

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

September 13, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Nathalie Darcy, Dave Fuller, John Hartsock, Jack Hoffman, Tom Hughes, Richard Kidd, Charlotte Lehan, Alice Norris, Wilda Parks, Chris Smith, Larry Smith, Erik Sten

Committee Members Absent: Ken Allen, Richard Burke, Larry Cooper, Rob Drake, Bernie Giusto, Diane Linn, Tom Potter, Steve Stuart, (Governing Body of School District –vacant)

Alternates Present: Shirley Craddick, John Leeper, Martha Schrader, Lane Shetterly

Also Present: Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Al Burns, City of Portland; Carol Chesarek, Citizen; Bob Clay, City of Portland; Danielle Cowan, City of Wilsonville; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Cathy Daw, City of Happy Valley; Betty Dominguez, Oregon Housing & Comm. Services; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Denny Egner, City of Lake Oswego; Jon Holan, City of Forest Grove; Hirofumi Hori, University of Tokyo; Laura Hudson, City of Vancouver; Kensuke Katayama, University of Tokyo; Gil Kelley, City of Portland; Leeanne MacCall, League of Women Voters; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Paul Savas, Clackamas County Special Districts; Karen Shilling, Multnomah County; Mike Swanson, City of Milwaukie; Andy Smith, Multnomah County; Janet Young, City of Gresham; David Zagel, TriMet Planner

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons –Robert Liberty, Council District 6 others in audience: Brian Newman, District 2; Rod Park, District 1

Metro Staff Present: Kim Bardes, Miranda Bateschell, Dick Benner, Dan Cooper, Andy Cotugno, Chris Deffebach, Amelia Porterfield, Ken Ray, Reed Wagner

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

Chair Richard Kidd, called the meeting to order at 5:04.m. Chair Kidd asked those present to introduce themselves.

Mayor Charlotte Lehan, City of Wilsonville, said that she was concerned about the agenda and the lack of decisions that MPAC was requested to make. She said that except for the consent agenda, there had been no decisions for nearly a year. She said she thought that part of the reason MPAC was not attaining a quorum was that most of the things on the agenda were informational and never seemed to lead to a decision. She said that MPAC was an advisory committee that was not being asked for advice. She suggested that Metro could include in the agenda questions that would elicit MPAC's opinion and advice. She said that there should be a path leading towards a decision or recommendation. She said that attendance would then be higher. She said that it appeared as though MPAC was drifting away from being an advisory group towards turning into a discussion group.

Wilda Parks, Multnomah County Citizen Representative, distributed a flyer on "Leadership in Salem...Governatorial Candidates Speak Out," which is attached and forms part of the record.

Jack Hoffman, City of Lake Oswego, agreed with and emphasized what Mayor Lehan had said.

Chair Kidd explained that there had been a lot of information items brought to MPAC over the course of the current year, but that information would be important and lead to a series of decisions later this year,

or early next year. In the past it seemed that information was shared one month and a decision requested the next month. This year, however, there were many discussion items way ahead of the decision process, but there would be decisions tied to those issues and the informational base was very important to that process.

Andy Cotugno introduced two gentlemen from the University of Tokyo and explained their interest in Metro and MPAC.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Summaries for June 14, June 28, July 26, and August 9, 2006:

Motion:	Mayor Alice Norris, City of Oregon City, with a second from John Hartsock, Clackamas Co. Special Districts, moved to adopt the consent agendas without revision.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Robert Liberty said that since the Metro Council had recently come off of recess, there wasn't a lot to report. He mentioned that the Natural Areas and Streams bond measure now had a number: Measure 26-80. He also emphasized the importance of the Regional Transportation Plan and asked for the members to give this topic, which was on the agenda for later in the evening, their full attention.

5. CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX UPDATE

Councilor Brian Newman gave an update on how the Construction Excise Tax (CET) process had proceeded regarding meetings and the process of collection. He said that the process was about one month ahead of schedule. He said that as a result of being one month ahead, the request for funds period had also been moved up by one month. The guidelines had been distributed and he thanked the Metro staff and the jurisdictions for all their help and participation. There was some discussion about how the process would proceed.

6. JPACT UPDATE

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, said that they were deep into the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process and he said that there would be more discussion on this later in the agenda for this evening. He discussed staff ranking of projects for the MTIP process. He said that public meetings were set for October and November.

7. ORDINANCE 06-1124 PROPOSED TITLE 4 MAP CHANGES (Industrial and Other Employment Areas)

Dick Benner, Attorney for Metro, reviewed the purpose of the ordinance and then reviewed the materials included in the packet. He also reviewed the process for map changes. There was some discussion about cumulative impact on changes/acres of land. There was some discussion about specific sections of the ordinance.

8. NEW LOOK

8.1 Investing in our Communities (Vertical Housing Program Discussion)

Councilor Liberty gave an introduction to this topic and the three panelists who would be presenting.

Betty Dominguez, Regional Field Representative, Oregon Housing & Community Services, discussed the Vertical Housing Program for the region and the state, and the value and uses of the tool for communities.

Janet Young, Economic Development Manager, City of Gresham, distributed an overview and map for the City of Gresham Community & Economic Development pertaining to their Vertical Housing Program. She discussed the key factors of that handout, which is attached and forms part of the record.

Mike Swanson, City Manager, City of Milwaukie, distributed a packet on Investing in our Communities, Vertical Housing Program Discussion, which is attached and forms part of the record. He reviewed the main items included in that packet.

8.2 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (Outcomes Framework Discussion)

Held over to the next meeting per the request of Mr. Cotugno.

9. MTIP REVIEW

Held over to the next meeting per the request of Mr. Cotugno.

There being no further business, Chair Kidd adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

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

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
Misc.	September 2006	Leadership in Salem...Gubernatorial Candidates Speak Out! flyer	091306-MPAC-01
#8 New Look	9/13/06	City of Gresham: Community & Economic Development – Vertical Housing Development Zone & Map	091306-MPAC-02
#8	September 2006	City of Milwaukie: Investing in our Communities – Vertical Housing Program Discussion – packet (maps, pictures, information	06-MPAC-03