

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

January 11, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Chuck Becker, Rob Drake, Dave Fuller, John Hartsock, Jack Hoffman, Tom Hughes, Richard Kidd, Charlotte Lehan, Alice Norris, Wilda Parks, Tom Potter, Chris Smith, Larry Sowa

Committee Members Absent: Ken Allen, Richard Burke, Nathalie Darcy, Andy Duyck, Bernie Giusto, Diane Linn, Erik Sten, Steve Stuart, (Multnomah Co. Special Districts – vacant, Governing Body of School District –vacant)

Alternates Present: Larry Cooper, Laura Hudson, Lane Shetterly

Also Present: William Ashworth, Oregon Realty; Margaret Bax, City of Portland; Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Erik Blender, Prudential NW Properties; Violetta Blender, Citizen; Ron Bunch, City of Gresham; Carol Chesarek, Citizen; Bob Clay, City of Portland; Valerie Counts, City of Hillsboro; Danielle Cowan, City of Wilsonville; Shirley Craddick; Sara Culp, City of Portland; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Tom Cusack, HUD; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Meg Fernekees, DLCD; CJ Grimes, SEIU Local 49; Jon Holan, City of Forest Grove; Gil Kelley, City of Portland; Stephan Lashbrook, City of Lake Oswego; Jane Leo, Portland Metro. Assoc. of Realtors; LeeAnne MacColl, League of Women Voters; Doug McClain, Clackamas County; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Paul Savas, Special Districts, Clackamas County; Martha Schrader, Clackamas County; Sandi Young, City of Wilsonville; David Zagel, TriMet

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons – Carl Hosticka, Council District 3, Robert Liberty, Council District 6 others in audience: David Bragdon, Metro Council President; Rex Burkholder, Council District 5

Metro Staff Present: Kim Bardes, Dick Benner, Andy Cotugno, Marisa Cravens, Chris Deffebach, Michael Jordan, Robin McArthur, Lake McTighe, Amelia Porterfield, Ken Ray, Gerry Uba

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

Jack Hoffman, MPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Chair Hoffman asked those present to introduce themselves and to give updates or announcements as pertained to their jurisdiction.

Chair Hoffman asked Lane Shetterly of LCDC to give an update on Measure 37 and the Oregon Supreme Court proceedings.

Lane Shetterly summarized what transpired at the hearing. He said he could not guess what the court would do with it yet.

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, talked about the upcoming ballot measures and initiatives in relation to Measure 37.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Summary for December 14, 2005:

Motion:	Mayor Tom Hughes, City of Hillsboro, with a second from, Mayor Alice Norris, City of Oregon City, moved to adopt the consent agenda without revisions.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Carl Hosticka said that Metro Council was embarking on a new work program that would include the New Look, Housing Choice, and the Open Space bond measure. These issues would involve MPAC as they came along.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Hoffman reviewed the nominations for chair and 1st vice chair for MPAC for 2006.

Motion:	Mayor Chuck Becker, City of Gresham, with a second from, Mayor Tom Hughes, City of Hillsboro, moved to accept Mayor Richard Kidd, City of Forest Grove, as MPAC Chair, and Mayor David Fuller, City of Wood Village, as 1 st Vice Chair for 2006.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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Council President Bragdon presented Chair Hoffman with a certificate and thanked him for his service over the past year.

Chair Hoffman reviewed those items he felt would be vital to discuss at MPAC for the next two years and then turned the meeting over to Chair Kidd.

6. HOUSING CHOICE TASK FORCE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Richard Kidd asked Councilor Robert Liberty to introduce the members of the Housing Choice Task Force. Councilor Liberty gave an overview of the onus for the task force and then asked the four (4) task force representatives to introduce themselves.

Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton, introduced himself and Tom Cusack, HUD, and reviewed some of the materials included in the packet.

Mr. Cusak distributed a handout with a summary of the recommended housing supply report. He reviewed that handout for the members. That handout is attached and forms part of the record.

Mr. Bergsma reviewed more of the materials included in the packet.

Margaret Bax, City of Portland, reviewed the funding resource options material also included in the meeting packet.

Councilor Liberty reviewed the idea behind the pilot project and introduced Bill Ashworth, Oregon Realty. Mr. Ashworth reviewed the pilot program portion of the report, also included in the packet material.

Mayor Charlotte Lehan, City of Wilsonville, said that during the course of the task force work she learned that they were short of housing at every level. She talked about the difficulties of balancing jobs and housing in a community.

Gerry Uba, Principal Regional Planner, reviewed the next steps for the Housing Choice Task Force.

Eric Blender, Prudential NW Properties, said he represented a newly formed group – Real Estate Professionals Building Community – he said that they were an association of the local realtors who supported a real estate transfer fee for the state of Oregon. He gave the website address to the members: www.retf4oregon.com.

Chair Kidd said it would be good to have clarification and perhaps examples of outcomes where necessary in the report in order to help jurisdictions understand the financial portions of the report better. He also said that it would be beneficial for MPAC to see the county reports all provided in the same format. He asked if there was a target of percentages for the real estate transfer fee.

Ms. Bax reviewed that target as laid out in the report.

Lane Shetterly, LCDC, said that the house revenue committee could help with modeling on those figures as they have dealt with this issue every two years. He said that they would be able to produce models very quickly.

Councilor Liberty said that an excise tax for funding concept planning was being considered. The committee discussion was that with a modest pool of money they could begin to make a start on concept planning that could be shared across the region.

Mayor Tom Hughes asked about Metro's cap on spending and if monies collected would exceed that spending cap.

Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, said that as the proposal stood today, it would leave Metro 2-3 million under the cap.

7. NEW LOOK WORK PROGRAM

Chris Deffebach, Long Range Planning Manager, gave a summary of the comments from MTAC on the New Look Work Program.

Council President Bragdon reviewed the objectives and the tentative agenda for the mayors' forum to be held on February 3, 2006 from 11-4.

Jack Hoffman, City of Lake Oswego, said that the upcoming mayors' forum would be directed more by the mayors this round. He said that they would be revisiting those four questions introduced at previous mayors' forums. He said that there would be a series of forums in '06 and '07.

Robin McArthur, Long Ranger Planning Director, said that she wanted to share an idea to establish a peer review panel to take a look at the economic and demographic forecast. This would help Metro to determine if they were on the right track, or if there were trends that they needed to deal with. She said the group would look at the aging population demographics, agriculture issues, and other possible trends.

Mr. Jordan said that they would be pulling together a review group to look at the structure, methodologies, and form of forecasting. This group would look at the basic underlying assumptions that may have been made in the past.

8. MPAC/JPACT JOINT MEETING ISSUES DISCUSSION

Councilor Rex Burkholder reviewed the issues that JPACT was currently working on. He addressed those issues that might have importance at MPAC and vice versa. He said it would be useful to have input from MPAC on some issues, and that MPAC might find it useful to have input from JPACT. He reviewed some of the items listed on the 2006 JPACT Work Plan Topics for the members, and that handout is attached and forms part of the record. He said the members should look at the work plan and see if they wanted to meet with JPACT to discuss some of the issues. He said that he would be taking the MPAC agenda to JPACT and asking them if there were any issues that they would like to discuss, and if they were also interested in having a joint meeting.

Chair Kidd said that he would be going to the JPACT meeting on January 19th to present the draft schedule for MPAC.

There being no further business, Chair Kidd adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR JANUARY 11, 2006

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

DOCUMENT			
AGENDA ITEM	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
#6 Housing Choices	January 2006	Report to MPAC: Recommended Housing Supply Report Simplification	011106-MPAC-01
#8 MPAC/JPACT	January 2006	2006 JPACT Work Plan Topics	011106-MPAC-02
#8 MPAC/JPACT	January 11, 2006	MPAC Tentative 2006 Agenda Items	011106-MPAC-03