



Metro Policy Advisory Committee

MINUTES

March 25, 2009

5 to 7 p.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shane Bemis, Vice Chair
Jody Carson
Nathalie Darcy
Dennis Doyle
Amanda Fritz
Jack Hoffman
Carl Hosticka
Richard Kidd
Charlotte Lehan
Robert Liberty
Donald McCarthy
Alice Norris
Rod Park
Michelle Poyourow
Judy Shiprack
Richard Whitman
Jerry Willey

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, representing the Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Washington Co. Citizen
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Portland
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City
Metro Council
City of Forest Grove, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
Clackamas Co. Commission
Metro Council
Multnomah Co. Special Districts
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
Metro Council
Multnomah Co. Citizen
Multnomah Co. Commission
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
City of Hillsboro, representing Washington Co. Other Cities

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Ken Allen
Tom Brian, Vice Chair
Richard Burke
Pat Campbell
Dick Jones
Robert Kindel
Wilda Parks
Steve Stuart
Rick VanBeveren
Mike Weatherby
Dilafruz Williams

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Port of Portland
Washington Co. Commission
Washington Co. Special Districts
City of Vancouver
Clackamas Co. Special Districts
City of North Plains, representing City in Washington Co. outside UGB
Clackamas Co. Citizen
Clark Co., Washington Commission
TriMet Board of Directors
City of Fairview, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Governing Body of School Districts

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Ed Gronke
Laura Hudson
Jim Kight

AFFILIATION

Clackamas Co. Citizen
City of Vancouver
Multnomah Co. Other Cities

STAFF

Kathryn Harrington, Kelsey Newell, Kayla Mullis, John Williams, Andy Cotugno, Sherry Oeser.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Shane Bemis called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATION

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the MPAC Orientation Minutes for February 11, 2009

Consideration of the MPAC Minutes for February 25, 2009

MOTION: Mayor Alice Norris moved, Mayor Richard Kidd seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Title 13 Status Report

Councilor Rod Park briefed the committee on the status of Title 13: Nature in Neighborhoods. The implementation of Title 13 throughout the region is on track. The City of Portland has submitted an extension request for consideration by the Metro Council. Other jurisdictions that may not hit their targets should consider requesting an extension as well.

Councilor Carlotta Colette announced Metro’s launch of the High Capacity Transit (HCT) online build-a-system tool. The interactive online tool puts users through virtual planning exercise, weighing benefits and forcing choices within constrained budgets for prospective new transit lines. The build-a-system uses model generators to incorporate location, costs, ridership and other factors of potential streetcar or light rail lines and give citizens the opportunity to submit their ideal system to Metro.

The committee discussed performance measures and the cost for jurisdictions to collect the data and the issue of including bodies of water when measuring the net loss of wetland in an area.

6. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 20-50 Year Regional Range Forecast

Councilor Carl Hosticka briefed the committee on the recently released 20 and 50 year regional population and employment range forecasts. The forecasts, which cover a seven-county Portland-Beaverton-Vancouver Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), are displayed in ranges to allow for the consideration of a number of possible outcomes, rather than planning for one future outcome. Use of range forecasts is more likely to result in growth management decisions that result in adaptable, resilient communities that are able to adjust course when conditions change.

MPAC will revisit the range forecasts regarding the Urban Growth Report (UGR) and Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) management over the next year and a half.

The committee discussed the following topics:

- The region's physical ability to accommodate growth
- The lifestyle and value beliefs that will guide the UGB review process
- Using qualitative and quantitative data to measure and address needs
- Up-zoning
- Planning for balanced communities in regards to residencies and work places
- Relationship between population and quality of services
 - Tax capacities and the nature of the workforce (i.e. non-tax generating entities)
- Desire for age and gender breakdown of the population forecast

The committee asked that the land use and transportation policy principles, developed at the joint MPAC/JPACT meetings held in the fall of 2008, be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion and consideration of a resolution to use as guidance for upcoming recommendations concerning the UGR and UGB.

6.2 Economic and Employment Trends Recap

Mr. John Williams of Metro provided a recap of the February 25th MPAC discussion on employment and economic trends. MPAC is scheduled to discuss the residential UGR and employment growth in April and May respectively. Any suggestions for changes or additions that should be incorporated into the study are welcome.

7. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Bemis adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kayla Mullis
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR MARCH 25, 2009

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
4.0	Minutes	N/A	Updated MPAC Orientation Minutes from February 11, 2009	32509m-01
5.0	News Release	3/25/09	HCT News Release: Metro launches High Capacity Transit online build-a-system tool	32509m-02
6.1	Report	03/09	20-50 Year Regional population and employment growth forecasts	32509m-03
6.1	Power Point	N/A	Updated 20 and 50 year forecast: MPAC discussion	32509m-04
6.2	Memo	5/23/09	To: MPAC Members and Alternates From: Malu Wilkinson Re: Employment and Economic Trends	32509m-05
	Letter	2/6/09	To: Chair Tom Brian From: MPAC Special Districts Representatives Re: Special District Representation on MTAC	32509m-06