

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

September 14, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Charles Becker, Nathalie Darcy, Andy Duyck, Dave Fuller, John Hartsock, Jack Hoffman, Tom Hughes, Charlotte Lehan, Alice Norris, Martha Schrader, Ted Wheeler

Alternates Present: Judie Hammerstad, Laura Hudson, Norm King, John Leeper

Also Present: Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Ron Bunch, City of Gresham; Bob Clay, City of Portland; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Stacy Hopkins, DLCD; Jim Jacks, City of Tualatin; Stephan Lashbrook, City of Lake Oswego; Irene Marvich, League of Women Voters; Jim McCarthy, HBA Portland; Doug McClain, Clackamas County; Greg Miller, Associated General Contractors; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Paul Savas, OLU & OLSD; Jonathan Schlueter, Westside Economic Alliance; Andrea Vannelli, Washington County; David Zagel, TriMet;

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons –Robert Liberty, Council District 6 others: David Bragdon, Council President

Metro Staff Present: Kim Bardes, Dick Benner, Dan Cooper, Chris Deffebach, Paul Garrahan, Robin McArthur, Linnea Nelson

1. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS, ONE MINUTE LOCAL UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jack Hoffman, MPAC Chair, called the meeting to order 5:08 p.m.

Chair Hoffman asked those present to introduce themselves, to give a one-minute local update, and for any announcements.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Summary July 27, 2005 & August 10, 2005.

Deferred to next meeting

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Bragdon announced the upcoming Second Mayor's Symposium on Friday, September 16, 2005 and gave an overview of the meeting format. He reviewed the upcoming legislative calendar for the Metro Council. There had been a boundary commission hearing earlier in the day on the Happy Valley/Damascus case. He said that Metro had received the official remand for 2003 on industrial land and that basically the commission was asking for some additional acreage. Metro staff was looking at ways to satisfy that request and would give a more in-depth report later in the meeting. He said that there was a ruling last week on court of appeals case from the 2002 residential decision which found technical fault on two areas.

5. BALLOT MEASURE 37 FINAL TASK FORCE REPORT

Mayor Judie Hammerstad gave an overview of the report, which was included in the meeting packet and forms part of the record. She said that the committee was made up of very diverse people and that they had agreed not to discuss merits of Measure 37 but to address the resulting issues instead. She said that the committee process was difficult because issues surrounding Measure 37 were so unresolved or concrete. She said that the report provided findings and questions, but no answers as of yet. She reviewed and explained some of the recommendations made by the task force from the report.

John Leeper, Washington County, expressed concern over some of the recommendations from the task force as he said they could possibly be opening new avenues of concern and study. He said that Washington County had the most claims in the region and that 98% of them were in the forest or agricultural areas and not over the urban growth boundary.

Doug McClain said that the committee had been formed with a variety of perspectives and he agreed with Mayor Hammerstad that the task force seemed to find more questions but no answers as yet.

Andy Duyck asked if the committee had tracked building permits issued on properties as a result of claims.

Mayor Hammerstad said that they had not.

There was discussion about claims and building permits. It was noted that most claims in the region were not near (or pertaining to) the urban growth boundary (UGB) yet, however one of the biggest claims in Washington County was actually over the UGB.

Council President Bragdon thanked Mayor Hammerstad and the committee members for their work on Measure 37 and the report.

Robert Liberty reviewed a map on display in the front of the room, which showed all the Measure 37 claims submitted in the region thus far.

Chair Hoffman asked the members if they would like to discuss the recommendation in terms of MPAC involvement in claims/granting of waivers on borders?

Mayor Alice Norris said that she thought that the majority of cities did not have claims yet. She said that for now it was mostly an issue for the counties.

Mayor Hughes said that some of the claims in the cities were pretty outrageous, whereas the ones received by the counties seemed more along the lines of what the measure had been intended to do.

Chair Hoffman said that for Measure 37 there was the issue of transferability, which caused him concern. For one thing, long-term ground leases could present problems in that the owner of the Measure 37 waiver would lease on a 99-year lease to big box businesses and large commercial developers. He said that another concern was that they could anticipate that Oregonians in Action would have an initiative on the November 2006 ballot addressing transferability.

Stacey Hopkins, Department of Land Conservation and Development, said that DLCD has had at least one mortgage broker contact them regarding issues with the secondary mortgage selling market – a number of the larger national firms were uncertain about continuing to do work in the rural areas of Oregon.

Mayor Hughes said that one of most intriguing of the 11 measures already circulating for 2006 was the one with the proposed ballot title of “Government Get Your Hands Off My Property.”

Chair Hoffman said that MPAC might want to monitor Measure 37 claims between now and the end of the year and revisit it early next year.

Councilor Liberty said that if Measure 37 had said that taxpayers would have to pay for the claims, then the ballot probably would have failed.

6. GET CENTERED! GET SQUARED! FOLLOW-UP

Kelley Webb, Metro Planning Community Development Manager, gave a brief follow-up report on the Get Centered! Get Squared! event with guest speaker Fred Kent from the August 10, 2005 MPAC meeting. She distributed several handouts recapping the presentation and those are attached and form part of the record. Ms. Webb said that the MPAC subcommittee on Lively Centers had discussed things they could do to continue to keep the focus on centers. She recounted some of those ideas and informed the MPAC members that once they found a chair for the subcommittee they would move forward on formulating ideas.

Chair Hoffman asked the MPAC members if they thought the MPAC committee could do anything to help policies, funding, etc. and support place-making activities in regional and town centers, and main streets? He also said that MPAC would need to decide if it was important to continue the subcommittee.

Mayor Becker said that they should wait until after the Vancouver Get Centered event and give the members time to think of what else the committee could accomplish.

Ms. Webb continued to review the handouts and reported on what the committee had been working on and brainstorming for the future of the committee.

Chair Hoffman briefly reviewed a tentative proposal for MPAC’s agenda for the rest of the year.

7. TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR STUDIES

Bridget Weighart, Metro Planning Corridor and Freight Manager, gave a little history on the corridor planning and reviewed the material included in the meeting packet and a map displayed at the back of the room. The packet material is attached and forms part of the record.

Mayor Charlotte Lehan said that she hoped that staff was including south of the Boone Bridge when they were studying that corridor because that bridge was the only flow for traffic in that area going over the Willamette.

Ted Wheeler asked if laying out the planning to 2020 was a typical time frame or was there a way to expedite the projects?

Ms. Weighart said that construction had begun on some projects while others would be finished early. The projects would unfold and come to completion over a period of time with completion for all slated projects by 2020.

Mayor Becker said that there ought to be a resolve among the MPAC members and JPACT to work together to ensure that the corridors as they were studied addressed the local land use needs and plans.

Chair Hoffman said that Mayor Becker had sent him an email earlier in the day stressing the need to have more coordination between MPAC and JPACT. Chair Hoffman said that he thought that was a good idea and he suggested that next year a liaison be appointed to attend the JPACT meetings and report to MPAC and that maybe MPAC and JPACT could work together on coordination of land use and transportation.

Councilor Liberty said that they were talking about regional investment strategy in transportation. He said they were also going to have a discussion about the "new look" at future plans as they were making significant decisions on how to spend the money for the future. He said that this work would be very important.

Mayor Becker said that maybe there needed to be more city representation on JPACT.

Mayor Hughes said that membership on JPACT was no longer reflective of the region due to shifts in population in cities, and that the cities had little representation on JPACT. He suggested that it might be time for a reorganization of JPACT. He pointed out that there were several members on both committees.

Dave Fuller agreed with Mayor Hughes and he said that perhaps JPACT should be organized in a similar fashion to MPAC regarding representation. The goal would be to make sure that different jurisdictions got proper representation.

Councilor Liberty said that JPACT and the Metro Council together formed the MPO, which were governed by federal requirements. Any reorganization would have to take those requirements into consideration.

Ms. Weighart reviewed the status of the resolution and the timeline for it to reach Council.

Chair Hoffman said he would like to schedule a continued discussion on this issue at a future meeting.

8. UGB INDUSTRIAL LAND REMAND

Chris Deffebach, Metro Long Range Policy Planning Manager, gave a brief update on the LCDC remand. She informed the members that the Metro Chief Operating Officer would release his recommendation next week, and then it would go through MTAC and MPAC, property owners would have to be noticed, Metro would have open houses and workshops, then it would come back to MTAC and MPAC in October to get a recommendation for Council. It was scheduled for Council consideration in November.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 05-1077 FISH & WILDLIFE HABITAT

Ms. Deffebach recapped the revision of the model ordinance policy issues that MPAC had previously identified. The ordinance was now to the point where they would have a public hearing and Council was ready to review the ordinance and technical amendments. She briefly reviewed the amendments drafted by Metro Council members.

Ms. Deffebach said that Metro staff was proposing an appendix regarding map verification and map corrections. She reviewed the verification process. Metro would continue to make ongoing changes to the map, although they could not say how often they would need to make those changes.

10. MEASURE 37 CLAIMS PROCESS

Dick Benner, Metro Attorney, said that the Measure 37 claims process would probably be adopted by the Council on September 22, 2005. He briefly reviewed the process for the members.

There being no further business, Chair Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes
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ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>DOCUMENT DATE</u>	<u>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DOCUMENT NO.</u>
#6 Get Centered	8/17/05	Memorandum to MPAC members and interested parties from Jack Hoffman and David Bragdon	091405-MPAC-01
#6 Get Centered	September 2005	Flyer on Get Centered!	091405-MPAC-02