

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2008
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rex Burkholder (excused)

Deputy Council President Liberty convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

1. Review Meeting Objectives/Context – Robin McArthur

Robin McArthur, Regional Planning Director, went through the revised agenda and context of the meeting.

2. Linking RTP/Reserves/Infrastructure/Investment/Performance Based Growth Management: Decision-Making Timeline – Robin McArthur

Ms. McArthur went through linking processes. Ken Ray, Public Affairs, provided an overview of his handout “Overview of Making the Greatest Place Engagement Activities – May through December 2008” (see attachment). Mr. Ray talked about engagement processes and incorporating infrastructure discussions. He talked about work taking place in May and June building upon work that would occur during the summer.

Councilor Liberty talked about changing language and including the idea of ‘Placemaking.’ He discussed what the words ‘investment’ and ‘infrastructure’ might mean to residents of the region. He talked about sharing information to refocus conversations. Councilor Harrington liked the themes and appreciated the organization of themes. She had concerns with “defining and quantifying local aspirations.” The word “define,” she felt, was too final. She liked “reaffirm” better. Councilors discussed proper use of language. Mr. Ray said he would make revisions and bring back to the Council.

3. Events, Making the Greatest Place Upcoming Special Events (attached) and Debrief Mayors Institute of City Design

Upcoming events and their specific contexts were discussed. The Mayors Institute of City Design was discussed. Councilor Collette talked about, in the future, taking mayors to different design sites. President Bragdon said the forum inspired participants. Councilor Harrington talked about problem solving versus only presenting, and discussed the effectiveness of the strategy. Councilor Liberty talked about regional increases in corridor work. He further talked about successful strategies for convening elected officials.

4. Emerging Results From Regional Infrastructure Analysis – Malu Wilkinson/Tod Chase

Malu Wilkinson, Regional Planner, went through process and timelines. Councilor Collette asked about reaching out to the business community. Ms. Wilkinson said it depended on agreements and decisions made. Councilor Collette talked about other ways to include the

business community. Councilor Harrington hoped a concrete outcome would be stated on event agendas. Ms. Wilkinson presented a Powerpoint presentation entitled “Regional Infrastructure Analysis” (see attachment).

Councilors expressed concerns with statements such as “Our Region by 2035.” They said figures were assumptions rather than fact, and should be represented as such. Councilors discussed regional infrastructure perspectives. Councilor Hosticka asked why yesterday’s rules for land-use and schools were accepted, and also noted the importance of identifying the role of schools in defining communities. Councilor Liberty requested a list of closed schools be compiled for representational purposes. He also noted the role of “good” schools in improving land value, just as parks might do.

Councilor Liberty noted that the Pearl District and Vancouver, Washington might be analyzed in relation to infrastructure costs and Equivalent Dwelling Units. Councilor Hosticka asked about aggregate costs in relation to other area costs, specifically commute time. Councilor Harrington talked about phraseology throughout slides in the Powerpoint presentation. Councilors stressed the idea that different areas have different associated costs.

Councilor Harrington noted that local communities, by working together, could accomplish more - rather than surrendering local control. President Bragdon talked about cost effectiveness and the importance of redefining “needs.” He also noted that there was a cost for doing nothing, and to under-invest in infrastructure, true costs would emerge in the future. Councilor Park talked about life-cycle costs.

5. Employment and Economic Trends – Councilor Park

Chris Deffebach, Long Range Planning Manager, went through the “Economic and Employment Trends Work” worksheet (see attachment) and presented Powerpoint slides from the Powerpoint “Employment Trends Analysis 1996-2006.” (see attachment and meeting packet). Councilor Harrington asked about the difference between the “regional desired outcome” versus the “project desired outcome.” Councilor Harrington asked about timeframes, and wanted to identify tight timelines. She said it was important to also identify which timelines were serial and which were parallel. She said managing risk over the timeframe was important. Councilor Liberty talked about discrepancies in income and to include wages in economic and employment forecasts.

President Bragdon talked about employment gains and losses by design type. He said the Powerpoint slides demonstrated the idea that the region was not doing well with commercial and retail job development. He asked about terminology. Councilor Liberty talked about a range of employment forecasts. Councilor Harrington talked about regional assets. President Bragdon talked about different interests and varying business models. Councilor Park discussed emerging and long-term trends.

6. Update on Performance Based Growth Management – Councilor Hosticka

Councilor Hosticka talked about resolutions and various presentations. He talked about the resolution’s action, timelines, and subsequent purposes of the resolution. He talked about the overall concept of the resolution. President Bragdon talked about the definition of a successful region in regards to financial responsibility. He said a successful region was characterized by wise investments. President Bragdon talked about setting parameters for urban growth boundary (UGB) expansion. Councilors discussed the definition of equity, but noted it was important to

not derail one process for the sake of a definition. Councilor Hosticka noted the political battles that would be fought over equity and distribution issues. He noted the document before the Council was a general framework, flexible for amendments and transitions in the future.

7. Meeting Summary – President Bragdon

President Bragdon reviewed meeting discussions and clarified action items for the future. He provided direction and next steps. Councilor Liberty talked about dealing with basics. Ms. McArthur stressed the importance of providing relevant and necessary information.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Prepared by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Andersen', written in a cursive style.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
MAY 14, 2008**

| Topic | Doc. Date | Document Description | Doc. Number |
|---------------------|------------------|---|--------------------|
| Draft | 5/14/08 | Draft: Economic and Employment Trends Work, May 14, 2008 | 051408cw-1 |
| Proposal | 5/8/08 | Metro Council Project Proposal, may 8, 2008 | 051408cw-2 |
| Revised Agenda | 5/14/08 | REVISED: Metro Council Work Session: Making the Greatest Place, May 14, 2008 | 051408cw-3 |
| Analysis/Powerpoint | 5/14/08 | Employment Trends Analysis 1996-2006, Powerpoint presentation, May 14, 2008 | 051408cw-4 |
| Draft | 5/14/08 | Draft: Economic and Employment Trends Work, May 14, 2008 | 051408cw-5 |
| Summary | 5/14/08 | Draft: Park Place concept area, May 14, 2008 | 051408cw-6 |
| Analysis/Powerpoint | 5/14/08 | Regional Infrastructure Analysis, Powerpoint presentation, May 14, 2008 | 051408cw-7 |
| Agenda | 5/14/08 | Draft: Infrastructure Workshop agenda, May 14, 2008 | 051408cw-8 |
| Timeline | 5/14/08 | Overview of Making the Greatest Place Engagement Activities – May through December 2008; May 14, 2008 | 051408cw-9 |
| Table | 5/14/08 | Comparison of growth management systems | 051408cw-10 |