

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

January 10, 2007 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Shane Bemis, Jeff Cogen, Nathalie Darcy, Rob Drake, Andy Duyck, Dave Fuller, Bernie Giusto, Judie Hammerstad, John Hartsock, Richard Kidd, Charlotte Lehan, Alice Norris, Wilda Parks, Tom Potter, Martha Schrader, Chris Smith

Committee Members Absent: Ken Allen, Richard Burke, Larry Cooper, Erik Sten, Steve Stuart, Larry Smith, (Governing Body of School District –vacant)

Alternates Present: Aron Carleson, Lane Shetterly

Also Present: Robert Austin, City of Estacada; Bill Bash, City of Cornelius; Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Al Burns, City of Portland; Carol Chesarek, Citizen; Bob Clay, City of Portland; Danielle Cowan, City of Wilsonville; Sara Culp, City of Portland; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Jillian Detweiler, TriMet; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor; Ed Gallagher, City of Gresham; John Gessner, City of Fairview; Lincoln Herman, Stoel Rives; Jack Hoffman, Dunn Carney; Caroline Jones, Glenmorrie NHA – LO; Frank Groznik, City of Lake Oswego; Gil Kelley, City of Portland; Seth King, Perkins Coie; Irene Marvich, League of Women Voters; Leeanne MacColl, League of Women Voters; Jim McCauley, Home Builder Assoc.; Doug McClain, Clackamas County; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Paul Savas, Clackamas County Special Districts Alternate; Karen Schilling, Multnomah County; Jonathan Schlueter, Westside Economic Alliance; Thane Tienson, Landye Bennett Blumstein; Veronica Valenzuela, City of Portland

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons – Kathryn Harrington, Council District 4; Robert Liberty, Council District 6; Brian Newman, Council District 2 others in audience: David Bragdon, Council President; Rod Park, Council District 1

Metro Staff Present: Dick Benner, Dan Cooper, Chris Deffebach, Lake McTighe, Linnea Nelson, Sherry Oeser, Ken Ray, Reed Wagner

1. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Richard Kidd, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Chair Kidd asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Caroline Jones, Glenmorrie NHA – LO, spoke regarding Ordinance 07-1137 Title 4 Changes. She requested that property owners be notified of these changes.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Summary for October 11, November 8 & 15, and December 13, 2006 and approval of MTAC Appointments:

Motion:	Mayor Martha Schrader, Clackamas County Commissioner, with a second from Chris Smith, Multnomah County Citizen Representative, moved to adopt the consent agendas with no revisions and to approve the MTAC Appointments.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Chair Kidd introduced Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington, newly elected for Metro District 4. Councilor Harrington gave an update on Metro Council activities. Her talking points are attached and forms part of the record.

Councilor Brian Newman gave an update on the Expansion Area Planning program awards. He reviewed how the awards were determined and he distributed a list of the grant awards for the members. A copy of that list is attached and forms part of the record.

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, said that Metro had received the acknowledgement order from LCDC on Title 13, Nature in Neighborhoods, the former Goal 5 program. That was now official and the 60-day appeal period was running. He said that Metro was still waiting to receive the order from LCDC on the vote they took 7-months prior for approving the final industrial land decision in 2005.

5. JPACT UPDATE

Robin McArthur, Deputy Planning Director, reviewed the agenda for the next JPACT meeting.

6. ELECTION OF 2007 OFFICERS

Chair Kidd reported that David Fuller, City of Wood Village, was nominated as Chair for 2007, Alice Norris, City of Oregon City, was nominated as 1st Vice Chair, and the nomination for 2nd Vice Chair was still being discussed and will be voted on at a later date.

Motion:	Mayor Rob Drake, City of Beaverton, with a second from Martha Schrader, Clackamas County Commission, moved to elect Mayor David Fuller as MPAC Chair for 2007 and Mayor Alice Norris as 1 st Vice-Chair.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously: Shane Bemis, Aron Carleson, Jeff Cogen, Nathalie Darcy, Rob Drake, Andy Duyck, Dave Fuller, Bernie Giusto, Judie Hammerstad, John Hartsock, Richard Kidd, Charlotte Lehan, Alice Norris, Wilda Parks, Tom Potter, Martha Schrader, and Chris Smith voted aye.
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7. CLARIFY EXPECTATIONS/ROLE OF MPAC

Chair David Fuller, City of Wood Village, thanked Mayor Kidd for his service to MPAC. Chair Fuller gave an overview of the work that went into the material in the packet pertaining to MPAC Expectations/Role and explained why he felt it was important. He encouraged members to attend MPAC more frequently so that a quorum could be achieved at nearly every meeting.

Councilor Robert Liberty discussed the possible roles of MPAC as outlined in the packet material. He distributed a list of issues/topics for MPAC review during the course of the year. That list is attached and forms part of the record.

Mayor Charlotte Lehan said that MPAC had a larger role than just legislative review – which was also essential. She said she felt that item 3: Regional Issue Identification, Exploration and Policy Development was a part of that. She said legislation should be able to bubble up from MPAC to the Metro Council. She said she liked education and research part, but when most agendas had “information” items attendance would drop and there wouldn’t be quorums. She said that informational things needed to be included, but they shouldn’t stand alone on an agenda or there wouldn’t be a quorum for those meetings.

Chair Fuller asked how they would like to address the discussion about role and expectations.

Mayor Lehan said that they could have committees or round tables to work on it and then bring it back to MPAC. She said that she thought of MPAC just the same as her own planning commission.

Jeff Cogen, Clackamas County Commissioner, said that perhaps MPAC should not have 24 meetings per year.

Chair Fuller said that was one possibility to discuss.

Mayor Tom Potter, City of Portland, agreed that 24 meetings per year was tough on his schedule and he recommended having them once a month or quarterly. He said MPAC should ask MTAC to do basic policy research and forward recommendations so that when MPAC convened they would be discussing policy issues. He said he thought that they could do more by meeting less often. He made available a letter in the back of the room that outlined these ideas. That letter is attached and forms part of the record.

Mayor Judie Hammerstad, City of Lake Oswego, said that there were some very weighty issues that had not yet been discussed that very much needed to be discussed. She said that there were big questions that the body of MPAC needed to talk about. She said that those important discussions could happen with more meaningful meetings.

Chair Fuller said that the needs of Metro needed to support the needs of the jurisdictions.

Bernie Guisto, TriMet, said that often the most meaningful work seemed to come out of sub-committees. He said that issues seemed to be on a never-ending cycle and they were often revisited. He said that there needed to be more targeted discussion. He agreed that meetings needed to be more focused.

Mayor Rob Drake, City of Beaverton, said that some of the more exciting discussions he was involved with over the years happened around the MPAC table. He said he understood Mayor Potter’s point and it was well taken, but MPAC was helping Metro to craft legislation and policy. He said that he thought it was critical to keep the cross section of people at the table and continue to have the open discussions. No where else in the country did these open discussions take place and with such diverse representation. He said that Metro usually listened. He agreed that some of the topics had been a little mundane, but he felt that with the list of agenda topics distributed early in the year there would be some indication of when meetings needed to be held and how frequently.

Mayor Kidd recommended that they did not at this time reduce the number of meetings, but rather reserve the right to drop them when not needed.

Nathalie Darcy, Washington County Citizen Representative, supported keeping the 24 meetings as scheduled with the caveat of dropping them if they were not needed. She said she would like to have a meeting to discuss Big Box at some point in 2007.

Mayor Alice Norris, City of Oregon City, moved that a sub-committee be formed to focus on the agendas and that the focus should be quality generated and not quantity generated.

Chair Fuller said that he would like to see a more detailed agenda for the year and he asked for volunteers to form a subcommittee: Charlotte Lehan, Martha Schrader, Alice Norris, Richard Kidd, Nathalie Darcy, and Dave Fuller agreed to make up the committee. He stipulated that the work by this committee be done by the second meeting in February. It was requested that MPAC members be notified of all meeting dates and times.

8. RESOLUTION ENDORSING 2007 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Councilor Newman reviewed the process that led to the creation of the legislative agenda proposal for 2007 that was included in the packet material.

Mayor Drake expressed some concern about extending the cycle from 5-years to 7-years for the industrial land segment. He said that this was mainly because there weren't enough large lot industrial sites to entice big business to Oregon as the boundary now stood.

Councilor Newman said that there were many things that were not on the list, and they would like to keep the agenda open for new items, but he recommended members submitting ideas/information to the folks working on that.

Mayor Norris said that any changes/updates should be reported back to MPAC as they developed in Salem.

Mayor Drake said that MPAC had done a lot of work over the years on Affordable Housing and he was wondering if MPAC might consider endorsing that package in the legislative agenda.

Councilor Newman said that Affordable Housing would be before the Council shortly and it would be taken under consideration.

Motion:	Mayor Judie Hammerstad, City of Lake Oswego, with a second from Richard Kidd, City of Forest Grove, moved to endorse the regional legislative agenda and to keep working on it as well.
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Mayor Richard Kidd, City of Forest Grove, said it was a good idea to keep working on it, but that it needed to be moved forward as soon as possible.

Wilda Parks, Clackamas County Citizen Representative, said that when MPAC passed it and the Metro Council passed it, it should be taken to the jurisdictions and chambers to share.

Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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9. ORDINANCE 07-1136 MEASURE 37 METRO CLAIMS PROCESS

Richard Benner, Senior Attorney, gave a brief overview of the main changes to the process as outlined in the packet material.

Motion:	Commissioner John Hartsock, Clackamas County Special Districts, with a second from Martha Schrader, Clackamas County, moved to recommend approval of Ordinance 07-1136 Measure 37 Metro Claims Process to the Metro Council.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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10. ORDINANCE 06-1124 TITLE 4 CHANGES

Chair Fuller mentioned the letter from Mayor Drake, City of Beaverton, which was available in the back of the room and is attached and forms part of the record.

Mayor Drake reviewed his concerns as outlined in the letter.

Mr. Cooper explained that if MPAC needed another two weeks to discuss and share the Title 4 information, it would not make their recommendation late as the Metro Council had scheduled decision on this item for their February 8, 2007 meeting.

John Hartsock, Clackamas County Special Districts, recused himself from the discussion as he had a conflict of interest with a client.

Mayor Norris said that she felt it was important, when new information was introduced, to be able to take that information back to her commission for discussion before voting on it.

Chris Smith, Multnomah County Citizen Representative, said that he was concerned about the time horizon issues and gap. He also had concern about the impact of the M37 claims as he did not consider that a completed issue as yet.

Commissioner Martha Schrader, Clackamas County, said she would like a little more time to review as well and that she supported sending it back to MTAC to have them take one last look at it.

Mayor Lehan said that regionally significant industrial land issues were very important because in the last go around Wilsonville got a large percentage of RSIA that they didn't want. She said that local needs should be taken into account as well as regional needs, especially those that were (or would be) impacted and have to deal with the ramifications of added land and growth. She said that she was fine with discussing it further.

Councilor Newman said there had to be strict and sound criteria to help weigh the regional impacts.

Councilor Harrington asked at what point they would decide that they had had enough discussion on a topic in order to make a decision.

It was generally decided to send Title 4 back to MTAC and then have it come back to MPAC for decision at the January 24, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Benner reviewed the material included in the packet and emphasized the changes in the document.

As a last order of business, Chair Fuller appointed Alice Norris to chair the appointed MPAC Expectations/Role and 2007 agenda sub-committee.

There being no further business, Chair Fuller adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR JANUARY 10, 2007

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

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
#3 Consent Agenda	1/10/07	MTAC Appointments	011007-MPAC-01
#4 Council Update	1/10/07	Speaking Points on Metro Council Update for Kathryn Harrington	011007-MPAC-02
#4 Council Update	1/10/07	Metro news release: Metro awards \$6.3 million for planning in growth expansion areas	011007-MPAC-03
#7 MPAC Role	1/10/07	Letter from Mayor Potter, City of Portland, to MPAC re: MPAC Expectations/Role discussion	011007-MPAC-04
#7 MPAC Role	1/8/07	MPAC Tentative 2007 Agenda Items	011007-MPAC-05
#10 Title 4	1/10/07	Letter from Mayor Ogden, City of Tualatin to MPAC re: Title 4	011007-MPAC-06
#10 Title 4	1/9/07	Letter from Mayor Drake to MPAC re: Title 4	011007-MPAC-07