

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL LISTENING POST

November 19, 1996

Auditorium
Oak Grove School
Oak Grove, Oregon

Councilors Present: Jon Kvistad (Presiding Officer), Susan McLain, Don Morissette, Patricia McCaig

Councilors Absent: Ed Washington, Rod Monroe, Ruth McFarland

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

Presiding Officer Kvistad opened a Listening Post on **Ordinance No. 96-655, For the Purpose of Designating Urban Reserve Areas for the Portland Metropolitan Area Urban Growth Boundary** at 5:50 p.m. He welcomed the people to the fourth Metro Listening Post meeting and thanked them for coming. He explained what went on at the previous meetings. He then introduced the Councilors who were present and explained that the listening post process was pretty straight forward in that the citizens would fill out a card to get a place in line to speak and the Council members would listen.

Counselor McLain discussed her reasons for being on the Metro Council, one being keeping the quality of life in Oregon and said the Council was at the meeting to listen to citizen concerns about the community and expressed appreciation for the turnout.

Bob Roth, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, 525 Logus Street, Oregon City, OR 97045 introduced himself as the Watershed Coordinator of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council. He stated that the Watershed Council was concerned about the key areas of the Johnson Creek headwaters being included in the Urban Reserve Study Areas. He stated that intensive development of these areas would severely impact sites downstream in the watershed. He stated that this area had good quality highly forested riparian habitat. He spoke about the forest growth in areas 1 and 2 as mature cedars and Douglas firs mixed with alder and maple which were good shade for the streams of the areas where wildlife abounds. He stated that increased human activity along the creek would cause a decrease in the water quality of downstream areas. He reiterated the Watershed Council's recommendations to rehabilitate stream conditions and not add to the problems by causing increased costs of doing so by increased human contact with the area. He noted that current mitigation standards were inadequate as to impact on the area. He indicated the Watershed Council's recommendation was to remove those areas, 1 and 2, from consideration from Urban Growth Boundary consideration.

Jim Callantine, 12322 SE 147th, Portland, OR 97236 introduced himself as a member of the Rock Creek CPO and of Happy Valley Citizen's group concerned with the livability of the Happy Valley area. He stated his main concern was about area 15. He stated that the problem with bringing the area north of 147th and Sunnyside into the Urban Study Area was that it was never intended for inclusion into the Urban Study Area until a request by Ray Moore, a developer, caused it to be included. He related events at a citizen meeting at the Oregon Trail school where an overwhelming majority of the people did not want to be brought into the Study Area and how the newspaper that day reported that there was absolutely no opposition to the addition of the area into the study. He said that

nobody listened to the community and that the community did not want the area included in the Study Area. He then made it clear that no one was against development, they just wanted to see what happened with the south side development and the kinds of problems they would have with realigning roads and traffic problems. He stated that the area did not have the infrastructure to support this growth.

Presiding Officer Kvistad invited latecomers to fill out cards to get a place in line to testify.

Lou Fasano, 2455 SW Gregory, West Linn, OR, introduced himself as having given previous testimony on area 41 and that he had returned tonight to reiterate his testimony to strongly support adding this area to the Urban Reserve. He stated that this addition would enable housing to catch up to the job base in the Wilsonville area. He stated that in the past 2-3 years there had been no new objections raised to the addition of this area. He reported that the citizens of Wilsonville and many other groups of citizens and officials strongly supported the addition of this area into the Urban Reserves.

Richard Jones, 3205 SE Vineyard, Oak Grove, OR 97267 spoke about the plan in general. He agreed with the previous speaker about the Wilsonville area, and stated that he thought the reason for expanding the Urban Growth Boundary was a livability issue. He then stated that the people in this area moved here for that reason, because they wanted the larger lots and atmosphere of the area. He cautioned the Council to move slowly and be sure of the effects of their actions. He stated the jobs and housing areas needed to be close together and long term affects needed to be considered.

Milt Johnson, Oak Lodge Community Council, PO Box 68814, Oak Grove, OR 97268-0814 introduced himself as the Secretary of the Oak Lodge Community Council. He stated that he wanted to address a letter that had been sent to the Metro Council and various County Commissioners, Senate Representatives and the Governor last week relating the Oak Lodge Community Council's support of expanding the Urban Growth Boundaries as opposed to densification. Other concerns addressed were lifestyle and livability of neighborhoods in the area would be lost by densification. He recommended expansion of the Urban Growth Boundaries to where the jobs were. He stated that Measures 32 and 47 sent a message from citizens that they did not want light rail. His impression was that Council was trying to homogenize the Portland area so that everything looked like California. He reiterated his views.

Counselor McLain thanked Mr. Johnson and assured him that the Council was aware that the citizens in this area wanted a sense of place. She explained that the basic growth concept did not densify everything, that there were many different areas to be considered.

Councilor Morissette commented he believed that high density would be the result of this. His opinion was that, with row houses considered as single family dwellings, and without Urban Growth Boundaries being expanded, the average lot size of the future would be an estimated 400 square feet. He stated that the current Urban Growth Boundary was roughly 450,000 housing units and the plan called for an additional 248,000 housing units. He stated that you could count on not one new house in your neighborhood but one new house for every two that currently exist. He said that whether that was acceptable to you it meant high density housing. He thought the gentleman that testified previously had every right to be very nervous.

Denise Brown, 22285 S Leslie St., Beavercreek, OR 97004 commented that she also thought high density housing was inevitable and she was familiar with inner city standards. She felt this was an opportunity to see that the future of this area held affordable housing and jobs for area residents. She felt the Council should take into account current residents of the area as well as others moving in. She related a well attended hearing and other meetings she had attended which discussed these issues.

#26 Subtract Lakebed Property from study area Road was closed between 213 and Beaver Creek due to problems with water. She questioned the ability for more houses to be there because of sewer problems that already existed. There needed to be more infrastructure developed before building there. The 213 Corridor spoke on last time in reference to Oregonian article on quality issues said Clackamas County was the worst in the state for overdeveloping and smog, in particular, the smog came down from Portland and up to it would be not livable situation put working people in an area that would never achieve a non-status.

Presiding Officer Kvistad said to keep in mind that the Council had overlays for wetlands and roads and other problem areas that helped with the study of an area and that the Council flew over most of the flood area last February and would take that into account.

Ed White, 12045 SE 147th Ave, Portland, OR 97236 stated he had testified a couple of times before in regard to 25 acres just west of 147 in site #15 and wanted those to be included in the Urban Reserve Area. He said that it was well suited for houses and water, electricity and gas were available at least nearby. He testified in favor of adding Urban Reserves because current ones were just about used up.

Randle O'Toole, 14417 SE Laurie, Oak Grove, OR 97267 introduced himself as a resident of Oak Grove. He stated that 1 year ago Clackamas County came to the same auditorium and presented a plan to densify Oak Grove and said they wanted to rezone and put up apartments and mixed use development. He stated that the reaction of the people at that meeting was no, go away, we don't want that. They said okay we will go away but if you don't let us do this now Metro was going to make us do this next year. Well here we are next year and Metro was talking about containing the Urban Growth Boundary as much as possible and densifying as many neighborhoods as possible, and maybe Oak Grove wasn't particularly part of it any more. He knew this was no longer on the map as a town center, but Oak Grove still wasn't their neighborhood or an inner neighborhood and as such it had a population target in the 2040 plan that was roughly double our current population density which would probably require some zoning changes. He knew that people in and in many other neighborhoods were just as upset about their areas being densified so he sat down and tried to figure out what Metro was all about. He had now spent the last 20 years of his life following forest service planning and other federal planning and had come to some conclusions about planning. His first conclusion was planning didn't work. The idea that a plan for the year 2040 could be written was totally absurd. Just imagine it's not 1996, but 1952, and you're up here trying to write a plan the Portland 1996 Plan. You don't know about freeways, there weren't any freeways in Portland. You don't know about jet airplanes, there were no jet air service to Portland. You don't know about silicon chips, you don't know about computers or the World Wide Web or the Internet. You don't know about any of this stuff. How could you write a plan for 1996 that made any sense at all. Well the answer was, you couldn't. And the reality was the people who were writing plans in 1952 got them all wrong and they really screwed up our cities. And many of the problems that he heard people talk about were that we have striped developments or we have too much low density housing, too much low density building, these problems were the results of bad planning in the past. We are not going to fix those problems with more planning. Planning doesn't work. He didn't think LCDC, Metro or Clackamas County had a right to come into Oak Grove and tell us "You have to densify. People were moving to Portland and you have to take your share. That's what they told us last year and that's what it sounds like they were getting ready to tell us again once you get done with your 2040 plan, your functional plan, or whatever. I don't think LCDC, Metro or Clackamas County or anybody else had a right to come in and tell us you have to reduce the use of your car, you had to stop driving as much. Yet as you know, LCDC had passed a rule saying that everybody in this room had to reduce their use of the automobile by 20%, that's silly. They were not going to do that. It did not make sense for them to do that. I don't think LCDC, Metro or Clackamas County or anyone else had a right to go out to people in Damascus or Beaver Creek or whatever and say "you have to be a part of the Urban Area". Let those people decide whether they want to be urbanized or not. Let Oak Grove decide whether we want to

have a town center or not. And if we need you, we'll come to you but right now, we don't need you and we don't want your plans.

He further stated that somebody made a comment, he was way back in the room and could not see who made the response if it was his friend Milt Johnson. Milt of course accused Metro of trying to turn Oak Grove into downtown Portland, that's obviously a slight exaggeration. The reality was that Metro was trying to turn it into southeast Portland. He stated they did not want to be Hawthorne, they did not want to be downtown, they did not want to be any of those. They want to be Oak Grove. The best way for that to happen was for Metro to leave us alone. Obviously it was not possible to go into detail in a 5 minute statement. He asked if all the Councilors had gotten a copy of his report, "The Vanishing Automobile", and if anyone needed a copy, he had brought a few copies tonight. He appreciated the chance to talk to the Council and hoped they enjoyed their stay in Oak Grove.

Presiding Officer Kvistad noted that his father loved Mr. O'Toole's report.

Councilor McLain stated she had used it in her speech class for creative writing and after dinner speaking as part of her lesson. It was very entertaining, excellent.

Jerry Foy, 15242 SE Fir Oaks, Milwaukie OR 97267, stated he personally felt that Mr. O'Toole had expressed the true feelings of this community. Part of the problem he had with the Functional Plan was the time frame they were working with in the adoption of the Plan. He thought they needed some more input from those types of meetings and maybe allow more than five minutes for each person to speak since he did not think the Council got the true representation of how the community felt. The plan was very limited, he thought, in the things the Council was allowing in order to achieve the goals. When talking about adopting targets of 720,000 additional people and 350,000 additional houses, those were huge numbers and there was nothing in history that showed that kind of increase within the area. He was not sure there was anywhere in the world that showed those types of numbers. On top of that, we don't have anything as a community to see how the plan was going to impact us. He did not have a plan that said 'Oak Lodge, you are going to accept 2500 new homes.' There was a number for Clackamas County in both jobs and housing but he had not seen a plan to take Oak Lodge CPO territory and asked for someone show him where they would put this many new homes and this many new jobs. He would certainly agree also that the Plan was somewhat in conflict with itself in that Clackamas County right now was what he would term a bedroom community, with all the jobs being created in Washington and Multnomah Counties. There were industrial lands to provide the opportunity for a large employer to come into the district and supply both the type and number of jobs needed but also the living wage. So that was one concern. All the jobs were out there and they were living over here and they had to get in their vehicles to drive. They did not have the opportunity to reduce the BMTs within the area. At the same time, part of the Functional Plan talked about reserving open space. When talking about open space, there was part of the Plan that talked about reserving it or enhancing it on a per capita basis at the same rate it was today. How do you put 750,000 people in an area the size of the region and still preserve the same amount of open space per capita. Unless he misunderstood the Plan, that was the way he interpreted it. Here was an existing state statute that also said that you had to preserve a twenty-year time frame for new housing and that housing was to be developed similarly to the character of the neighborhood that it was to be placed in. Again, in order to meet those goals, most of the new housing units were going to be either attached housing or apartments or R2.5 - zoned which Mr. Morissette had described as 4200 square foot lots. Oak Lodge was made up mostly of R2 zoned housing and most of that - so what they were talking about here was R2.5 type stuff. How this impacts our schools, affects the roads were all questions to be answered. Our area here was very lacking of parks and yet Metro was trying to put this vote on us for new housing to adopt this many houses and people goals, it created a conflict. He did not know how you achieve that. The thing that really concerned him was that when we talk about the affordability which was, I understand, needed to be addressed, but with property values the way they

were in our area, you tell me how you go out and build affordable homes. At the same time, granny flats - we are very concerned about vacant ownership. The same situation with apartments - we've seen it in Oak Grove.

Linda Hall, 20100 S Beavercreek Road, Oregon City OR 97045 stated that her husband was raised out at Beavercreek. When they were first dating, it was a wonderful place to go. There was a little school and enough children to accommodate the school. They now had shopping centers and an expressway going through. This was all nice but the last few years, they had been building and building and building which was nice, people had to have a place to live. She had spent the last five hours today shoveling water out of her basement which was part of the reason why she was here. She asked what they were going to do about the water, the sewer, and all this stuff. She was not sure they thought of this. What happens when the weather starts raining and snowing. She had had three floods or four in the years she had lived there. She was unhappy with that. Her children were in their early teens. She literally took her children to be sure they got on the bus and across the street. There was so much traffic on those two-way roads, people were in too much of a hurry and were too frustrated because the line was too long. Her major concern was that those householders and people were building so quickly that they were forgetting other things and the people who were already living there and how this affected them and how it affected their children.

George Schneider, Oak Lodge Community Council, 2511 SE Evergreen, Milwaukie OR 97222 stated he knew you were all aware of experiments with animals in which they were not good neighbors when too many were crowded into one area; they fought each other over a variety of things trying to preserve their own little piece that they had. He wanted to speak on special service districts. We hear that the County, Metro and State did not like special service districts. We were good citizens here in Milwaukie. We voted for water treatment plants, we voted to improve our sanitary districts. We were concerned that talk about consolidating some of those special service districts. Clackamas Water District would raise our rates because they wanted to pay for all the new housing in that area. We don't want to consolidate with water districts in other areas.

Sha Spady, Friends of Newell Creek, 17855 Alden St, Oregon City OR 97045, I would like to discuss Map Area 30, Holly Lane, in Oregon City. Metro had done a very good job trying to preserve this area. My concern was that Holly Lane would become an island for Oregon City. Today, all the land at our ---(unintelligible)--- the city powers have constrictions like every other city so that they had to buy the land from private landowners. ---(Unintelligible)--- I believe there were a lot of issues involved in how areas were considered as an appropriate Urban Reserve area.

Sheila Nolan, PO Box 323, Vernonia OR 97064 stated the concern she had was Metro was using a line that would cut right through people's property. In her case, they had an eight-acre parcel in which a portion would be in Metro's study and the nice part of the lot, where normally a building site could exist, would be outside the study. There were other people along the same road in a similar situation. To her, this was the worst of both worlds.

Presiding Officer Kvistad explained that the lines of the boundaries were not lot line specific and this aspect would be determined later so a parcel would be all in or all out. Metro would try not to break up parcels.

Chris Beck, State Representative-Elect, 2083 NW Johnson #30, Portland OR 97209 stated he was concerned about the EFU lands that were being proposed. He would highly encourage Metro to stick closer to the Executive's recommendation. Metro needed to be very cautious in placing Urban Reserves. He thought there were other ways to go about creating protected lands out there. Placing areas within Urban Reserves jeopardized some of those discussions that were going on. He thought

Metro needed to be concerned about the financial implications of local governments and how they created problems in terms of eventually expanding some of the Urban Reserve Areas as outlined.

Mel Hanson, 14712 SW Woodland Way, Milwaukie OR 97267 stated he had lived in this area since 1954 and the same house since 1963. This last September, he was back in Washington DC and saw the row houses there and now Metro wanted to propose this kind of houses here. The ones he saw were about 20 feet wide, 60 feet deep, three stories high and none had back yards - and Metro wanted that for us. He was upset about this. Back in the late 1960s, all you people (Metro) wanted to do was run the Zoo. Now you are in the land business. Where does it stop? As far as he was concerned, just leave us alone.

Albert E. Cranston, Oak Grove Business owner, 12130 SW Riverview Lane, Wilsonville OR 97070 stated he had been a resident of Clackamas County for about 58 years. He started grade school in Oak Grove. He had to say that personally he was not greatly happy with the whole Metro idea. Clackamas County needed more jobs, not more residences. We need factories and other operations to employ people. Please consider the needs of Clackamas County and its residents. All of the infrastructure needs to be in place for more jobs in the manufacturing and industrial areas.

John Ayer, 14511 SE River Road, Oak Grove, OR 97267 wanted to talk about government structure tonight. We talked about the UGB tonight. Would Metro's government go with that? How would it affect the people behind the boundary also. We started out with 2010. Whatever happened to that? Now we were at the 2040 plan. By looking at this government structure, it seemed to be about control. This whole plan, the people did not realize, it was all about controlling the people and their property. If you people really wanted to tell people how they could acquire and build on land, why didn't they explain to them all this instead of it all being a big secret. He had the documentation that with an executive order, Metro could control every property and all lots. The federal government wanted to impose a \$0.50 per gallon gasoline tax next year. All those things should be brought up at public forums. Metro was talking about setting aside some property. Who would govern this property? This was what we should talk to the people about. No one wanted to talk about this.

Richard Thralls, 14215 SE Laurie Avenue, Oak Grove OR 97267 stated he lived close by Randle and agreed with pretty much everything he said regarding planning. There really did not seem to be anybody addressing where we were really going in the future with terms of growth and all they seemed to do was just keep planning for more and more growth. If all our economic stability depends on growth, then we were in the cycle of growth population-wise. He thought they needed to address the issue of jobs-growth-population cycle. On the environmental side of the issue, they must protect our streams and rivers. The Johnson Creek flooding was just one example of this. We were not dealing very well with what we had got on our hands right now. We were going to cram more people and concrete into the area. He did not see how that was realistically being addresses. Sewer systems were being maxed out and the water system was maxed out. He did not see where all that was being addressed. People seemed to have been forgotten and the citizens of this area had the feeling that Metro was really not on their side and working for us. He did not know how to overcome that. There was a tendency for people to put on economic stances. He thought that maybe we could include some more people who were just regular working folks on your committees.

Dave Jeske, 17840 S Dick Dr., Oregon City OR 97045 stated he lived near the Carver area. His main concern was, in general, the north Clackamas School District in that areas that impact that district. Particularly areas 14 and 15 and those along the 172nd corridor. His concern was that we seem to overrun our infrastructures right now. All this growth was happening along 172nd and up Oak Hills there. Some of this new area was being left out. The houses had been going up a lot faster than the roads were able to accommodate the automobiles. There were some new schools up there. His daughter would be going there soon. The schools was brand new and they were already pushing

40 kids into each classroom. He did not see any plans to build schools out there or improve the roads or anything like that. If we are looking at expanding the boundaries out there, he would hope that those matters were being considered.

Brenda Haunschild, Cranston Machinery 16217 SE McLouglin Blvd., Milwaukie, OR stated she did not know if this was the appropriate place but wanted to be able to say something about this. Mr. O'Toole touched upon it because they were split she was not going to reside in one particular area. So you were not forced to comply with this? Because there were two less people. They were forced to hire two more people, services providing, freedom in which the country was that we should be forced, herself as an employee that happened to have a family that she by car picked up the kids at daycare, she did not want to commute and did not think it was right or appropriate that she would be forced to. Her employers, as an employer, she did not think it was her place or position to force an employee to commute together. She already force them to work together 8 hours a day and did not think it was right butt into their off hours as far as commuting. If they would like to ride the bus, that was great. She also did not understand the time that she was going to be required to fill out, type up and figure out how she was supposed to reduce her employees travel time, she did not know how to do that. If they wanted to drive they should have every right to drive. She did not think it should be her responsibility. They were in the business of manufacturing machinery of the pulp and paper industry. They did not buy TriMet. She liked the pulp and paper industry. They specialized in the area that they were good at. Lastly she thought the responsibility and the decision for each and everybody's commuting options should be their own and if people wanted and if TriMet wanted to put out advertisements, and they had some cute ones running now, for people that wanted to ride the bus but it should be our responsibility not the employer's and it should not be a forced issue.

Presiding Officer Kvistad noted that that Metro did not run TriMet.

Wes Wanvig, 7705 SE Harmony Rd., Milwaukie, OR 97222 stated it was his understanding that Metro was pretty much in charge of TriMet.

Presiding Officer Kvistad said that Metro was responsible for working on TriMet to develop a plan and did the planning for their development and the federal funding for highway road projects as well as mass transit came through Metro and then went out to the local communities. That was the way the Federal Government was set up with flow dollars. But in terms of the actual operations of that and decisions those belonged to TriMet.

Mr. Wanvig stated that maybe his comments would be clear after the people voted no officials were already before the vote was even counted but they were going to ignore the people, they were going to ignore the people. A few years ago they voted to run that trolley along I-205 and it was completed by the officials, it was not a practical idea and went through everybody's front yard and through residential areas was highly offensive. Hopefully because you people had an immense amount of input on those subjects you brought up destroy residential communities was unacceptable.

Hannelore Mitchell, Oak Lodge Community Council, 2751 SE Cooke Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97267 a resident of Oak Grove had some questions and comments to make. They were talking about area 40. It reminded her of making the wedding bed for the young couple before they were born. She thought that was ridiculous and preposterous. They were 45 years away and for who do we plan? They were planning for people who we were invited to come. They were preparing houses buildings taking away green spaces, common spaces, and were saying to everybody please come in. They were talking about affordable housing we had to have affordable housing for the multitudes that were going to be here. Who was talking about affordable housing for us, the residents. Metro was making the plans and the community was asked to support the infrastructure with increased taxes. That was where you saw end result Measure 47 because we cannot very soon any more afford our houses, our homes because we

were being told the homes were investments, they were increasing every year in value, but what the heck does value mean to when I do not want to trade in my home but need to live in there. She wanted to point out the whole fault in thinking of bureaucrats like you. You do not pay attention to infrastructure costs, you were just inviting everybody to come to this state by making it easy to settle here. She thought Metro ought to get as fast as possible to Washington and ask the federal government for money for infrastructure. if it was that important to get that many people into this state and into the Portland area then go and take care of the money, and when you get it, but do not come down to us and levy taxes and taxes and taxes until we cannot afford our homes any more, so maybe when we can't afford our homes you'll have a few more affordable homes for the multitudes we are inviting. That was all she wanted to say. Thank you.

Pat Smith, 17200 S Holly Lane, Oregon City, OR 97045 stated he did not have a card but would fill one out after testifying. He spoke about 20. The line that there was that kind of followed down to River Road and then there was a large section between the Country Down Estates, this was country village here, mobile home scoff, these lots from Holly lane over there were rectangular as shown on the map 20. If you go as you alluded to that the lines that you have on 20 would not break up a lot. He asked if he was wrong in assuming they said that.

Presiding Officer Kvistad stated in terms of where we had drawn some of the lines in some areas what we were trying to do was take most of the lots along the lot lines. Eventually they would make the final decision but there may be some where there might be a split but they were going to try not to do that.

Mr. Smith stated there was a lot and there was a lot and here was a lot that goes over and he was particularly interested in these strip here that's a section of about 40' wide and 1000' long went back to his property back here and my neighbors. He stated that now he was being told that this since you are not going to break it up, it would go clear back to Country Village.

Councilor McLain pointed out was the fact the comments that the Presiding Officer was trying to make was the fact that this was a study area it was not a land use decision. Metro could not legally make it lot line specific. The Council was there to listen to the testimony if there were some reasons not to go back to your piece or if there was some differences between the front half of a part of this lot and the back half Metro needed to know that. Technically when Metro got to the next step which would be January or February they would be looking at lot line specific areas. Then they needed to know what the community knew about their local piece.

Presiding Officer Kvistad stated what they were trying to do was get areas in general so they could study areas with the maximum possible. If they had drawn around lots it would not have been legal for to do that. and so what Metro was trying to do was draw the lines and when staff brought forward these areas they tried to bring general areas so that Council knew what the characteristics were on the whole area. The next step basically would be a land use decision when we make a decision. At that point we have to get lot line specific so that we knew exactly what was in and out. What could be done was staff was here and they could get individual cards and your testimony and work with you on your concerns on that.

Mr. Smith replied he guessed his concern was that he did not see how this increase was committable with county regulations and with the existing boundaries and the lots.

Councilor McCaig remarked one of the hardest things about these forums was that the public did not get any opportunity to know who the Council was or what they thought because the purpose of this was to hear from the public. It was impossible for her to leave here tonight though without stating something in response to Mr. Smith's comments. She did this because she fundamentally believed

that if we don't do anything at all if we walk away from your community tonight and say we were not going to propose a change at all, that you were still going to see changes in your community that in her opinion was going to be very very negative. They were going to be worse than could be imagined. If we do nothing you're still going to see changes because next door to you was going to have changes. You were going to see increasing traffic you were going to see your water quality change, you were going to see your air quality change. You're going to see highway 26 as you head to the beach change. You're going to see up to Mt. Hood as you try to go hunting change. So from her perspective the reason they were doing this was because they cared about the community. Metro cared about this region and that a lot of the growth that they were talking about weren't people that were being recruited to come here, they were your children. They were your grandchildren and that because the population was changing there were more people having kids now. She asked the question of which one of your kids do you want to send away?

Presiding Officer Kvistad commented that could be a much longer discussion.

Councilor McCaig stated that it sadden her that there was so much suspicion about this government and the government in general. It was one of those things which ultimately was going to be our downfall if we could not build a relationship back with the people in the communities that they represented. She stated that although we disagree she supported planning. She understood that the community did not. She hoped that they could continue to have a conversation about this and you would respect Metro for trying because at the hear of all of this was respect an trust and she did not feel like you really felt very that you respected us very much tonight and our attempt at this was to bring these choice to you and get some feedback and we certainly heard from you tonight.

Hannelore Mitchell asked to further state something?

Councilor McCaig replied that she had her chance, this was mine.

Presiding Officer Kvistad commented to he would talk shortly to Mrs. Mitchell. He wanted to thank everyone for coming, and stated had the other members of the council been here we have a very wide range of views to both sides and in between. One of the reasons that the Council came out to you rather than have you come down and testify at a government agency was they wanted you to know that they were willing to come out here most of us, you know, once you get elected to public office, you become a politician. He did not know how that worked, but he owned a very small home in Tigard, no great shakes about 7000 square foot lot, no different that anybody here. When making these decisions they were not easy ones. And just as a quick story 4th generation Oregonian he was born in Beaverton 4500 people in the City of Beaverton when he was born there are now 70,000. If he did not look ahead and try to plan what they were going to end up with was a community that exploded like his neighborhood. He stated whatever his votes were going to be, he hoped that they were good ones and hoped to build a better community for all of us. He thanked everyone for participating and for those who helped put this together and for their hospitality.

Presiding Office Kvistad closed the Listening Post at 7:30 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

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*Addendum/Attachments

A copy of the originals of the following documents can be found filed with the Permanent Record of this meeting, in the Metro Council Office.

Document Number	Document Name	Document Date
111996-01	Bob Roth Watershed Coordinator Johnson Creek Council 525 Logus St Oregon City, OR 97045	11/19/96
111996-02	Charles and Seanne Rose 12055 SE 147th Ave Portland, OR 97236	11/19/96
111996-03	Viola Hansen-White 12045 SE 147th Portland, OR 97236	11/19/96
111996-04	Ed White 12045 SE 147th Portland, OR 97236	11/19/96