

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2006
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Robert Liberty, Rod Park, Brian Newman

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused), Rex Burkholder (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY/METRO CAPSTONE PROJECT

Becky Shoemaker, Metro Record Officer, introduced Lynn Weigand, instructor for the project. Lynn Weigand, Portland State University professor, said she was here to report back to Council about the partnership between Metro and Portland State University. She introduced Kelly Griffith, Julie Rogers, and Elizabeth Adams, participants in the Capstone Project. She spoke to the goals of the capstone project. These goals shaped the community project. Capstone projects were to apply theory through practicum. She provided a history of the development of the Metro capstone project. They focused on public education in their project with Metro: Educating the Community about Metro's Roles and Responsibility. The students focused on green spaces, transportation and land use. She noted the final student projects (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). She spoke to what the students learned during the term. Julie Rogers, who worked on the transportation team, provided information about the Travel Options Project. She talked about what they learned in the process of doing the project including the diverse points of view on the team. Elizabeth Adams, talked about their capstone project, which focused on the Centers program. She noted what they learned as well as what skills they gained in doing the project. She made suggestions about future capstone projects. Kelly Griffith said she was not a Portland native and so learned a lot about Metro and how far reaching Metro was. She talked about challenges of the project. She said they designed a tool, which focused on children. They designed a curriculum for fifth grade students and implemented the program. Professor Weigand summarized what the students had learned and said they looked forward to working with Metro in the future. Councilor Liberty said he would be interesting in seeing students' perceptions of 2040. Ms. Griffith responded to his comment and made some suggestions about future ideas and projects. Councilor McLain thanked Metro staff particularly Becky Shoemaker. Councilor McLain said they looked forward to continuing this partnership.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of minutes of the April 27, 2006 Regular Council Meetings.

- 4.2 **Resolution No. 06-3681**, For the Purpose of Certifying to the Federal Transit Administration the Authority of Metro's Chief Operating Officer.
- 4.3 **Resolution No. 06-3694**, For the Purpose of Amending the 2006-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to Add New Projects Receiving Funding From the 2005 Federal Transportation Authorization Act and From an Award of the State Transportation Enhancements Discretionary Fund.

Motion: Councilor Newman moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the April 27, 2006 Regular Metro Council and Resolution Nos. 06-3681 and 06-3694.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

5. RESOLUTIONS

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 06-3687**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Enter Into Options to Purchase Property Under the 1995 Open Spaces Bond Measure and Proposed 2006 Natural Area Bond Measure in Accord With the Open Spaces Implementation Work Plan and Providing Funding.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3687
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor McLain explained the reason for the resolution. The Metro Council had approved funds to enter into agreements for acquisition purchases. She urged adoption.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

- 5.2 **Resolution No. 06-3691**, For the Purpose of Approving Information Materials For the 2006 Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Bond Measure.

Motion:	Councilor McLain moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3691.
Seconded:	Councilor Newman seconded the motion

Councilor McLain talked about the information, which would be provide to the public about the 2006 Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Bond Measure. She noted the map and the variety of greenspaces on that map. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, summarized the materials in the packet. Councilor McLain said the packet had factual information about the Bond Measure. She urged adoption.

Vote: Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.

5.3 **Resolution No. 06-3697**, For the Purpose of Approving First Round Funding For the Nature in Neighborhood (NIN) Grants.

Motion:	Councilor Park moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-3697.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion

Councilor Park thanked the Council for appropriating money for a NIN grant program. He spoke to the goals of the program. They were hoping that the incidents of illegal dumping would be reduced. He provided a background on the NIN program and the goals of the program. He then detailed the grant program, its goals and the funding for the program. He noted that there were 83 pre-application received in January and 44 that were actually received for consideration. He said the remaining funds would be dispersed next year. He said these funds leveraged 3.1 million dollars. Starting this fall there would be another opportunity to apply for grants. He talked about the contributions from solid waste. He shared Ray Phelps comments. Mr. Phelps was pleased to be part of this program. Bruce Barbarasch, Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreations District, thanked the Council and Metro for this program. The natural areas played a very important role in the community and the region. The grant program was going to help learning, restoration and clean up. He spoke to the partnerships that would be part of this coordinated and collaborative effort. He suggested Council come out and see what was happening on the ground.

Councilor Park asked Council President Bragdon to announce the regional projects. Council President Bragdon detailed five projects. Councilors shared what other projects had been awarded money this year (a copy of the awardees are included in Exhibit A, attached to the record). Councilor McLain talked about the variety of projects that had been awarded. Councilor Liberty acknowledged Councilors Park and Hosticka for their efforts on this program. He announced additional projects that had been funded.

Councilor Newman said he would be supporting this resolution. He thanked Councilor Park for his work with the solid waste industry to support this program. He said this was a wonderful stewardship opportunity. Councilor McLain thanked the staff for their work in reviewing the grants. She supported this program because it provided opportunity for small groups and large groups on a variety of projects. She then talked about those applicants who did not get money. They would be given suggestions to help refine their grant application for the next go around. She also asked for suggestions from those who had applied for how the program can be improved. Councilor Liberty said it was great to have some good news, the community response to the challenge. He felt the program was building neighborhoods. Council President Bragdon thanked Councilor Park for his ingenuity. This was a good investment for the region. Councilor Park thanked his fellow councilors. He also thanked staff for their efforts, particularly Janelle Geddes and Stacey Triplett. He thanked the readers for their hours of work. He thanked Kate Marx, Metro Public Affairs Director, for formulate and shaping the ideas. Finally, he suggested the awardees needed to thank themselves for their efforts. He acknowledged the solid waste industry. He urged an aye vote.

Vote:

Councilors McLain, Liberty, Park, Newman, and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 aye, the motion passed.
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A group picture with Council was taken.

Michael Jordan, COO, said he was participating in the Oregon Solutions group. They were dealing with the Oregon City Locks.

7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Park said they had a great event at the Crossing in Gresham. He provided some detail of the project. He suggested an update on the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program.

Councilor Newman said he would be in Oregon City this evening to review enhancement grants. He would be bringing a report back to the Council.

Councilor McLain had been at the groundbreaking for a new TOD project at Orenco Station. She was looking forward to seeing the results. She said the Forest Grove Enhancement Program was also reviewing grants.

Councilor Liberty talked about the construction excise tax, Mayor Kidd's experience in Chicago and the presentation on 2040 at Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC). He said he had attended the Endangered Species Act (ESA) event at the Zoo. He also suggested an update on the TOD program.

Councilor Newman talked about the Centers brown bag luncheon today in the chamber and what he learned.

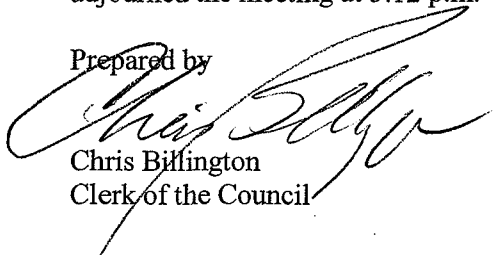
Councilor Park said he chaired the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) meeting this morning and summarized what had happened at the meeting.

Council President Bragdon shared what he had learned at the conference in Chicago.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 11, 2006

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.1	Minutes	4/27/06	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2006	051106-01
4.3	Resolution	5/11/06	Resolution No. 06-3694 , For the Purpose of Amending the 2006-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to Add New Projects Receiving Funding From the 2005 Federal Transportation Authorization Act and From an Award of the State Transportation Enhancements Discretionary Fund.	051106c-02
5.3	Exhibit A	5/11/06	Exhibit A to Resolution No. 06-3697	051106c-03
3.0	Final Group Project	Winter 2006	To: Metro Council From: Lynn Weigand, PSU Professor Re: Center on Students	051106c-04
3.0	Metro Project Senior Capstone	Winter 2006	To: Metro Council From: Lynn Weigand Re: Natural Areas Acquisition Project Proposal	051106c-05
3.0	Metro Project Senior Capstone	Winter 2006	To: Metro Council From: Lynn Weigand Re: Metro's Travel Options	051106c-06