

MINUTES OF THE MAKING THE GREATEST PLACE WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2009
Metro Regional Center, 501 Packy

Councilors Present: Kathryn Harrington, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka, Robert Liberty

Councilors Absent: David Bragdon (Council President) (excused)

Deputy Council President Harrington convened the Metro Council Making the Greatest Place Work Session Meeting at 2:04 p.m.

1. Objectives:

Robin McArthur introduced the agenda and objectives for the work session. Ms. McArthur talked about Council direction on strategies to achieve desired outcomes for the Chief Operating Officer recommendation, Council direction on regional reserve designation considerations.

Patty Unfred, manager Communications, shared timelines/milestones for 2009 - 2011 decisions of the MGP process. Councilor Liberty expressed concern about the timeline of events and when the public hearings will be held. He also asked for the COO to give Council an outline or a memo of all topics that will be on the recommendation in September. Michael Jordan Metro Chief Operating Officer agreed to give Council an outline of the recommendation upon completion.

2. Making the Greatest Place: Strategies to Achieve Desired Regional Outcomes

Councilors Harrington and Liberty asked multiple questions about the timeline for the process and what was covered in the COO recommendation. Councilor Park asked about how the COO will make his recommendation in September and the local engagement process that will take place in the months leading up. Mr. Jordan explained that by using the proposed timeline and process, it will eliminate a majority of issues. Councilor Park asked if Metro can require local jurisdictions to hold public hearings. Jim Middaugh, director Communications, discussed the current lack of resources that Metro has to hold a public hearing in every city in the region noting the extreme cost of staff and materials. Councilor Liberty asked why Council would go through this process if the local jurisdictions can choose to not enforce the findings. Councilor Burkholder explained once a decision is made there isn't an option whether or not to enforce it. Councilor Collette said that she chose to address the jurisdictions in her district, at city council meetings with their planning commissions present. She felt by doing this there would not be need to have public hearings in every city, just in the cities that desire to have a discussion after her presentation.

3. Looking 40 to 50 Years: Urban and Rural Reserves

John Williams presented main questions to be discussed for planning the urban and rural reserves over the next 40 to 50 years. How much land is needed for urban reserves? How many people and jobs should we plan for? How many of these forecasted people and jobs will be located within the existing UGB? How efficient will the development be within the urban reserves? And, where should reserves be located? Mr. Williams discussed range forecast for dwelling units and jobs in the Metro region in forty and fifty years. Councilor Liberty and Hosticka both feel as though the shorter option of forecast and proposal is a better bet because it is more accurate to forecast. Councilor Liberty said he felt as though there is a natural need for land, air, and water which will continue to grow in the next forty years so the more minimal the recommendation the better. Councilor Harrington asked about the conversations that can be held at MPAC and other meetings regarding regional transportation and planning. Ms. McArthur responded with ways to ask questions of the committee members in any environment. Mr. Williams gave Council a handout that discussed where reserves should be located.

4. Break

5. Inside the Existing Urban Growth Boundary: Urban Growth Report

Councilor Hosticka introduced the Urban Growth Report presentation that Malu Wilkinson gave. Ms. Wilkinson began by discussing the UGR/capacity timeline. Councilor Park asked about the timeline and the release draft analysis that was released in July, 2010. Councilor Harrington said she was concerned that as Metro narrows the range, certain jurisdictions may not understand it correctly, and thinking that Metro was changing the characteristics, while it is clear that was not what was taking place. Councilor Liberty talked about the consequences of expanding the growth boundary and not using the space and or building infrastructure to those places and not using them. He said there would be tremendously negative outcomes from that taking place. Councilor Collette discussed prioritizing in order to choose the reserves. There was strong push back from both staff and other councilors as to prioritizing to choose the reserves. Councilor Harrington asked to see where the accountability is for local jurisdictions instead of just Metro being held accountable. Council asked questions of Dick Benner, Metro attorney, asking him what the legal implications are for different options of approach through the process. Councilor Burkholder discussed the use of vocabulary in the memo. Ms. Wilkinson discussed local and regional actions that had a large impact on the urban growth process. Councilor Harrington asked for a change in the use of the word "refill" to alternatively use "realized" as that term. Ms. Wilkinson left Council with questions to think about; what narrowed demand range best minimizes risks? What is the best approach to leverage local and regional investments and actions? Under what conditions should Metro expand UGB? Councilor Harrington added the question, how do we better realize the six desired outcomes?

6. Other

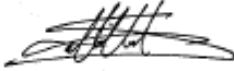
Ms. McArthur explained the Memo regarding, Centers and corridors designation process. She also passed out a flyer to Council about the Mayor's Institute on City Design.

7. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Deputy Council President Harrington adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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| 1-4 | Agenda/Worksheet | 06/16/09 | Packet: Making the Greatest Place Work Session, June 16, 2009 | 061609cw-1 |
| 3 | Handout | 06/16/09 | Where should reserves be located? | 061609cw-2 |
| 4 | Handout | 06/16/09 | Mayors' Institute on City Design | 061609cw-3 |