I have had a lot of experience working with diverse stakeholders, in my jobs in Springfield School District, the UO College of Education and Lane Education Service District. I enjoy working with people, I am a good listener and I have good organizational skills. I have specifically worked with Willamalane Park and Recreation District in the early years of the Martin Luther King Celebration in Springfield.

5 Please cite an example in which a wide range of opinions surfaced within a group to which you belonged, and your role in bringing divergent sides toward resolution.

I was privileged to be given the opportunity to design and implement the English Language Learner Program in Springfield District. There were many issues that had to be addressed, ranging from federal and state mandates; the perspectives of administrators, teachers and staff in the district; and the needs of ELL students and families. The program we worked together to create is highly regarded in the state. I was awarded Springfield Teacher of the Year in 2009 for my work in this area.



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Name **Christine (Chris) A. Miles**

Address **1543 Happy Lane**

Eugene OR 97401

Occupation **Retired from PeaceHealth**

Business Address

Evening Phone **541.915.8983** Day Phone **541.915.8983**

Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **19 yrs 10 mos**

Ward **5** Neighborhood **Cal Young Neighborhood**

Employer

Fax E-Mail **chris.miles1@comcast.net**

How did you learn of this vacancy? **Web Site**

Optional Information

Gender **F** Age **56-65** Ethnicity **White/European American**

Disability **N** Description

Additional Languages spoken

Education / Training

Masters Healthcare Administration, Univ. of Minnesota 1990 / Certificate: Mental Health Services Management, Univ. of Washington, 1985 / BS Community Serv/ce/Public Affairs, University of Oregon 1980 Certificate: Gerontology, Univ. of Oregon, 1980

Job Experience

**Administrative roles with PeaceHealth 1994-2014
Regional Director, Oregon Heart and Vascular Institute 1994 - 2000
Operations Director, PeaceHealth Medical Group 2000 - 2007**

Community Service / Volunteer

Planned Parenthood Board of Directors: Chair 1999-2000, Member 1996-2002 / American Heart Association 1996-2000 / Member/donor: Native Plant Society of OR, Audubon Society, McKenzie River Trust, Cascade Raptor Center, Etc.

Personal Experience

Lifelong enjoyment of outdoors and concern for environment and wildlife.



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Personal Interest

I retired from an administrative career in September 2014, and after a period of enjoying doing 'nothing', I am ready to volunteer in support of our community and environment.

Contribution

I am a fit with this role as I am a collaborative positive person who enjoys doing whatever needs to be done. I would like to apply my skills to community service specifically supporting citizens' positive experience/developing love of nature and habitat preservation.



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1 Have you been a frequent visitor to the Whilamut Natural Area? What do you most enjoy about the park?

Every morning my husband and I walk our big black dog daily in either the Whilamut Natural Area or Dorris Ranch. We feel privileged to live in this community with these incredible parks. We access the Whilamut Natural Area from Lot 9 by Autzen Stadium, the parking lot by the Science Factory, and from Aspen Street in Springfield. I enjoy the Whilamut Natural Area's trail system, public art under the I-5 canal bridge and the markers along the trails. I enjoy watching birds. I enjoy the varied terrain including open space, canal trails, the big pond, and trails through the woods and old orchards. I enjoy sharing the trails with runners and the role the natural area plays in creating a positive Track Town USA experience for our out of town runner guests. Oddly, I also enjoy picking up litter and carry plastic bags for this purpose whenever and wherever we walk our dog.

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Yes and I would hope to match my skills with a subcommittee need as determined by the CPC Chair person.

3 Describe your top three interest areas or issues regarding the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park.

- 1. Preservation of wildlife habitat / natural environment albeit post landfill etc.**
- 2. Community education re importance of natural areas (specifically this one)**
- 3. Invasive species removal**

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Good verbal and written communication skills, well organized, good writer, physically strong and like physical labor, 'get-r-done' attitude, good sense of humor, like people, public speaking and presentation experience, financial management, problem solving, like to work in background in support of others, would rather be outside than inside, 'team player', like to do whatever needs to be done / adds value

5 Please cite an example in which a wide range of opinions surfaced within a group to which you belonged, and your role in bringing divergent sides toward resolution.

Worked in administrative leadership role with physicians (smart people with strong personalities) for years - daily interactions involving conflict management and problem resolution. One recent example: interpersonal conflict among physicians on compensation related work team, I gently interrupted disagreement, framed issues or variables in the conversation, and asked each person to offer a preferred solution for the issue and then asked the group to raise hands for preferred solution to gauge how close to consensus or if need for leadership decision to move things along.



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Name **Erin M. Walker**

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Eugene OR 97404

Occupation **Environmental Science student**

Business Address **1225 University St**

Eugene OR 97403

Optional Information

Gender **F** Age **26-35** Ethnicity **White/European American**

Additional Languages spoken

Education / Training

Bachelors of environmental science with a focus on biology. Coursework in botany, ecology, environmental change, geology, geography, native plants, archaeological botany, city planning, and many environmental issues.

Community Service / Volunteer

Evening Phone **541-654-1920** Day Phone **541-654-1920**

Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **10years 3 months**

Ward **E-UGB** Neighborhood **Santa Clara Community Organization**

Employer **University of Oregon SSC**

Fax E-Mail **kyaltia@gmail.com**

How did you learn of this vacancy? **Web Site**

Disability **N** Description

Job Experience

**Community Outreach Coordinator for the Student Sustainability Coalition of University of Oregon for the past year.
Intern for the city of Eugene Native plant nursery last summer.**

Personal Experience



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**Environmental Issues Committee-University of Oregon
Friends with Trees assistant planting leader
Friends of Buford park restoration projects
Mt Pisgah arboretum native plant nursery
Zonta International member**

Personal Interest

I am very passionate about how we utilize our public spaces in the future, as I believe that Eugene can be a forerunner in the country for urban green design.

Participated in a design charrette for the town of Cascade Locks, Oregon and am published in the city design document. Focus was on native and edible landscaping.

Contribution

I believe that my knowledge of botany and native plants combined with my experience in research and planning can be a great asset to the board. I would like to be a member so that I can help guide the city in making informed decisions in future design and use of its parks and open spaces.



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1 Have you been a frequent visitor to the Willamut Natural Area? What do you most enjoy about the park?

Yes, my family and I frequent the Alton Baker Park area. We enjoy the plethora of native plants, fishing opportunities, and the wide array of open spaces that can be used for sports.

2 The Citizen Planning Committee (CPC) meets as a full committee on a quarterly basis and all members are expected to attend. There are additional opportunities for involvement which include subcommittees which focus on specific park issues and volunteer work parties in the park. Would you be able or willing to participate in these additional activities?

Yes

3 Describe your top three interest areas or issues regarding the Willamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park.

Native plant restoration

Invasive species removal

Conservation of undeveloped open spaces.

4 The CPC works with the City of Eugene, Willamalane Park and Recreation District and other organizations. What specific strengths and attributes can you contribute to the CPC?

I feel that I bring a very sound knowledge base of native and invasive plant species. I have also interned for the city of Eugene in its native plant nursery, so I am aware of the methods that are used to propagate species for active restoration projects. I am a passionate and driven individual, and I am able to communicate effectively to people who have had no experience in the sciences, researchers, scientists, and government personnel.

5 Please cite an example in which a wide range of opinions surfaced within a group to which you belonged, and your role in bringing divergent sides toward resolution.

As a board member of the student sustainability center we were responsible for dispersal of a \$35,000 grant fund for sustainability themed initiatives. There was one particular project that we were voting on that was a split vote, so I suggested that we all voice our reasons we were for or against funding the project. After everyone had said their piece, we voted again and we were still divided. I suggested that our boss be the deciding vote, as we could not come to an agreement. This was satisfactory to everyone and the issue was resolved.