

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 27, 2009
Metro Council Chamber

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

Councilors Absent: Rex Burkholder (excused)

Council President David Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 29, 2009, ADMINISTRATIVE/ CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

There is no Council meeting this Thursday, October 29, 2009.

COO Michael Jordan informed the council that the Metro Senior Leadership Team will be having a retreat on October 29th & 30th which will include a budget discussion. President Bragdon referred the council to an article written by Phil Keisling about the current situation with PERS.

2. ZAP - UNO Presentation

Ann Warner, conservation manager at the Zoo, introduced the Oregon Zoo's UNO and ZAP programs. The programs have been a tremendous success and have received a national diversity award. She then introduced Jody and Pam, zoo staff members, who have built partnerships that are crucial to these programs' success.

Pam and Jody discussed the programs' innovative approach to addressing diversity issues at the Zoo. ZAP's paid interns come from low-income, ethnic & culturally diverse areas in the region and participate in peer mentoring and training as part of the program. ZAP has been around for 10 years and has employed 121 teens and provided 1,100 outreach opportunities. The UNO program is a 24 hour camping experience and works closely with ZAP.

The "recipe for success" for both programs is a mixture of diversity, mentoring, partnerships and connection to nature. The ultimate goal is to inspire the community to create a better future for wildlife. The programs are 100% charity funded, and increased funds would mean more hours for teen interns and outreach to more students.

Councilor Harrington asked about obstacles interns face in participating in the program and whether the program does outreach to companies or corporations. Jody responded that they have no problems recruiting interns, as most of them are in need of a safe, paid job. They do provide outreach to corporations for a fee, unlike the community outreaches which are free.

3. Lake Oswego to Portland Streetcar Update

Councilor Robert Liberty introduced the agenda item, commenting that there is general concern that the trail may bog down the project. Cost-effective measures are also being looked at as the team tries to find a way to streamline New Starts, Small Starts program funding.

Ross Roberts and Bridget Weighart of Metro updated the council on the Lake Oswego to Portland Streetcar project. Metro is the go-between with the Federal Transportation Authority for this project, and thus works directly with the New Starts reviewer. On that note, the person assigned to be the New Starts reviewer is changing again, for the seventh time, which may slow down progress on the project. The project is still proceeding on an expedited schedule with the refinement stage already complete and the Environmental Impact Study beginning. The Locally Preferred Alternative will be ready by next fall and will address three scenarios: the streetcar alternative, the no-build alternative and the enhanced bus alternative. Ms. Weighart then explained the alternative streetcar design options and the enhanced bus maps.

The trail component was originally initiated because of the expense and difficulty of building the streetcar line and trail separately. There are three major segments being looked at: South Waterfront to Sellwood, Sellwood Bridge to Lake Oswego and downtown Lake Oswego. All components will take more study and decision making, but the trail portion of the project should generate a tremendous amount of energy behind the project as a whole. Ms. Weighart then passed out the list of members for the project's Community Advisory Committee.

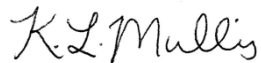
4. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/ COMMUNICATION

Councilor Liberty commented on his attendance at the 350 rally on October 24th.

With no further business, President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
 OCTOBER 27, 2009**

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	10/28/09	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, October 28, 2009.	102709cw-1
2	Publication	08'-09'	Oregon Zoo- <i>Education: A Year in Review</i> 2009-2009	102709cw-2
2	Publication	08'-09'	Oregon Zoo- <i>Conservation: A Year in Review</i> 2008-2009	102709cw-3
3	Handout	10/14/09	Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project: Community Advisory Committee	102709cw-4
3	Memo	9/23/09	To: Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project Steering Committee From: Metro staff, with input Re: Lake Oswego to Portland Trail Project Recommendation	102709cw-5
3	Maps	8/14/09	Lake Oswego to Portland Trail segment maps	102709cw-6
3	Handout	N/A	Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project map	102709cw-7