

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

August 9, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Larry Cooper, Rob Drake, Andy Duyck, Dave Fuller, Jack Hoffman, Richard Kidd, Charlotte Lehan, Wilda Parks, Chris Smith, Erik Sten

Committee Members Absent: Ken Allen, Richard Burke, Nathalie Darcy, Bernie Giusto, Tom Hughes, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Diane Linn, Alice Norris, Tom Potter, Katherine Ruthruff, Steve Stuart, (Multnomah Co. Special Districts – vacant, Governing Body of School District –vacant)

Alternates Present: Shirley Craddick, Paul Savas

Also Present: Chuck Beasley, Multnomah County; Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Ron Bunch, City of Gresham; Al Burns, City of Portland; Carol Chesarek, Citizen; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Jon Holan, City of Forest Grove; Steve Kelley, Washington County; Martha Psuelrwc; City of Portland; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Marc San Soucie, Beaverton resident; Amy Scheckla-Cox, City of Cornelius; Andy Smith, Multnomah County; David Zagel, TriMet Planner

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

Metro Staff Present: Kim Bardes, Dan Cooper, Andy Cotugno, Chris Deffebach, Robin McArthur, Tim O'Brien

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

Chair Richard Kidd, called the meeting to order at 5:09.m. Chair Kidd asked those present to introduce themselves. The Japanese delegation was introduced.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Deferred to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Council President David Bragdon discussed an upcoming “Get Centered!” trip to Vancouver, British Columbia. He distributed an invitation letter outlining the details of the trip. That letter is attached and forms part of the record.

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, said that they would be meeting with Gordan Price, City of Vancouver BC. Mr. Cotugno said that Mr. Price would be a tour guide for the group and a wonderful resource.

5. JPACT UPDATE

Mr. Cotugno distributed and reviewed the agenda for the JPACT meeting scheduled for the next morning. That agenda is attached and forms part of the record.

Chair Kidd announced a possible Mayor's Forum/MPAC meeting in place of the October 25th MPAC meeting. He said that JPACT members would be invited to attend. The meeting would focus on '07 legislation and the regional transportation plan (RTP). It would be held at the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) and dinner or hors d'oeuvres would be served.

6. NEW LOOK

Robin McArthur, Regional Planning Director, gave a brief overview of the New Look program and why it would be beneficial to have a joint meeting of the Mayors' and MPAC groups. She distributed a spreadsheet, which is attached and forms part of the record.

6.1 Forum Summary

Ms. McArthur reviewed the New Look Regional Forum handout, which was at the back of the room. That handout is attached and forms part of the record.

6.2 Work Program Update

Chris Deffebach, Long Range Planning Manager, reviewed System Development Charges (SDCs) and issues pertaining to those tools. She reviewed the overall work program outlined in the large spreadsheet already handed out by Ms. McArthur.

Councilor Jack Hoffman, City of Lake Oswego, reviewed the three issues that he thought would be most focused on with the New Look process: 1) investing in communities, 2) shape of the region, and 3) the regional transportation plan.

Ms. Deffebach agreed.

Mr. Hoffman wanted to know when infill would come back into that process.

Ms. Deffebach said that it would definitely come back, she just wasn't sure exactly when. She said that different topics would come back as they were ready to be discussed.

Mr. Hoffman said he felt that they needed a wider audience and suggested that as many mayors as possible should be present for these discussions. His concern was that there would be a gap in the discussion and things would be missed and folks would say they were not informed.

Ms. McArthur said that hopefully the Mayors'/Chairs' forum would include all the mayors and cover the important issues, therefore reaching that wider audience.

Chair Kidd said that there were 26 jurisdictions and 3 counties, and he agreed that they needed to find the tool that would get those mayors to buy into this work. He said that the goal was to end up with an ordinance that would be most beneficial to the region at the end of this process.

Councilor Shirley Craddick, City of Gresham, said that there were other policies that should be addressed, such as SDCs and how they should be used, infrastructure and related costs, and development costs.

Council President David Bragdon said that this effort was currently in the research phase. He said that the Metro Council had asked staff to find ways to engage jurisdictions. He said that the "Get Centered" project had previously been broader, but they were now getting more specific and moving toward the next level of detail.

Chair Kidd said that all the mayors needed to be on board now and that Metro could not wait as they needed to bring key players along in the process as it developed. He said he didn't know how to do that, but keeping everyone informed and on the same page was important.

Mayor Rob Drake, City of Beaverton, agreed that the process was currently in the exploratory stage and that different people would see different things differently. He said that looking out at the audience, he thought that almost every city was represented today, either with a mayor at the table or with staff in the audience.

Mr. Hoffman said he thought the process had a rather tight time frame. He estimated that there was only about 15 months to complete the effort. He said he was concerned about civic engagement. He said he didn't think it was too early for MPAC or Metro staff to start a draft for an ordinance.

6.3 Shape of the Region

6.3a & b Characteristics of Great Communities and Test Areas for Characteristics

Tim O'Brien, Senior Regional Planner, said that the New Look was a cooperative effort to anticipate and absorb population growth over the next 25 years. He said there were three components that the New Look would take in order to shape the region: 1) agricultural land inventory and assessment, 2) natural and cultural landscapes, and 3) great communities. Mr. O'Brien's notes are included in the record for reference. He reviewed the Great Communities material included in the meeting packet.

Brent Curtis, Washington County, described the process that Washington County underwent in order to decide which area should be part of the study. He said that they chose the Forest Grove/Cornelius area. He distributed a map for the members, which is attached and forms part of the record.

There was discussion about the process of modeling that these sites would undergo and concerns were expressed. Chair Kidd said that the purpose of the modeling was to help find some answers about growth, not to select future expansion sites or any other agenda.

Chuck Beasley, Multnomah County, also described the process that Multnomah County underwent in order to select their study area. He said that their process was different from that of Washington County. Multnomah County chose the northwest hills area to undergo the modeling.

Councilor Liberty asked if the test cases would include costs.

Mr. O'Brien said yes.

Councilor Liberty said that there was a lot of discussion about the process, the time involvement and the lengthy public meetings. He said a good outcome and positive results were more important to him than how they got there. He said that if they could make it real and back it up, then the process, even as it stands now, was worthwhile.

There was discussion about density, corridors, and political will.

Mr. O'Brien said that Clackamas County selected the Stafford Triangle area for the modeling exercise.

There being no further business, Chair Kidd adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR AUGUST 9, 2006

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

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
#5 JPACT	7/31/06	Letter of invite, distributed to MPAC members, re: Metro's Get Centered! Vancouver, BC Tour September 14-16	080906-MPAC-01
#5 JPACT	8/9/06	JPACT Agenda for August 10, 2006	080906-MPAC-02
#6 New Look	August 2006	A New Look at Regional Choices, Updating the Metro region's long-range plan - spreadsheet	080906-MPAC-03
#6 New Look	August 2006	New Look at Regional Choices, June 23, 2006 Regional Forum Summary	080906-MPAC-04
#6 New Look	August 2006	Notes from Tim O'Brien, Senior Regional Planner, regarding "Shape of the Region"	080906-MPAC-05
#6 New Look	August 2006	Washington County Ag/Urban Study map	080906-MPAC-06
#6 New Look	8/9/06	Draft Memorandum to Ag/Urban Coordinating Committee, MPAC, MTAC, Interested Parties, from Ag/Urban Project Management Team, Cogan Owens Cogan re: Great Communities test areas	080906-MPAC-07