



RESERVES CORE 4

Summary Notes

May 2, 2008

Clackamas County Public Services Building, Oregon City

9:00 a.m. – noon

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees: Jeff Cogen (Multnomah County), Kathryn Harrington (Metro), Martha Schrader (Clackamas County) plus Core 4 staff Chuck Beasley (Multnomah County), Maggie Dickerson (Clackamas County), Ken Ray (Metro), John Williams (Metro). Public attendees: Carol Chesarek. Facilitation team: Deb Nudelman and Aurora Martin (Kearns & West).

NOTES:

Agenda Review

- Deb called the meeting to order at 9:16 am and reviewed the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- Deb asked for and received approval of Core 4 minutes from March 31.

Review and Approval of Agenda for May 14 Reserves Steering Committee Meeting

- Meeting Logistics
 - a. Discussion about the location for future Steering Committee meetings. There is general agreement that the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber is too small for the whole group, so staff is looking into options for a larger room. Some possibilities include government buildings and the Convention Center.
- Follow up on Action Items
 - a. Discussion about the legal analysis memo written by Dick Benner. Staff will revise the memo to present it to the Steering Committee with both the legal language as well as plain language. At the May 14 meeting, it will be reiterated that the Steering Committee does not have jurisdiction over the neighboring counties.
 - b. Discussion about outreach to neighboring counties. The Core 4 will restate that the neighboring cities and counties have been invited to participate in this process and will give a brief update about outreach efforts since the April 9 Steering Committee meeting.
 - c. Concerns were raised about the negative sentiments expressed about Metro at the April 9 Steering Committee meeting as well as in subsequent contact with neighboring counties. Discussion followed about how to manage conflicting opinions about Steering Committee jurisdiction among members of the committee. The Core 4 will inform the Steering Committee that it cannot “change apples into oranges” or change the area of jurisdiction.

- Introduction and Begin Discussion of Rural Reserves Factors
 - d. Commissioner Schrader to introduce Brent and Doug to lead this discussion. Brent will provide an overview of how and when the factors will be used. Doug will introduce and moderate the presenters and keep them focused on presenting the background. Because the Rural Reserves Factors are the substance of the meeting, there was some question about moving them to the beginning of the meeting. Due to follow up from previous meetings, it was decided to keep this item where it is.
- Review of upcoming Steering Committee agendas/actions
 - e. General agreement that this will come up earlier in the meeting, so this section on upcoming agendas/actions will be moved to number III. Deb/John will remind the Steering Committee what will be asked of them at future meetings. Deb will also point out that the recommendation of the reserves study area is an important interim milestone and stress to the Steering Committee the importance of group concurrence to the broad study area so that the process can move forward. An email reminding Steering Committee members about the expectations at the June meeting will be sent to anyone who is unable to attend the May meeting.

40/50 Year Population Forecasting Event

- Discussion about the 40/50 year forecasting event and when the information for the event will be presented. There will be two documents for the event; the agenda will be available to the Steering Committee at the May 14 meeting and the summary of the forecast is being prepared. There will be two panels in the forum: one is a future trends panel that looks at long-term trends and issues in their areas of expertise, and one is a forecast panel which includes demographers and economists.

The concern was raised that the Steering Committee is spending too much time on how something will be done and not why it needs to be done. Discussion established that the 40/50 year forecast can be best explained by going back to the *Franning Growth Forecasts* document and explaining that it is on a parallel track to the Steering Committee; the information will be used by the Steering Committee but it is not created by the Steering Committee. Core 4 and staff will present an overview of the forecasting process at the May 14 meeting, and additional questions or concerns from Steering Committee members can be discussed offline.

Discussion about who needs to know about the 40/50 year forecasting event. There is an invitation to Steering Committee members that will be going out, and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. A wide variety of interested parties are included on the invitation list.

Status Report on Grant Application

- John reported that the budget and grant proposal have been finalized and submitted for approval. Staff is hoping to hear the results soon.

Wrap-Up

- Deb adjourned the meeting at 11:28 am.