

MINUTES OF THE MAKING THE GREATEST PLACE WORK SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 2-4pm
Metro Council Chambers

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

Councilors Absent:

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

Discussion Summary and Statement of Direction:

Below is a summary of the direction provided by the Metro Council at the October 21 Making the Greatest Place work session.

Key MGP Milestones and Decision-making Processes for 2009 and 2010:

Staff reviewed the different resolutions and ordinances that Council will take action on in 2009 and 2010.

Urban Growth Report Resolution (action – December, 2009)

- Accepts population and employment forecast
- Accepts Urban Growth Report

Reserves Intergovernmental Agreements (projected action – early 2010)

Required:

- Map of proposed reserves
- Proposed policies for Comprehensive Plans and Regional Framework Plan

Optional:

- Agreement on collaborative process for concept planning
- Agreement on process for minor revisions to urban reserves/undesignated boundaries

Council discussion and direction:

- Where do performance measures fit it? Council can decide if they go in the Capacity Ordinance or in a separate resolution.
- Council should decide what level of input it needs from MPAC on performance measures and when.
- Although reserves are getting much attention, we need to continue to emphasize they are only one piece of a comprehensive strategy.

Urban/Rural Reserves Ordinance (projected action – June 2010)

- New Regional Framework Plan Policy
- Map of reserves
- Changes to Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (e.g., Chapter 11 concept planning)

Council discussion and direction:

- The reserves ordinance is a land use action appealable to the Land Conservation and Development Commission and then to the Court of Appeals

- The council needs to consider the timing of any urban growth boundary (UGB) decision

Concept Plans

- New Regional Framework Plan policies (plan before land is added to the UGB)
- Designate land use (industrial, center, etc)
- Current Title 11 elements (street plan, school plan etc)
- Urban Service Agreements
- Annexation Agreement

Council discussion and direction:

- Council should have a work session to talk about what kinds of elements should be considered in concept planning. Work session should happen early in 2010
- Do we have to have concept planning changes before reserve IGAs are complete? No, but the council may want to discuss with county partners.

Capacity Ordinance (action – by end of 2010)

- New Regional Framework Plan policies
- Actions to use UGB more efficiently
- UGB expansions, if necessary (or could delay total expansion to 2011)
- Changes to Urban Growth Management Functional Plan
- Changes to UGB code (including performance measures)
- Changes to Boundary change code

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (action – June 2010)

- New RTP policy
- Investment strategy (project list)
- TSMO plan
- Freight plan
- High Capacity Transit Plan
- New RTP Functional Plan

Summary of Public and Stakeholder Outreach on Chief Operating Officer (COO)

Recommendation: Staff summarized outreach activities and provided a preliminary draft of key themes received from public comments and stakeholder meetings during the 30-day comment period on the COO recommendation. Staff will do more content analysis and provide a revised report to MPAC next week.

Initial key themes (could change with additional analysis):

- People are aware of the UGB and what it is intended to do
- There's skepticism of reserves and their effectiveness
- Business groups believe that we have underestimated employment needs

Council discussion and direction:

- What was our outreach to underserved groups?
- What was our outreach goal and did we meet it?

- What did we learn that can be applied to other upcoming outreach and engagement efforts?
- We should conduct more outreach to youth such as county Youth Commissions.
- We need more discussion about retail and wholesale outreach.

Urban Growth Report Status: Staff updated the council on where we are with the report and reviewed a matrix of key things we have heard, from whom, and our response.

Council discussion and direction:

- Matrix is excellent summary of the issues and our response to those issues.
- Some councilors are hearing more about aspirations outside of UGB from local governments than about inside. Are others hearing that? We should walk around a map in some upcoming work session to talk about what they're aspiring to.

Council discussion of the Regional Transportation Plan was postponed to Thursday, October 22.

Council Direction on Urban and Rural Reserves: The Council holds a work session next Monday, October 26 with the Core 4. To prepare for that meeting, the council needs to tell staff which reserve areas identified on the map need further discussion. The Core 4 is working on a "best effort map", will continue that effort for the next month, and has directed staff to work on a proposal to conduct public outreach following development of the best effort map. With this in mind, public outreach will likely occur in early 2010 on that map and MPAC will review in early 2010 as well.

Council discussion and direction:

- Additional discussion is necessary even on many of the areas of preliminary agreement
- Since IGAs will be adopted later, in either January or February rather than December, the timeline resolution may have to be amended
- Topics needing more council discussion include:
 - Priorities for rural reserve designations
 - Jim Johnson map of agricultural land
 - Undesignated lands
- What factors did counties use to designate rural reserves and undesignated lands? It doesn't appear to be consistent between the counties.
- Also need to discuss the interface between reserves and areas inside the UGB and with neighboring cities.
- We need to have an analysis of the state agency letter to determine which items are policy and which are technical.
- May need to hold a council work session between every Core 4 meeting
- Issues for discussion with the Core 4: urban reserve areas, rural reserve areas, white (undesignated) areas, and connection to areas inside UGB
- Staff to return with work plan indicating Council touchpoints on key policy issues considering updated timeline.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
October 21, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Graphs	10/20/09	Supplemental Materials for Regional Transportation Plan, Discussion Items 1 and 2	102109cw-1
1	Memo	10/16/09	To: Metro Council, MPAC and interested parties From: Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner Re: Regional Transportation Plan Discussion Issues	102109cw-2
1	Summary	10/21/09	Preliminary summary of comments on draft employment analysis	102109cw-3
1	Graph	10/21/09	Site choices of recent solar manufacturing recruits to Oregon	102109cw-4
1	Summary	10/21/09	Use of large lots added to the UGB (2002-2009)	102109cw-5
1	Memo	10/12/09	To: Reserves Steering Committee From: Core 4 Project Management Team Staff Re: Core 4 proposed areas of preliminary agreement and areas for further discussion	102109cw-6
5	Summary	10/21/09	Regional Transportation Plan – Discussion Item 5, 1-5/99W Study Area Recommendations	102109cw-7