

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 4, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Kathryn Harrington, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: David Bragdon (excused), Rex Burkholder (excused), Robert Liberty (excused)

Councilor Collette convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Michael Jordan, COO, reminded Councilors that on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 budget deliberations would occur. He introduced Chris Deffebach and her subsequent agenda item.

2. PERIODIC REVIEW SCHEDULE

Chris Deffebach, Planning Department Manager; Dick Benner, Metro Attorney; Darren Nichols, Manager Department of Land Conservation and Development; and Rob Hallyburton, Manager Department of Land Conservation and Development were in attendance to present and discuss the Periodic Review schedule.

Ms. Deffebach introduced their discussion and framed components of the periodic review. She discussed the map visual (see attachment). Ms. Deffebach talked about different periodic review processes and how the project and processes were staffed.

Mr. Nichols said periodic reviews were a unique opportunity to look at the future individually and collectively. Mr. Hallyburton noted that the discussion was not Metro's periodic review, but periodic reviews for cities within Metro's jurisdiction. He gave the history of various regional and individual city reviews. He explained legalities and processes behind different reviews. Mr. Hallyburton said the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) wanted to stress that periodic reviews have been intended to incent good, comprehensive reviews that adequately provide comprehensive plans. He said it was about a desirable result, rather than trying to give more work to individual cities. However, he said, periodic reviews held a bad reputation. He said periodic reviews have now been streamlined to specific issues: housing, transportation, public facilities, land-use, and economic development. Mr. Hallyburton talked about Metro's role in periodic review processes.

Mr. Nichols talked about timelines of different cities currently engaged in periodic review. He said the first two cities to begin the review were Forest Grove and Portland. He further went through the list of cities in review. He said he saw this process not as an obstacle, but would like Metro to look at the process as a resource. He talked about review funding.

Mr. Benner said there was no formal role for Metro to play in the review process, because there was no mention of Metro in the review law. He explained legalities involved in the review participation process. He said a primary role Metro could serve was as a 'coordinator' between cities in the review process. Mr. Benner talked about how different reviews must enter into other cities' and counties' reviews. He said many reviews are done in conjunction with one another. He noted an additional coordination role of Metro would be making things 'fit.' He talked about

different planning and legal goals and how Metro fits into those. He talked about how solutions and plans are developed for different cities and agencies that each have completely different needs.

Ms. Deffebach talked about review staffing. She said employment needs were being looked at, and that there would be employment needs at the regional level. Ms. Deffebach talked about how the review process and components thereof parallel the Greatest Place process. She talked about how Metro could aid coordination efforts across the region, especially in comprehensive plan development, and posed a few questions for the Council regarding the review process.

Councilor Harrington appreciated the support provided in the review process. She said the process was an educational and engagement process, but she did not think the communities understood how a good periodic review could help their community. She said a solid job of public outreach could help communities 'wrap' their heads around the general idea of periodic review. She said it could be difficult for communities to identify the difference between 'good' and 'bad' periodic review processes. She asked how to explain that plans and city growth was not a loss between cities, but more so a process of growth and advancement.

Councilor Hosticka asked about different forecasts between jurisdictions. Mr. Benner explained the discrepancies in different forecasts and the process involved in restructuring forecasts. Mr. Jordan explained specific parts of the process to Councilors. He asked Councilors how intimate the Council would like to be with different cities in working through the review process. Councilor Hosticka noted there would be conflicts between what cities wanted to do and what Metro wanted to do, and differences in plans across jurisdictions.

Councilor Collette asked if there was a streamlining process for individual cities in structuring reviews. She said maybe Metro could facilitate and coordinate. Councilor Hosticka asked how to coordinate an effort where everyone wanted different things. Mr. Benner explained policies involved to reach review goals.

Ms. Deffebach said problems aside, the review process was a great opportunity to work with communities on planning efforts. Mr. Nichols commented that an underlying theme behind the entire discussion was the ability to provide services between cities, and therefore could act as limits to unpractical aspirations of various communities. Councilor Park talked about the many different coordination efforts involved, and how jurisdictions start breaking apart when community needs become competitive.

Mr. Benner explained different legal solutions to questions raised by Councilors Hosticka and Park. He said Metro was the coordinator for forecasts, however. Councilor Collette asked if there was a work template for each individual city. Mr. Hallyburton described different safeguards installed to help the process run smoother. Councilor Harrington said Metro should be proactive in sharing current review processes with different communities. She also said it would be very useful to provide clarity in the process for jurisdictions. Councilor Collette said the issue should be raised at a Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting.

Councilor Park asked how to avoid zoning problems of the past. Councilor Harrington said we need to be more disciplined in playing back what individual cities want to do. She said it should be reflective and cumulative. Councilor Hosticka said political complexity would arise when presenting different numbers.

Councilor Collette talked about different collaboration models. She said this process was an opportunity to really collaborate and follow up on the Greatest Place process. Councilor Harrington said all jurisdictions needed to be included, and that if the Council were to meet again regarding the review process, a concrete objective needed to be identified. She asked where ultimate forecasts come from.

Councilor Park wanted business involvement in the review process, so that different economic activity could be examined in the review process, especially in regard to specific business and economic development in certain areas of focus. Councilor Harrington asked about the visual (see attachment).

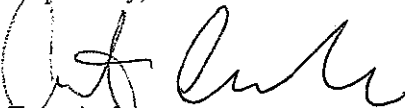
3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Collette talked about her presentation to the West Linn City Council and different topics that arose. Councilor Harrington asked about compliance policy with regional jurisdictions. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, explained compliance law and the background and processes involved. Mr. Cooper said if a city does not attempt to adhere to Metro policy, the question arises of how Metro regulates and makes a city do something. Court is the primary solution to non-compliance, he said, but non-action creates a different scenario.

Councilors talked about different compliance issues in the region. Mr. Cooper explained additional ways to address non-compliance issues. Councilor Harrington updated the Council on Core 4 Steering Committee business and reserve business. Councilor Hosticka said there has been discussion on steering committee representation. He further said he had heard discussions on different descriptions of rural and agricultural reserves. Councilors discussed different political happenings in the region, and asked each other a few specific technical questions about rural and urban reserves.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Councilor Collette adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
MARCH 4, 2008

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	3/6/08	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting canceled, March 6 , 2008	030408cw-1
2	Visual	3/3/08	Visual: Map, Local Planning Efforts	030408cw-2