



Metro Policy Advisory Committee

MINUTES

April 8, 2009

4 to 6 p.m.

Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Brian, Vice Chair
Shane Bemis, Vice Chair
Sam Adams
Richard Burke
Pat Campbell
Jody Carson
Nathalie Darcy
Dennis Doyle
Amanda Fritz
Carl Hosticka
Dick Jones
Robert Liberty
Don McCarthy
Alice Norris
Rod Park
Michelle Poyourow
Wilda Parks
Judy Shiprack
Rick VanBeveren
Jerry Willey
Dilafruz Williams

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ken Allen
Jack Hoffman
Richard Kidd
Robert Kindel
Charlotte Lehan
Steve Stuart
Mike Weatherby
Richard Whitman

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jim Kight
Keith Mays

AFFILIATION

Washington Co. Commission
City of Gresham, representing the Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Portland
Washington Co. Special Districts
City of Vancouver
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Washington Co. Citizen
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Portland
Metro Council
Clackamas Co. Special Districts
Metro Council
Multnomah Co. Special Districts
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
Metro Council
Multnomah Co. Citizen
Clackamas Co. Citizen
Multnomah Co. Commission
TriMet Board of Directors
City of Hillsboro, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
Governing Body of School Districts

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City
City of Forest Grove, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
City of North Plains, representing City in Washington Co. outside UGB
Clackamas Co. Commission
Clark Co., Washington Commission
City of Fairview, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development

AFFILIATION

City of Troutdale, representing Multnomah County Other Cities
City of Sherwood, representing Washington County Other Cities

STAFF

Kelsey Newell, Kayla Mullis, Sherry Oeser, Andy Cotugno, Robin McArthur, Chris Deffebach.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Brian called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATION

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the MPAC Minutes for March 25, 2009

MTAC Member Nomination

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the consent agenda was approved.

5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Metro council members updated the committee on the following subjects:

- Building university partnerships
- The adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) later this year
- Metro's award of a 2nd grant to host the institute on urban design
- The construction excise tax and who will be effected if the sunset is lifted

6. MAKING THE GREATEST PLACE

6.1 Framing Choices

Ms. Robin McArthur of Metro briefed the committee on the Making the Greatest Place (MGP) initiative; which will help frame future transportation and land use/urban form investment choices and identify local aspirations in the region. To be effective, choices must require local decisions and regional support.

6.2 Summary of Local Aspirations Outreach to Cities and Counties

Ms. Chris Deffebach of Metro briefed the committee on the Local Aspirations outreach Metro has completed throughout the region. Local Aspirations is about identifying the aspirations of local jurisdictions and exploring ways to implement those aspirations. The range of aspirations include the following commonalities:

- Great potential within existing zoning
- Desire to initiate new planning efforts

- A commitment to growing broad employment areas
- Support for the Region 2040 vision

High Capacity Transit (HCT), transit services, streetscapes and other investments have been identified as necessary components to implement local aspirations. Metro staff will continue to summarize this information and make it available as more information becomes available.

6.3 Sample Overview of Local Aspirations

Amberglen

Mayor Jerry Willey of Hillsboro introduced Mr. Collin Cooper, project manager for the Amberglen project. The city of Hillsboro's aspirations for Amberglen include pursuing an extension of High Capacity Transit (HCT) and creating a regional center. The intent is to create more dwelling units and job. The main barriers in the project include transportation system improvements and identifying a quality amenities package.

The committee discussed the involvement of the private sector and the support of economic incentives as a tool for development.

Oregon City Regional Center

Mayor Alice Norris of Oregon City briefed the committee on Oregon City's aspirations for its regional center. The city has embraced the regional center concept and is aiding in funding the transformation of the area from a regional waste management area to a vibrant center. The plan for the area aligns with five targets of the Region 2040 Growth Plan. Challenges for implementation include regional waste, transportation, funding, redefining the downtown, connectivity, land fills and air quality. The Oregon City regional center is making significant progress and has community support.

Downtown Tigard

Mayor Craig Dirksen of Tigard briefed the committee on the aspirations for downtown Tigard. Because Tigard is not bordered by the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) on any side the city must accommodate growth within its existing footprint. The city is aiming to concentrate growth in centers and corridors while still preserving and protecting single family unit neighborhoods. The area known as downtown Tigard is identified as an Urban Renewal District, a tool that will aid in making it the "heart" of Tigard.

To accommodate growth in the future, Tigard will have three downtown areas: Washington Square Regional Center, the "Tigard Triangle" and the previously identified downtown Tigard. Challenges to realizing Tigard's aspirations for these areas include funding and multi-modal transportation connections due to existing transportation facilities directing land use.

Gateway Regional Center

Mayor Sam Adams of Portland briefed the committee on the aspirations for Gateway Regional Center. The area is a regional hub that serves as a gateway to the international air corridor and is designated as a regional center. The City of Portland sees the area as an opportunity for dense housing and employment. Challenges in developing the area to reflect the city's aspirations include establishing a sense of place, parcelization and property ownership patterns, lack of basic facilities, a dysfunctional street grid and lack of developed parks. Future steps to address the

challenges and develop the area include restoring brownfields, revising the master street plan, exploring funding mechanisms and utilizing the area's neighborhood coordinator.

6.4 Preliminary Residential Urban Growth Report

Councilor Carl Hosticka of the Metro Council briefed the committee on the preliminary residential Urban Growth Report (UGR). The report analyzes the region's ability to accommodate residential growth in the future. In the past, 28,000 acres of land have been added to the UGB with 5 percent of the region's housing growth occurring in the added areas. Historical zoning usage is used to forecast the capacity of unused land within the UGB for infill and refill. The type of investments the region wants to make and the kind of communities and transportation it wants to have will guide policy decisions about the UGB.

The committee discussed:

- The Portland metro region capture rate for the growth forecasted in the UGR
 - Also, where the remaining growth is happening
- Analyzing cost per growth unit depending on time and location
- Cost analysis of UGR *and* non-UGR expansion
- Cohesiveness of the economic modeling presentation given at the February 25th MPAC meeting
- Hesitation in using refill as the only growth management tool because it is technically possible
- Determining return on investments related to growth
- Expectations for annexations- who will pay for infrastructure costs?

6.5 Proposed Resolution Providing MPAC Policy Direction

Mr. Andy Cotugno of Metro briefed the committee on memorializing the results of the 2008 joint MPAC/JPACT meetings as policy direction for future UGB decisions. Issues discussed included centers and corridors, employment, UGB expansion, transportation and climate change at last fall's joint meetings.

The committee discussed:

- Possibility for more conversations on these issues
- Using results as a starting point instead of final policy direction
- How schools will accommodate growth
- Possibility of results taking different connotations and implications
- Desire to identify results as important so as to not discredit the work that was done
- Providing infrastructure for growth within the current UGB
- Results as an idealistic scenario
- Giving results to Metro council in a formal way
- Thinking about direction in terms of what policy results will be
- Focus discussion on policy issues around upcoming decisions

Chair Brian suggested that Metro staff work through the results of the joint meetings and determine which issues need more discussion and which issues the committee has reached consensus on and propose a process for MPAC leadership to consider.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Brian adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kayla Mullis
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR APRIL 8, 2009

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
6.0	Power Point	4/8/09	Local Aspirations power point presentation	040809m-01
6.3	Handout	N/A	Tanasbourne/Amberglen Local Aspirations	040809m-02
6.0	Flyer	N/A	Local Aspirations Fact Sheet	040809m-03
6.4	Power Point	4/8/09	Preliminary Residential Urban Growth Report power point presented by Councilor Carl Hosticka	040809m-04
--	Report	Spring 2009	2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update- Investing In a 21 st Century Transportation System	040809m-05
--	Report	N/A	<i>Our Place In the World: Global Challenges, Regional Strategies, Homegrown Solutions.</i>	040809m-06
--	Save the Date	N/A	May 1, 2009- Building University-Community Partnerships for a Sustainable Regional Economy	040809m-07