

## MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL INFORMAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 21, 2003  
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Brian Newman, Carl Hosticka, Rod Monroe, Rex Burkholder, Rod Park

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Informal Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

### 1. ANNUAL CONTRACT REPORT

Scott Moss, Business Services Department, presented the 2002 Annual Report on Contracts (a copy of the report is included in this meeting record). He reviewed Council's role in contracting and the appeals process. At the request of Council members, Mr. Moss said he would arrange to have 10-day letters printed on yellow or orange paper so that they could be easily identified.

Council members discussed the utilization of minorities, women and emerging small businesses (M/W/EB Program) in Metro contracts, which is below the 10-12% level that Metro would like to achieve. Mr. Moss pointed out that there are many minority and women-owned firms that choose not to be certified with the State of Oregon, which distorts Metro's statistics. The Business Services Department is currently analyzing every contract to determine which vendors were solicited, whether or not they submitted a bid, and if not, why not, and the information collected will be used next year to try to increase M/W/EB participation. Councilor McLain said that she appreciated the efforts made so far and would like to see more innovative ways of increasing participation in the next year.

#### Oregon Zoo Report

Tony Vecchio, Oregon Zoo Director, reported that Hugo, a 42-year-old bull Asian elephant, died unexpectedly on Monday, January 20. Besides being well loved by Zoo staff, he was the seventh most important breeding bull in North America. Hugo's remains will contribute to research and education.

### 2. ENACT UPDATE AND REM/ENACT AND OREGON ZOO GREEN TEAM AWARDS

Jane Hartline and Gretchen Dunn reported on the Recycler of the Year award received by the Oregon Zoo Green Team from the Association of Oregon Recyclers. The award will be presented again by Council President Bragdon on camera at a future Council meeting. Jim Quinn, who manages the Hazardous Waste Program at Metro, talked about an unsolicited award received from the rechargeable battery recycling program and about Metro's Hazardous Waste Program in general.

Councilor McLain stressed the importance of developing a strategic plan for future efforts by Metro's Environmental Action Team (ENACT) and of getting buy-in from Metro and all its facilities. In response to a question from Councilor Newman, Mr. Apotheker said that ENACT is funded entirely from Solid Waste Recycling funds. He added that some Metro facilities are leveraging private funds or tax credits when they receive ENACT grants. He went on to talk

about ENACT's history, provide an update of its accomplishments, and review a draft sustainable business model (see attachment, included as part of the meeting record).

Mr. Apotheker discussed the educational component of ENACT, which included brown bag lectures, training for Metro employees and briefings to Metro departments. Councilor Hosticka asked if benchmarks had been established to measure progress. Mr. Apotheker replied that ENACT had started to develop some benchmarks that were program specific and that they were trying to ensure that all facilities had the data that would allow them to establish benchmarks. He said that when they received confirmation from Council that their goals were viable, they would intensify efforts to collect data on those benchmarks.

Council President Bragdon asked Councilor McLain to work with Mr. Apotheker to determine where ENACT should be housed and how it would be funded. He said that the Council would need a resolution in order to endorse the sustainability business model.

Councilor McLain introduced Jean Roy, Chair of the Oregon Natural Step Network, who urged Metro to incorporate sustainability into the organization.

### **3. BRIEFING ON ORDINANCE NO. 03-991**

Andy Cotugno, Planning Department Director, reviewed Ordinance 03-991 with regard to performance measures and progress on the functional plan. He said the ordinance represented Metro's first formal attempt to address its performance measure obligations required by Metro code and state law. He explained that staff reviewed the policies that Metro adopted and developed a way to measure what it was they were trying to accomplish. In addition to the ordinance, he provided Council members with a report that summarized performance measures and a second report entitled "Metro land use and transportation goals" aimed at the general public. All three documents are included in the meeting record.

Gerry Uba, Long-Range Planner, said that the Planning Department would provide MTAC and MPAC recommendations at the February 20 Council meeting, after which the Council would make the final decision. He and the Council reviewed the changes in the proposed "A" version of Ordinance 03-991 (included in the meeting record), and Council members suggested a number of additional changes. Extensive discussion ensued. Among the topics the Council discussed were looking at issues of equity in the future that were not only about housing affordability; having industrial land and jobs in areas of high population density; and going beyond numbers and formulas to poll the general public regarding their satisfaction with the results. Mr. Cotugno stressed the importance of adopting the resolution soon and addressing these topics in the next phase of the process.

### **4. COORDINATION OF U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE GRANT REQUEST**

Mr. Cotugno explained that the Planning and Regional Parks and Greenspaces departments were both applying for grants from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Elaine Stewart from Parks and Visitor Services described a project at Smith and Bybee Lakes for which they were seeking grant funds. She said the goal was to move the park's existing parking lot to a new location and build a new canoe launch, which would increase the number of parking spaces, provide better canoe access to Bybee Lake, and decrease human disturbance of the Western Painted Turtle population, which lives in ponds and sloughs in the area. Jim Desmond, Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department Director, added that the grants require a one-to-one match, and that this project would have close to a ten-to-one match.

Paul Ketcham from the Planning Department described the department's application for a US Fish and Wildlife Service grant that would allow the establishment of baseline ecological data for the entire Damascus planning area. The data would enable them to document the ecological conditions of the area before urbanization and help answer questions about the effects of urbanization on fish and wildlife habitat and water quality. This project would build on data gathered in 2001 and would provide site-specific information to supplement regional inventories. This would be a one-to-one match, with Metro providing a .2 FTE staff position for each of two years. The Council discussed the implications of committing a portion of a staff position to this project because of limited resources and said they would discuss further at the next Council Informal meeting.

## **5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Hosticka said that the legislative deadline to file bills was coming up quickly and that he was taking the initiative to get something drafted on revenue sharing.

Councilor McLain went over the agenda items for the January 27 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting.

Councilor Park said that February 18 was the deadline to come forward with MTIP priorities for the Council. He reviewed two items relating to the legislative agenda having to do with periodic review and the Metropolitan Housing Rule.

Council President Bragdon asked Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, to report on legislation at the Council meeting on Thursday, January 23. Mr. Cooper said he would also present a report on 52 bills that have been introduced that affect Metro.

Councilor Newman reported that the first south corridor public hearing would take place on January 29 at 6:00 p.m., followed by a second public hearing in early February. He said that the Council would make a final decision in late March or in April.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
JANUARY 21,2003**

ITEM #	TOPIC	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOC. NUMBER
1	Annual Report		2002 Annual Report on Contracts	012103ci-01
2	M/W/ESB		M/W/ESB Breakdown December FY 03	012103ci-02
3	ENACT Update	1/21/03	Metro environmental Action Team (ENACT) Update	012103ci-03
4	Performance Measures		Ordinance No. 03-991	012103ci-04
5	Performance Measures Report		Performance Measures Report – Summary of Results	012103ci-05
6	Land Use and Transportation Goals	December 2002	Metro Land Use and Transportation Goals – Draft	012103ci-06
7	Performance Measures		Ordinance No. 03-991A	012103ci-07