

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

November 8, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Chuck Becker, Nathalie Darcy, Dave Fuller, John Hartsock, Richard Kidd, Alice Norris, Wilda Parks, Chris Smith, Erik Sten

Committee Members Absent: Ken Allen, Richard Burke, Larry Cooper, Rob Drake, Andy Duyck, Bernie Giusto, Jack Hoffman, Tom Hughes, Charlotte Lehan, Diane Linn, Tom Potter, Larry Smith, Steve Stuart, (Governing Body of School District –vacant; Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City –vacant)

Alternates Present: Lane Shetterly

Also Present: Bob Austin, City of Estacada; Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Carol Chesarek, Citizen; Bob Clay, City of Portland; Gary Cook, Clackamas County Development Agency; Valerie Counts, City of Hillsboro; Danielle Cowan, City of Wilsonville; Shirley Craddick, City of Gresham; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Mike Duyck, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue; Jonathan Harker, City of Gresham; Carolyn Jones, Glenmorrie Neighborhood Assn.; Gil Kelley, City of Portland; Christine Kidd, Forest Grove; Irene Marvich, League of Women Voters; Leanne MacColl, League of Women Voters; Doug McClain, Clackamas County; Greg Miller, AGC; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Paul Savas, Clackamas County Special Districts; Jonathan Schlueter, Westside Economic Alliance; Karen Shilling, Multnomah County

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons – Carl Hosticka, Council District 3; Susan McLain, Council District 4; Robert Liberty, Council District 6

Metro Staff Present: Kim Bardes, Miranda Bateschell, Chris Deffebach, Robin McArthur, Randy Tucker, Gerry Uba, Rob Wolcheski

1. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

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

2. REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE & CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX UPDATES

This agenda item was combined with the Council Update as Brian Newman could not make the meeting.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Carl Hosticka mentioned that the Metro bond measure had passed in all three counties. He briefly outlined the process that Metro would follow now that the bond measure had passed.

Dan Cooper discussed some of the acquisition process.

Chair Kidd asked if Metro knew what properties it would purchase.

Councilor Hosticka said that there were target areas for study/review but that they did not yet know which properties would be purchased. He said that a new Metro councilor, Kathryn Harrington, had been elected and she would take office in January. He gave an update on the Regional Roundtable event. He said that there would be a more in-depth debriefing on this at the next MPAC meeting on November 15, 2006. He said that Metro was trying to pursue a metropolitan agenda, and that MPAC would be heavily involved and a vehicle in creating and instituting this legislative agenda. He said that the Ag/Urban group had been meeting and that there would be more information on that at a later meeting. He said that a key question for that discussion was what were possible and reasonable expectations for growth over the years.

6. JPACT UPDATE

Robin McArthur, Regional Planning Director, reviewed the agenda for the JPACT meeting scheduled for the next morning.

Councilor Liberty said that most people were predicting that the transportation trust fund would be out of money in 2008. He said that there were new folks in legislature so it might make a difference.

8. HOUSING AMENDMENTS TO FRAMEWORK PLAN & FUNCTIONAL PLAN

Councilor Liberty introduced the housing amendment and the work and reasoning behind its development and outcome. He quickly took the members through the meeting packet material and then introduced Gerry Uba, Principal Regional Planner, and Robert Wolcheski, Housing Development Specialist.

Mr. Uba said that staff would like MPAC to make a decision on this at the December 13, 2006 meeting.

Chair Kidd explained the timeline and asked members to take this information back to their councils for discussion so that the MPAC members would be prepared to make a decision on the night of December 13th.

Erik Sten, City of Portland, said that he feared they were sweeping under the table an important issue, which was to see whether or not jurisdictions were adopting known tools within their ability to make affordable housing happen. He said he thought that discussion had passed them by and now they needed to determine whether Metro should try to mandate things. The committee made the consensus recommendation that there shouldn't be any mandates as long as jurisdictions were making progress. That was the point of checking. He said that the material before them now made it seem like it was giving up on the goal of actually getting the tools adopted.

Councilor Liberty said that was a good point. He said there had been a discussion at MPAC on whether this was a tool that could be used and whether Metro and MPAC were committed to the issue. The answer had been yes. He referred to the clean copy of Exhibit B (provided in the packet material) to partially answer Councilor Sten's question. He said that the need had been identified for staff and money and Metro would propose a way to have staff and then would work on getting money.

Councilor Sten said that infrastructure and affordable housing money could possibly come from the same package.

Nathalie Darcy said there wasn't an elected champion for gaining funds – she wondered how those officials could be included in the process.

Chair Kidd said that the non-profits would partner well with jurisdictions and Metro in order to make progress.

Mr. Wolcheski introduced himself to the members and gave a summary of his background. He distributed a handout titled “Draft Scope of Housing Choice Technical Assistance Services,” and then reviewed the handout. That handout is attached and forms part of the record.

7. URBAN RENEWAL/TIF

Miranda Bateschell, Assistant Regional Planner, reviewed some comments from the panel presenters who spoke on investing in our communities at the October 11, 2006 meeting. She then gave a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of that presentation is attached and forms part of the record.

There was discussion about using capacity for urban renewal and TIF, and if the region would benefit from separating the use of urban renewal and TIF.

Bob Austin, City of Estacada, said that they were trying to look at long-term benefits over short-term losses by utilizing urban renewal in primarily the town center area.

There was discussion about the long-term benefits of urban renewal versus the initial outlay of money and effort.

There being no further business, Interim Chair Fuller adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2006

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

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
#6 JPACT	11/8/06	JPACT agenda for November 9, 2006	110806-MPAC-01
#8 Housing	11/8/06	Draft Scope of Housing Choice Technical Assistance Services handout	110806-MPAC-02
#7 Urban Renewal/TIF	11/8/06	PowerPoint presentation: Urban Renewal and Tax Increment Financing – copies of those slides attached.	110806-MPAC-03