

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

January 23, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

**Committee Members Present:** Bob Austin, Richard Burke, Nathalie Darcy, Rob Drake, Tom Hughes, Richard Kidd, Charlotte Lehan, Alice Norris, Paul Savas, Martha Schrader, Bob Sherwin, Rich Van Beveren

**Committee Members Absent:** Ken Allen, Jeff Cogen, Andy Duyck, Dave Fuller, Tom Potter, Michelle Poyourow, Sandra Ramaker, Larry Smith, Erik Sten, Steve Stuart, Richard Whitman

**Alternates Present:** Shirley Craddick, Craig Dirksen, Ed Gronke, Donna Jordan

**Also Present:** Bill Bash, City of Cornelius; Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Carol Chesarek, Forest Park Neighborhood; Bob Clay, City of Portland; Dan Drentlaw, City of Oregon City; Dennis Egner, City of Lake Oswego; Leeanne MacColl, League of Women Voters; Irene Marvich, League of Women Voters; Steffeni Mendoza Gray, City of Portland; Mark Ottenad, City of Wilsonville; Collin Roughton, Coalition for a Livable Future; Derrick Tokos, Multnomah County; Alonzo Wertz, TriMet

**Metro Elected Officials Present:** Liaisons – Carlotta Collette, Council District 2, Carl Hosticka, Council District 3 others (in audience): Council President David Bragdon, Robert Liberty, Council District 6

**Metro Staff Present:** Andy Cotugno, Dan Cooper, Chris Deffebach, Robin McArthur, Tony Mendoza, Ted Reid, Ross Roberts

**1. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Alice Norris, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Chair Norris asked those present to introduce themselves.

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

There was none.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

The meeting summary for January 9, 2008 and MTAC Appointments:

Motion:	Mayor Tom Hughes, City of Hillsboro, with a second from Mayor Rob Drake, City of Beaverton, moved to adopt the consent agenda without revision.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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**4. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Carlotta Collette made some announcements for upcoming meetings and events, and then reviewed the recent and upcoming business of the Metro Council.

Councilor Robert Liberty announced that Oliver Jones, sponsored by the Brookings Institution, would be giving a presentation on the Eddington Report on Monday, February 25 at Metro in the Council Chamber. He gave a description of the presentation and invited MPAC members to attend. He asked if MPAC had an interest in co-sponsoring the event.

Chair Norris asked if the members had interest in sponsoring this event.

Motion:	Nathalie Darcy, Washington County Representative, with a second from Donna Jordan, City of Lake Oswego, moved to have MPAC be a sponsor of the Oliver Jones presentation.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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Councilor Shirley Craddick, City of Gresham, asked if there was information on Connecting Green on the Metro web site.

Councilor David Bragdon said there was some information on the web site and that more would be added as work progressed.

## **5. NEW LOOK/MAKE THE GREATEST PLACE**

Councilor Carl Hosticka gave a presentation on Performance –Based Growth Management. A copy of those slides will be attached for the permanent record.

Mayor Tom Hughes, City of Hillsboro, said that particular concerns or items would need to be hammered out as they progressed but he did not have an objection to the overall process.

Mayor Rob Drake, City of Beaverton, asked if they were including infrastructure costs and overall services in the plan or scenarios.

Councilor Hosticka said that the question integrated with further discussions they would have about the infrastructure analysis, planning process, and financing. To the extent that the region had a stake in those kind of costs, he said he would favor the region consider finding a regional solution to those concerns.

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, said that they were currently taking an inventory of infrastructure. He said that there were facts that needed to be on the table and then dialogue about what to do proceeding on that information. He said another way to tackle the infrastructure question was with modeling. They could make assumptions about infrastructure and provide information about possible consequences of those assumptions. Another way they could tackle the questions was explicitly related to transportation. Transportation was a factor that if you provide accessibility to a certain area it would attract more growth. If they had certain transportation infrastructure that they thought they could fund in one place, it would affect where that growth would take place. They would have to consider what consequence that type of planning would have to other parts of the region. He said another way to look at it was to focus on centers which Metro had already done some scenarios around.

Richard Burke, Washington County Special Districts, said he was a little dubious of the whole approach. He said that there needed to be some mechanisms in place for adaptability by local governments.

Councilor Hosticka said he thought the reserves process was a way to build adaptability into the system. A reserve is an area that would give you adaptability because you could choose to go there and do so rapidly or you can choose to leave some areas. Right now the process required that every time they wanted to make a change they had to move the whole machine. He said that the next steps were 1) to define what they meant by "performance," 2) then what they would use as indicators as performance, and 3) and then set the aspirational targets.

Mr. Cotugno said the slide "Evaluating Likely Outcomes" summarized what they needed to work on.

Councilor Hosticka said that he hoped MPAC could help define what community they would have if they were successful. He said that he would like to see them talk about how people experience their world and what kind of world they want to create, and how they know when they are making progress in that direction? He said they had to build in a way to adjust the planning as they go along. What do they think they would like to see so that they can get on with measuring, planning and implementing that vision.

There was discussion about what actual performance measures would be.

Councilor Donna Jordan, City of Lake Oswego, asked if, when they were discussing performance, they would be looking at areas already in the UGB that have not performed well. She wondered if they would make a qualitative decision to invest/improve that area or would they go outside the UGB first.

Councilor Hosticka said that they would invest in areas already in the UGB first. He said that they would need to determine what they wanted and how to achieve it.

Mayor Charlotte Lehan, City of Wilsonville, said she hoped that the performance-based criteria would be over-arching and then there would be criteria that would be set at local levels.

Councilor Hosticka said that the local visions should help set the standards.

Councilor Collette said that they could apply the modeling exercise to existing town centers and neighborhoods as well as undeveloped areas. Then they would be able to see if adding certain amenities to areas actually could make it increase in growth. Then extrapolate that information to be used for other communities in order to build up urban densities within the UGB. The hope was that this would possibly minimize how far beyond the UGB the region might grow and provide a better sense of how to build to improve existing and forthcoming communities, and attract folks to communities.

Mayor Hughes said he liked what she was proposing. The thing that he said he liked best about it was that combined with the urban reserves process they really did have an opportunity to look at multiple futures. He said the fact that they would be doing this periodically or incrementally would give them the opportunity to do mid-course corrections. One of the things that needed to be part of the performance standards should deal with the consistency of the market.

Ed Gronke, Clackamas County Citizen Representative, said he thought this new approach was wonderful. He wondered if they had factored in an ability to meet state deadlines.

Councilor Hosticka said it was not yet clear if they would have to change state law or if this process could work within the state law parameters.

Bob Sherwin, Governing Body of School District Representative, said that they should keep in mind the need to get into and out of cities via two ways. He also said that they should look at where schools were located when working on modeling. He said that they should plan for education and the corresponding green spaces.

Councilor Hosticka said that for the March 12<sup>th</sup> MPAC meeting they would discuss a draft list of “characteristics of performance.” He said that they needed to get agreement on the list because then they would start measuring it and setting targets.

Mayor Hughes said one thing to factor into the discussion process was that March 12<sup>th</sup> was the last day of the NLC Conference in DC and many would be getting home at the time that MPAC would be meeting.

Chair Norris asked members to raise their hands if they would be at that conference and about seven members indicated that they would.

Councilor Collette asked if spring break (March 28<sup>th</sup>) was a better date for the March MPAC meeting. They would cancel the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and keep the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chair Norris said that MPAC Coordinating committee would discuss changing the dates. She asked members if they had seen the study by Jim Johnson on housing price as a function of urban amenities presentation. She asked to have that presentation added to the MPAC 2008 Work Plan.

Mayor Bob Austin, City of Estacada, reviewed the Neighboring Communities event that had taken place on January 19<sup>th</sup> for the members.

Chair Norris clarified that there would be more meetings for the Neighboring Communities committee and that Mayor Austin would be bringing updates back to MPAC at future meetings.

## **6. HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT SYSTEM PLAN**

Ross Roberts, Transit Program Director, gave an overview of the work that had been done-to-date on the plan.

Tony Mendoza, Transit Project Manager, reviewed a large chart placed in the back of the room for the members that showed major transit lines. He talked about the next areas of focus. He gave a presentation on the plan and copies of the slides were included in the meeting packet.

Tom Hughes asked when the original plan was written?

Mr. Mendoza said in 1980.

Mayor Hughes said that the old model brought people from suburbs into downtown Portland and that the region continued to operate off a model that was 20-25 years old. He said that the City of Hillsboro had grown with Intel drawing a lot of workers and population had increased tremendously since the 80s. He said that the process of designing urban reserves would determine how they would expand the region in the future and that transit would be an important component of how that would take place. He said that they needed to look at those components together. He said that they might want to revisit the whole original plan in the process.

Councilor Craddick said they should look at areas where there was significant congestion and consider rail to help relieve some of that congestion. She said that congestion should be a performance measure.

Mayor Craig Dirksen, City of Tigard, said he was pleased to hear that light rail on Barbur Blvd was part of the plan. He said they preferred to refer to Barbur Blvd as 99W. He reviewed the goals of City of Tigard for 2008 and encouraged consideration of light rail on 99W as the plan moved forward.

Mayor Richard Kidd, City of Forest Grove, said he was a little disappointed that they had not mentioned light rail to Forest Grove. He said light rail had been on Forest Grove's goal list for seven years and they felt strongly about having it.

Paul Savas, Clackamas County Special Districts, said that there seemed to be a common denominator in each discussion that evening and that was the transportation network. He said that when he envisioned the light rail lines on a map it was like a lot of spokes going out to the cities on the edges of the UGB. He said that a network would mean more connectivity. He said he assumed that TriMet had some sort of grand vision of all the spokes being connected. He said that it came back to the discussion about performance measures and the reserves. Transportation and where the investment was driven (where the networks take place) would drive all the land use decisions. He said they needed to find ways to connect the spokes, for example the Sunrise corridor to highway 26.

Mr. Sherwin said they would need to create a container freight system where the trucks would move between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. to lighten up rush hour.

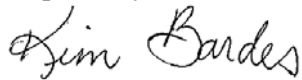
Councilor Craddick asked what role TriMet played in the plan.

Rick Van Beveren, TriMet, said TriMet would be working closely with Metro on the plan.

Mr. Mendoza said they would be doing land use scenarios so it would be iterative with work that was being done on urban reserves.

There being no further business, Chair Norris adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes  
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR JANUARY 23, 2008

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>#5 New Look</b>	1/23/08	Performance-Based Growth Management slides	012308-MPAC-01