

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

November 15, 2006 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

**Committee Members Present:** Charles Becker, Nathalie Darcy, Rob Drake, John Hartsock, Tom Hughes, Richard Kidd, Chris Smith

**Committee Members Absent:** Ken Allen, Richard Burke, Larry Cooper, Andy Duyck, Dave Fuller, Bernie Giusto, Jack Hoffman, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Charlotte Lehan, Diane Linn, Alice Norris, Wilda Parks, Tom Potter, Erik Sten, Steve Stuart, Larry Sowa, Larry Smith, (Governing Body of School District –vacant)

**Alternates Present:** none

**Also Present:** Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Scott Bricker, Bicycle Transportation Alliance; Ron Bunch, City of Tigard; Al Burns, City of Portland; Carol Chesarek, Citizen; Bob Clay, City of Portland; Gary Cook, Clark County Development Agency; Valerie Counts, City of Hillsboro; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; John Gessner, City of Fairview; Lincoln Herman, Stoel Rives; Jack Isselmann, City of Hillsboro; Irene Marvich, League of Women Voters; Leanne MacColl, League of Women Voters; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Karen Schilling, Multnomah County

**Metro Elected Officials Present:** Liaisons –Robert Liberty, Council District 6; Carl Hosticka, Council District 3 others in audience: Brian Newman, District 2;

**Metro Staff Present:** Dick Benner, Dan Cooper, Chris Deffebach, Robin McArthur, Amelia Porterfield, Ken Ray, Randy Tucker, Reed Wagner

**1. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Richard Kidd, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Chair Kidd asked those present to introduce themselves.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There was none.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Meeting Summaries for October 11 and November 8, 2006:

There was no quorum, so this item was deferred to a future meeting.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR NOMINATIONS OF 2007 OFFICERS**

Chair Kidd said the committee would most likely consist of himself, Jack Hoffman and Dave Fuller. He said the committee usually consisted of the past chair, the current chair and the future chair.

## **5. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Carl Hosticka said Metro would be meeting tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. with a panel of economic advisors to talk about urban growth. The meeting would cover the methods Metro used to forecast growth.

Councilor Robert Liberty recapped items discussed at the most recent Council work session such as growth, infrastructure and land use in the Metro region.

Councilor Brian Newman updated members on the construction excise tax. All eligible jurisdictions have submitted their requests, however the amounts of those requests (\$8.9 million) came in higher than previously estimated (\$6.3 million). Metro staff would be working to scale back the requests to only \$6.3 million.

Chair Kidd was concerned that jurisdictions whose costs had risen might be the first to the trough, possibly taking away money from jurisdictions that had estimated their costs correctly the first time. Councilor Newman and Reed Wagner, Policy Advisor, assured Mayor Kidd that emphasis would be given to the initial estimate.

## **6. 2007 LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY DISCUSSION**

Councilor Hosticka asked the MPAC members to reaffirm that they would like to have a comprehensive regional legislative agenda.

Randy Tucker, Legislative Affairs Manager, passed around a legislative roster, highlighting the names of legislators from the Metro region. A copy of this document is attached and is included as part of the official record. He said that lobbyists from the region would like to see themselves represent the entire region, not just individual jurisdictions. He said the regional platform should support the region 2040 plan and should include goals that could be achieved in the upcoming legislative session.

Councilor Newman introduced the New Look at Regional Choices: Integrated Policy Framework handout. A copy of this document is attached and is part of the official record. Councilor Newman and Councilor Liberty explained the document.

Mayor Rob Drake and Mayor Tom Hughes were concerned about the short-term future supply of industrial land. They said there might be a shortage of shovel ready sites for industrial and employment development. They said this was causing the Metro region to lose business to other parts of the country. Mayor Hughes said that a performance based urban growth boundary (UGB) expansion strategy with urban reserves would help the situation. He asked if Metro planned on switching to a seven-year cycle for UGB expansion.

Councilor Newman and Councilor Liberty said Metro was tired of bringing more land into the UGB for industrial use, only to have local governments rezone the land for other uses.

Councilor Liberty said that at previous meetings, other issues were also identified as possible issues for a regional legislative agenda, including funding for affordable housing, schools and transportation infrastructure. On the topic of industrial land, he said that there were costs associated with developing land on the edge of the region. He said Metro should look at how well we were utilizing land within the UGB, before starting the process of bringing more land into the UGB.

Mayor Chuck Becker agreed with Councilor Liberty. He said that they were having difficulties developing land in Pleasant Valley and Springwater. He said financing infrastructure was the biggest hurdle they had.

Nathalie Darcy, Washington County Citizen representative, Mayor Becker, and John Hartsock, Clackamas County Special Districts, stated they were concerned about schools and other infrastructure and whether or not SDC's were the appropriate tool to pay for them.

Councilor Newman wanted to remind everyone that there was an unofficial group including many individuals from MPAC that would continue meeting to discuss these issues.

Mayor Hughes brought up the Freight Mobility Task Force and said Metro should identify what the different transportation needs were and how those needs could be addressed.

Chris Smith, Multnomah County Citizen representative, asked how long MPAC had to establish their legislative agenda, and Councilor Hosticka said that MPAC had until March to hone in on a particular agenda.

## **7. TITLE 4**

Dick Benner, Metro Senior Attorney, introduced a proposed amendment to the title 4 process that would provide more authority to local governments to make minor adjustments to the title 4 map.

Councilor John Hartsock suggested that there were not enough jurisdictions present to discuss the issue. He said there could be a lot of kick back from the jurisdictions that were absent.

Councilor Liberty stated that Metro shouldn't reschedule important topics simply because individuals choose not to attend the meeting. He referred to Council President David Bragdon's memorandum to MPAC, which stated that he would like the issue resolved by the end of January. Chair Kidd suggested the members could consider the item in December and vote in January.

Chair Kidd said that he would issue a memorandum to MPAC members informing them that the issue was discussed at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, and that there would be a presentation followed by a vote at the next meeting.

Mr. Benner said the cumulative impacts provision was the only new idea in this draft.

Mayor Hughes stated that he believed MTAC had reached a consensus not to move forward according to Council President Bragdon's timetable.

Councilor Liberty stated that it was very unpleasant for the Metro Council to go through the industrial land UGB expansion process last time. He said that jurisdictions lobby for industrial land to be included in the UGB then they make decisions that whittle that land supply away for other uses.

Mayor Hughes did not agree that this was the case. He said the region needed to look for a strategy that allowed the region to create the greatest number of jobs, whether they're industrial or otherwise.

Mr. Benner stated that this conversation demonstrated the lack of understanding on the topic of amendment of the Title 4 map. He said the current situation gave Metro all the power to change the title 4 map. He said this was exactly the situation that Mayor Hughes was opposed to. He said that Council President David Bragdon's proposed change would give local governments more power to amend the title 4 map and would avoid duplicate appeals to LUBA. He said he would recommend to President Bragdon to give 45 days notice to DLCD, so the Metro Council would be able to vote on the proposed title 4 changes in January.

There being no further business, Chair Kidd adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2006

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

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
<b>2007 Legislative Strategy Discussion</b>	November, 2006	Roster of Oregon Legislature.	111506-MPAC-01