



RESERVES CORE 4

Summary Notes

May 19, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Washington County Services' Center East (Beaverton office), Room 153, Beaverton

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees: Tom Brian (Washington County), Jeff Cogen (Multnomah County), Kathryn Harrington (Metro), Martha Schrader (Clackamas County) plus Core 4 staff Chuck Beasley (Multnomah County), Brent Curtis (Washington County), Robin McArthur (Metro), Doug McClain (Clackamas County), Tim O'Brien (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 9:13 am and reviewed the agenda. Kathryn asked that a discussion about editorial boards be added to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Deb asked for and received approval of Core 4 minutes from May 2.

Updates from Each Jurisdiction

Core 4 members gave brief updates on their public involvement efforts since the last meeting.

Debrief from May 14 Reserves Steering Committee Meeting

There was discussion about the May 14 Steering Committee meeting. Staff will continue to meet with stakeholders to address their concerns about the Reserves process.

There was some discussion about how to help Steering Committee members reach consensus. The goal will be to strive for a regional voice and also help the Steering Committee members understand that they are a bridge to the other processes that are occurring.

Staff will include talking points about the role of the Steering Committee so all Core 4 will be giving the same message at open houses.

Comment that Judie Hammerstad asked a question about how the Big Look process will fit into the Reserves process. Core 4 members will check in with members of the Big Look Committee and report to the Steering Committee on June 9.

Clark County Outreach

There was discussion about outreach to Clark County as well as the City of Vancouver. Jeff is on the Bi-State Coordinating Committee with Steve Stuart, Clark County Commissioner, so Jeff will invite Steve to join this conversation and possibly present Clark County's visioning for the future. The opinion was voiced that Core 4 should be clear that Clark County is already included in population forecasts for the region.

Business Community Outreach

There is concern that the business community perceives it is not represented by any of the maps that have been presented so far. Robin and Michael Jordan will be meeting with the G9 soon. Core 4 staff is inviting the business community to a meeting to check on their concerns.

Review and Approval of Agenda for June 9 Reserves Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Logistics

- The meeting is currently scheduled to be in the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber, but staff will continue to research other location options. John will look into providing the annotated agenda to all meeting attendees.

Updates and Action Items

- Discussion about the updates to give to the Steering Committee, including how the June 2 meeting between Kathryn, Martha, and Yamhill County went; how outreach is progressing with Clark County; and what has been happening with the Big Look.
- There was brief discussion about announcing the completion of Phase I to the group. Core 4 staff will provide a brief summary for the technical memo explaining what actions were completed during this phase.

Public Comment

- The public comment period will continue as it is for now. However, if more people begin to comment at meetings, Deb will manage the discussions and determine how to move forward at that point.

Framing Growth Forecasts

- Discussion about follow up to the May 30 forecasting event. A review of this at the Steering Committee meeting will be good reinforcement so that the Framing Growth Forecasts document is internalized by Steering Committee members. The question was raised whether this should discuss just the May 30 meeting or if discussions should include the infrastructure meeting on May 28 as well. General agreement that a review of the topics from both meetings should be included.
- The discussion under this topic should include an answer to Craig Brown's May 14 question about when and how planned densities will be determined.
- There was discussion about what questions, if any, to ask the Steering Committee about the forecasting events. The discussion time will remain open to serve as a check point and learning opportunity for the Core 4 to understand where the group is at. Agreement that staff will make sure the Core 4 is updated and well-grounded in the outcomes of the May 28 and May 30 meetings, and that the time allocated to this subject on the June 9 agenda will be used to make sure the Steering Committee is well-grounded as well.
- The point was raised that the Core 4 should explain to the Steering Committee that scenario planning is underway. The concept of scenario planning will be introduced at the June 9 meeting and elaborated upon at the July 9 meeting.

Broad Study Area Recommendations

- John presented the proposed study area map. The opinion was presented that the Core 4 should make a point of explaining to the Steering Committee that outreach has been done to small cities (e.g. Sandy, Molalla) and those cities have asked to be included in the study area. John asked if the large study area outline map should be presented to the Steering Committee or if a map that has further been divided into smaller study areas broken down by factors such as topography and watersheds should be presented. General agreement was reached that the large study area outline map should be presented to avoid confusion, but that staff could proceed with the technical process of creating study areas as needed.

- Concern was raised about how to determine on June 9 if the Steering Committee is approving the map to be released for public comment. Deb explained that she will not ask for a vote and gave a brief explanation of what she means by concurrence/consensus. The Core 4 decided it can call a caucus during the June 9 meeting as needed to discuss any Steering Committee concerns and provide a unified approach for moving forward.

Editorial Boards

- Brief discussion determined that Core 4 will have the goal of working together before the September 10 meeting to determine the objectives and key talking points. Staff will come back to this topic on the June 27th Core 4 meeting, as well as the August 4 Core 4 meeting to prepare.

Wrap-Up

- Deb adjourned the meeting at 11:53 am.

Submitted by

Debra Nudelman and Aurora Martin, Kearns & West

