

## **MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING**

Tuesday, August 4, 2009  
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Rex Burkholder, Robert Liberty

Councilors Absent: Carl Hosticka (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:01 p.m.

### **1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 6, 2009/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

Council President Bragdon reviewed the August 6, 2009 Metro Council agenda. Councilor Collette discussed the presentation she will be giving at the meeting. Councilor Burkholder discussed the resolution regarding the TIGER grants. Councilor Harrington asked that a legislative update discussion be added to a work session agenda in the near future. Michael Jordan Chief Operating Officer mentioned that all Council meetings and work sessions are now digitally recorded and available online with the minutes. Mr. Jordan also mentioned the Metro agency wide picnic being held the afternoon of August 4, 2009 at Metro's Blue Lake Regional Park.

### **2. ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND PROGRAM: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

Megan Gibb, Metro planning manager, introduced the Reconfigured Regional Housing Choice Fund presentation. Councilor Harrington asked multiple questions regarding the staffing and loan management of the Regional Housing Choice Fund. Mr. Jordan explained that these topics were discussed through the budget process earlier this year, and could be referenced in the management response. Megan Steele, Metro associate regional planner, discussed the loan administrator selection criteria. Councilor Liberty mentioned the difference between the loan selection criteria and project selection criteria. Councilor Collette asked for clarity regarding the duration and purpose of the program.

Ms. Steele presented projects that were examples of comparable possible projects for this program. Councilor Harrington asked for details on the presented projects about how our program would compare to the funding used. Councilor Liberty explained that there is not an easy way to determine how they would compare fiscally due to the change in financial climate. He also said that with the dire need for funding to build affordable housing projects that people will come with full packages of proposals to get funding. Council President Bragdon asked for clarification regarding the third party management of the funds. Councilor Harrington expressed being disappointed that, "this program is only loaning money to one project in the next 2-5 years and that would be it." Councilor Burkholder said he is happy with the way that staff has handled the situation and that it can be a successful program, with hopes that it is renewed in the next few cycles. Council continued to discuss their views on the future of the Regional Housing Fund program. Councilor Liberty explained the understanding that Council had; that there would be a low interest rate charged on the loans to cover the staff expenses that was a concern of depreciation of fund overall value.

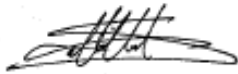
### **3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Liberty discussed his opportunity to sit down and talk with Commissioner Fritz from the City of Portland on Tuesday August 4, 2009. He explained the ability to discuss local aspirations. Councilor Collette talked about a discussion from the OTREC tour that took place on Monday August 3, 2009. Councilor Harrington mentioned great things that were learned from that tour as well.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon recessed the meeting to executive session at 2:16 p.m.

#### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: COO REVIEW**

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF**  
**August 4, 2009**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1	Agenda	08/06/09	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, August 6, 2009	080409cw-1
2	Handout	08/04/09	Presentation Slides: Reconfigures Regional Housing Choice Fund	080409cw-2