

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 24, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Robert Liberty, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka, Carlotta Collette

Councilors Absent: Rod Park (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Regular Council Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. METRO CENTRAL STATION COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE SLATE OF GRANT PROJECTS

Councilor Burkholder provided a history of the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee. There was \$.50 solid waste per ton fee collected to help the surrounding community with enhancements to their area. He talked about the Committee's annual work, consideration of grant projects, and which projects were selected and funded. He introduced Wayne Luscombe, a Committee member who had served two consecutive terms on the committee.

Karen Blauer, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, said she served as grant administrator to the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee. She was here with Wayne Luscombe, a representative of our committee, to present a proposed slate of projects to fund for the 2008 grant cycle. As background, Metro's community enhancement grant program:

- compensated the community affected by the Metro Central transfer station located in Northwest Portland.
- Funds were generated from a \$.50 surcharge collected on each ton of garbage brought to the station.
- Grant funds were awarded through a competitive application process.
- Since the program began distributing funds in 1993, Metro had invested more than \$2.8 million in 265 neighborhood improvement projects.
- Metro grants supported and motivated youth, teachers, community activists, service organizations and others that planned and implemented community-based improvement projects in Northwest and North Portland.
- Throughout the year, work accomplished with Metro funds directly benefited the physical property in and/or residents who lived within the target area.
- Funding guidelines were an excellent fit with this Council's goals and objectives for our region.
- Those goals included
 - Great Places where residents could enjoy vibrant, accessible and physically distinct places to live, work and play;

- Environmental Health where the region's wildlife and people thrive in a healthy urban ecosystem;
- Economic Vitality where residents and businesses benefit from a strong and equitable regional economy; and
- Smart Government modeled by Metro offering a fiscally sound, efficient and congruent system of governance where public services are provided by the most suitable unit of government.

The Council had authorized a committee comprised of local community activists from the target area to work with Councilor Rex Burkholder to solicit, review and award funds to neighborhood improvement projects.

Members of the grant committee included:

- Rick Sandstrom (Cathedral Park)
- Jimmy Stahly (Linnton)
- Aaron Babbie (Northwest District Association)
- Pamela Ake (Northwest Industrial Neighborhood Association)
- Cheryl Thoen (representing the environmental community's interests) and
- Wayne Luscombe of Forest Park

Each brought to Metro's process a highly respected grass roots knowledge of their community. Metro was indeed fortunate to have their wisdom and vision to guide our community grant process.

Karen Blauer then turned the presentation over to Mr. Luscombe who offered highlights of past projects and the slate for 2008. Mr. Luscombe said before he presented the slate of projects selected for this year, he would like to point out the committee's interest in reviewing project outputs and outcomes. Council had been given a status report that included up-to-date information about the performance of projects funded during the 2007 grant cycle.

To give Council a sense of how those projects performed and the benefits our community derived from them, he shared successes realized by the Northwest District Association through its Walk Safe Umbrella project.

In 2007, NWDA was awarded \$3,000 to purchase specially designed umbrellas to use & sell as a tool to enhance pedestrian visibility and increase personal safety in a chronically hazardous pedestrian area on NW 23rd Avenue. Proceeds from the sale of the first 100 umbrellas were used to pay for inventory replacement. Grant funds also financed the purchase of a pop-up canopy used for a booth at community events and for A-frame signs directing prospective buyers to locations where the umbrella was sold. Since sales began last spring, NWDA has distributed more than 750 umbrellas. In addition to paid-for advertisements in the Northwest Examiner and Latin News, the project had generated several newspaper and television stories.

Building on that momentum, in the fall NWDA worked with the Friendly House, a local community center, to produce the Crosswalk-a-thon event that featured pedestrian safety in the neighborhood. More than 35 people signed up to walk the course that ended at the Slabtown Festival where NWDA's booth prominently displayed Metro's logo on a sign that advertised the umbrellas for sale.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Luscombe thanked Kim Carlson and all the volunteers associated with the Northwest District Association "Walk Safe" umbrella project for using Metro grant funds to support this powerful vision and pedestrian-safety message for our community.

He said this year the committee reviewed 18 applications and selected 15 neighborhood improvement projects to fund in amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$19,000.

Council had been given a complete list of selected projects. He provided an overview of the projects:

- 8 projects helped rehabilitate, upgrade or increase the value of property owned by local non-profits that serve the community... included renovations to public restrooms and a new sink in the preschool area at Friendly House Community Center.
- 3 preserved or enhanced natural areas, also improved public awareness of these resources ... including farm-based sustainable agriculture education for elementary school-aged children at Sauvie Island Center.
- 7 improved or increased recreational areas and programs ... included new trailhead kiosks for informational signs at 6 trailheads in Forest Park.
- 9 improved neighborhood appearance, cleanliness, safety and environmental quality ...included upgrade and replacement of mail electrical service panel and tattered electrical wiring at Linnton Community Center.
- 10 benefited youth, seniors and low-income persons ...included a series of classes offered to help new immigrants with English as a second language, computer technology and with issues around domestic violence.
- 2 increased recycling opportunities ... included transportation costs for a truck to pick up unwanted household furnishing that are donated to low-income families.

He said he was proud to present the 2008 slate of projects. Mr. Luscombe provided personal observations of the grant program. He thought that the grants awarded from Metro had made a significant impact on the community. He thanked Ms. Blauer for her efforts organizing the materials and projects. He also thanked Councilor Burkholder for his contribution. Council President Bragdon thanked the committee for their time and efforts. He commented on how tough this job was and that there was never enough money to do the things we wanted to do. He asked Mr. Luscombe if the committee was getting the type of support they needed to proceed with awarding the grants. Mr. Luscombe talked about the criteria and the need for flexibility. He thought there could be additional clarity in the geographic area that was covered. He explained that several of the applications they received were outside of the area.

Councilor Burkholder provided a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Luscombe for his service on the Committee. He noted that there were two other committee members who were finishing up their terms who were also receiving certificates of appreciations. He talked about his experience working with the committee.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of minutes of the January 17, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

4.2 **Resolution No. 08-3895**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Mr. John Bradley and the Reappointment of Ms. Cheryl Thoen and Ms. Pamela Ake to the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (MCSCEC)

Motion:

Councilor Harrington moved to adopt the meeting minutes of the January 17, 2008 Regular Metro Council and Resolution No. 08-3895.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, Harrington, Liberty, Collette, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

5.1 **Ordinance No. 08-1171**, Amending the FY 2007-08 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Recognizing Donations to the Oregon Zoo, Amending the FY 2007-08 Through FY 2011-12 Capital Improvement Plan, and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 08-1171 to Council.

5.1 **Ordinance No. 08-1172**, Amending the FY 2007-08 Budget and Appropriations Schedule Transferring Contingency in the Metro Capital Fund to the Oregon Zoo Capital Projects Account For Storm Water System Improvements, Amending the FY 2007-08 Through FY 2011-12 Capital Improvement Plan, and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 08-1172 to Council. Councilor Harrington thanked the staff for the project detail and level of transparency.

5.3 Removed from the agenda.

5.4 **Ordinance No. 08-1174**, Amending the FY 2007-08 Budget and Appropriations Schedule to Recognize New Grant and Intergovernmental Revenues For the Regional Parks, and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 08-1174 to Council.

5.5 **Ordinance No. 08-1175**, Amending the FY 2007-08 Budget and Appropriations Scheduled Moving Appropriation Authority From Contingency to Operating Expenses to Plan the Special Parks District Forum, and Declaring an Emergency.

Council President Bragdon assigned Ordinance No. 08-1175 to Council.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 08-3898**, For the Purpose Approving Metro’s Willamette Basin Total Maximum Daily Load Water Quality Implementation Plan For Submission to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Motion:	Councilor Hosticka moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-3898.
Seconded:	Councilor Liberty seconded the motion.

Councilor Hosticka introduced the resolution. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), as an implementer of the Clean Water Act, had to establish total maximum daily load water quality standards. DEQ identified Designated Management Agencies. Metro was selected as the designated management agency for the Willamette Basin. He noted Metro programs that impacted water quality. He noted several questions that had come up about mandatory versus

voluntary actions. He said this plan covered what was within the Willamette and outside the area. It covered activities within the urbanized area of Metro jurisdiction as well as facilities that Metro owned outside of our jurisdiction. Councilor Liberty suggested clarifying who was responsible for the plan. Councilor Hosticka said these were not new activities but were based on Metro goals and objectives as well as State requirements. He also noted other agencies in the metropolitan area that shared these responsibilities. Councilor Burkholder commented on the format of the plan and the variety of Metro programs that contributed to sustainability. This was an excellent format for laying out goals, objectives and activities supporting these goals and objectives. He urged use of this format as a great model. He thought the global approach was excellent. Councilor Hosticka acknowledged Lori Hennings, Nature In Neighborhood scientist, as well as other staff who helped with the report. He noted those who had contributed to the plan in and outside the agency.

Vote:

Councilors Burkholder, Collette, Harrington, Liberty, Hosticka and Council President Bragdon voted in support of the motion. The vote was 6 aye, the motion passed.

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Michael Jordan, COO, also congratulated Ms. Hennings for her work. She showed enthusiasm and passion for the work. He updated Council on the monies received from the Oregon Zoo Foundation for the Predators of the Serengeti Exhibit. They had created a new arrangement with the Oregon Zoo Foundation to contribute Metro monies to the capital fund for the project.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Collette updated Council on Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC). They discussed Performance Based Growth Management. Individuals were very receptive. She shared some of the committee's suggestion. They also discussed High Capacity Transit plans. Councilor Hosticka talked about the next stages for the performance based growth management initiative. Councilor Collette suggested convening some of the MPAC members to discuss what the dream community would look like. Councilor Harrington said it was important beyond MPAC members to understand what was happening with performance based growth management. After she talked with more city councilors she felt it was important that they were involved in the discussion. She suggested the Regional Roundtable as a forum for this type of discussion.

Councilor Harrington said Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) was reviewing the urban and rural reserve rule. There was a public hearing yesterday in Gresham. LCDC was hosting a panel on this topic. There were a few modifications which provided clarity. It was clear that this was an effort that was futuristic and there were a lot of unknowns.

Councilor Burkholder said he served on the Governors Climate Change Work Group, which created a report on climate change. He shared some of the specifics of the report, which had been drafted by Eliot Rose, a Council intern. The Columbia River Crossing (CRC) Task Force met last Tuesday. The draft Environmental Impact Statement report would be coming out in March. The key point of that meeting was to look at alternatives and environmental impacts. He said the sense of the committee was for a bridge replacement and a high capacity light rail. He noted the work session on February 5th on the CRC. Council President Bragdon talked about the potential for a public hearing on this topic, and that on February 5th how the Council would like to proceed would be discussed. Councilor Burkholder indicated that there would be public hearings provided

by the Task Force. There were at least 10 government actions as well as public hearings. Councilor Liberty felt strongly that we needed public hearings now. He attended the CRC meeting with Councilor Burkholder. They had not had the opportunity to hear from the public on this subject. He shared some additional concerns. He felt that, ultimately, more public hearings were necessary. Metro was one of the decision makers. He shared what he would ask from the public. Councilor Collette asked about tolling. Councilor Burkholder responded to her question.

Councilor Harrington appreciated how Councilor Burkholder laid out the process. She asked what Councilor Burkholder would be providing to Council on February 5th. Councilor Burkholder said the information that was available now would be available in a summary format. He felt they needed to include the "no build" option, which the current summary did not include. Councilor Harrington suggested that a decision points chart that revealed the dates of various stages would be helpful in best using Council's time. Councilor Hosticka said he would like to pursue more discussion on tolling. Councilor Burkholder said it was his understanding from the two Departments of Transportation that tolling was essential for the project. Councilor Liberty acknowledged Councilor Burkholder's work on this issue. He added that Council had a list of questions that needed to be answered from Metro staff. He would like to have that information available for the February 5th discussion.

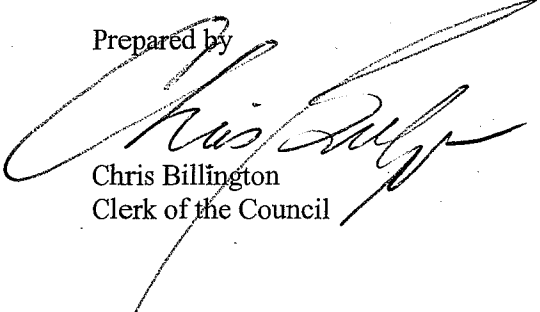
Council President Bragdon reported on a forum he had participated in on planning. As part of Regional Leadership Initiative, there was a toastmaster organization at Metro. He felt this was terrific. They were working on presentation skills. The Tualatin River Keepers annual meeting was this Sunday. He noted some press coverage on ballot measures and what was being considered. There would also be an article on the Oregon City Transfer Station this Sunday written by Laura Oppenheimer.

Councilor Harrington said she would be attending the Forest Grove Annual Town Meeting. She said this year's theme was looking 20 years back and 20 years forward. Councilor Liberty said he would be attending an event this Saturday at Metro sponsored by Congressman Blumenhauer on national infrastructure plan.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Prepared by



Chris Billington
Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
JANUARY 24, 2008**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
4.1	Minutes	January 17, 2008	Metro Council Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2008	012408c-01
Revision to Agenda	Council Agenda	1/24/08	Metro Council Meeting Agenda for January 24, 2008 revised	012408c-02
3.0	Slate of grants	2007-08	To: Metro Council From: Karen Blauer, Solid Waste and Recycling Department Re: Program Impact: 2007-08 Community Improvement Projects Metro Central Rehabilitation and Enhancement Grant Program and proposed slate of awards	012408c-03