

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

April 9, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Richard Burke, Jeff Cogen, Andy Duyck, Dave Fuller, Alice Norris, Michelle Poyourow, Sandra Ramaker, Paul Savas, Martha Schrader, Rick Van Beveren

Committee Members Absent: Ken Allen, Nathalie Darcy, Rob Drake, Fred Hansen, Tom Hughes, Tom Potter, Bob Sherwin, Erik Sten, Steve Stuart, Richard Whitman

Alternates Present: Randy Carson, Shirley Craddick, Craig Dirksen, Ed Gronke, Laura Hudson, Donna Jordan, Don McCarthy, Ted Wheeler

Also Present: Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Ron Bunch, City of Tigard; Eric Chambers, City of Gresham; Carol Chesarek, Forest Park Neighborhood; Bob Clay, City of Portland; Danielle Cowan, Clackamas County; Tom Cox, City of Hillsboro; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Jillian Detweiler, TriMet; Dan Drentlaw, City of Oregon City; Denny Egner, City of Lake Oswego; DiDi Ellis, trp 872; Greg Ellis, trp 872; Joshua Ellis, trp 872; Deborah Frassetto, City of Damascus; Austin John, trp 872; Barb Ledbury, City of Damascus; Doug McClain, Clackamas County; Don McIntire, City of Gresham; Ron Papsdorf, City of Gresham; Dan Phegley, City of Damascus; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Karen Schilling, Multnomah County;

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons – Carlotta Collette, Council District 2, Carl Hosticka, and Rod Park, others (in audience): Council President David Bragdon, Kathryn Harrington, Council District 4, Robert Liberty, Council District 6

Metro Staff Present: Dan Cooper, Andy Cotugno, Robin McArthur, Ted Reid, Andy Shaw, Randy Tucker

1. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Alice Norris, called the meeting to order at 5: 01p.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 March 12, 2008:

Motion:	Mayor Craig Dirksen, City of Tigard with a second from Nathalie Darcy, citizen from Washington County, moved to adopt the consent agenda without revision.
Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Carlotta Collette gave an update on upcoming Council budget public hearings and events.

5. JPACT UPDATE

Andy Cotugno, Metro Planning Director, noted that JPACT will meet the day after MPAC and will also review scenarios and the MTIP allocation process.

Chair Alice Norris mentioned the upcoming Mayors Forum and reception.

6. URBANIZATION ISSUES

6.1 Damascus Voter-approved Measures

Jim Wright, Damascus Council President, introduced Jim Bennet, Damascus City Manager, who spoke about the March 11, 2008 election and the 3 measures that passed.

- Measure 3-282 requiring voter approval of all new or increased taxes, charge and fees,
- Measure 3-283 regarding condemnation of private property
- Measure 3-281 regarding compensation to property owners if annexation or zoning proves to diminish the property value.

Chair Norris asked about the intention and goal of the measures and opened the floor for questions.

Richard Burke, Special Districts, Washington County, began by disclosing that he works for Americans for Prosperity, a group involved in lobbying on these measures. He asked that the city of Damascus continue to listen to their voters, who he said are upset. Mr. Wright said that he recognizes the possible polarizing impact of the measures and hopes that the measures are used with a full understanding of their ramifications and said that he hopes for a continued sense of community in Damascus.

Commissioner Peterson thanked everyone that is working to move Damascus forward.

Chair Fuller asked the Damascus reps. to clarify Richard Burke's earlier comments about the feelings of the voters. Jim Wright described the political context in Damascus and said that the tension arose over concerns about due process when considering franchise fees. Richard Burke noted that some of the people who were active in this issue were present and could serve as a resource for those who had more questions after the meeting. Chair Norris asked that those people identify themselves.

6.2 Washington County Urbanization Forums

Commissioner Tom Brian, Washington County Board Chair, spoke about the Washington County Urbanization Forum and the challenges faced by the county regarding governance structure, distribution of resources and provision of infrastructure and services given the realized and anticipated population growth. Commissioner Brian spoke about the uniqueness of the special service districts in Washington County that provide services traditionally provided by cities. This situation makes property owners resistant to annexation. He noted that if more areas were incorporated, and additional \$24 million would be available for city services. He spoke about the tension between what the citizens want and the struggle to provide quality services.

Chair Norris opened the floor for comments and questions.

Chair Peterson asked if legislation regarding this issue is being prepared for the next session. She spoke about the struggle to present incentives for annexation and how to plan and fund development in annexed areas.

Chair Brian spoke about current state law and what it allows regarding phased taxation and funding in annexed areas.

Paul Savas, Special Districts, Clackamas County, spoke about his experience working for annexation in his area.

Norm King, Mayor, City of West Linn, asked about process and spoke about the effort in the Stafford area. He asked if the Washington County forum is open to the public.

Chair Brian said that there will be public parts to the process, but it is still being worked out. He spoke about the goals of the Urbanization Forum.

Chair Norris noted that the special service districts in Washington County are unique in the state, some of the largest.

Andy Duyck, Commissioner, Washington County, spoke about the creation of Clean Water Services, one of the special service districts.

7. MAKING THE GREATEST PLACE SCENARIO PROPOSAL

Chris Deffebach, Metro Long Range Planning Manager, gave an overview of the Making the Greatest Place program and road map that looks at how to best implement the 2040 Growth Concept. She spoke about the models that Metro has available to test growth policies and outcomes, MetroScope and the transportation model. She explained how the scenarios, as described in the packet, will be useful tools for all the tracks of the Making the Greatest Place Program.

Commissioner Peterson asked if and how fuel price is included in the model. Chris responded that it is difficult to incorporate but that the model can calculate packages of choices that will reduce greenhouse gas. Commissioner Peterson asked how the scenarios could help prepare the region for different things that might happen, e.g. fuel-efficient cars that still create congestion.

Mr. Burke made comments about the Reserves Public Involvement Plan.

8. RTP INVESTMENT SCENARIO

Kim Ellis, Metro Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the investment scenarios will be used to test the policy choices that were a part of the federal component of the RTP. Ms. Ellis said the MTAC and TPAC have both reviewed the investment scenarios and timeline and have recommended moving forward and she asked for questions and comments from MPAC as well as approval to move forward. Ms. Ellis described the minor changes suggested by MTAC and TPAC. The committee had no comments.

There being no further business, Chair Norris adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR APRIL 9, 2008

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

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT		DOCUMENT No.
	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	
#5 JPACT	4/10/08	Agenda for JPACT meeting for 4/10/08	040908-MPAC-01
#6 Urbanization Issues	April 2008	Mayor's Institute on City Design May 7-9, 2008	040908-MPAC-02