



RESERVES CORE 4

Summary Notes

August 27, 2008

Washington County Services Center East, Beaverton

9:00 a.m. - Noon

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees: Martha Schrader (Clackamas County), Tom Brian (Washington County) plus Core 4 staff Chuck Beasley (Multnomah County), Brent Curtis (Washington County), Doug McClain (Clackamas County), Karen Schilling (Multnomah County), 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 9:05 am and reviewed the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

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

Updates

Martha reported that the Clackamas County Business Alliance has passed a resolution in favor of reviewing proposed reserves areas through the lens of urban reserves factors. Discussion following about clearing up misconceptions about the process and the importance of stressing that study areas will be examined using both urban and rural factors. Doug reported that the annual Clackamas County Coordinating Council (C4) retreat will be held on September 18 and will consist of conversations with the cities about their aspirations for future growth. The Policy Advisory Committee continues to ask to help with the technical work.

Tom reported that Washington County has added representation from the Farm Bureau and the agricultural community to its Coordinating Committee. Representatives from the business community will present at the next meeting, and the Coordinating Committee expects to have a presentation from the cities as well. Brent reported that the urbanization forum in Washington County is also continuing to move forward.

Chuck reported that Multnomah County representatives recently held an outreach meeting for the Corbett community and will also be conducting outreach in Troutdale soon.

John reported that Kathryn was invited to speak at the Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors (PMAR) meeting in the middle of September and will be asking the Core 4 to participate as well.

The letter from Core 4 to the legislature drafted by Randy Tucker was introduced and discussed. A few minor edits were suggested and Core 4 members in attendance agreed it would be a good idea to send the letter. Chuck and John will make sure Jeff and Kathryn see the letter and all Core 4 members are asked to review the letter and provide any comments to John by September 3. [Action Item]

Study Area Decision

The Core 4 discussed the process they will follow in making Reserves Study Area decisions. The Core 4 agreed to engage the Steering Committee in discussion and ask for endorsements on topics related to decision points in the urban and rural reserves designation process. The Core 4 will take Steering Committee members' comments and concerns under advisement to inform the recommendations Core 4 members will then make to their respective Boards for discussion and agreement. For the topic of the urban and rural reserve study area endorsement, the Core 4 will be prepared to make a report at the October Steering Committee meeting with their decision. In addition, the Core 4 will report to each other on their Boards' decisions at the September 27 Core 4 meeting. [Action Item]

Urban and Rural Reserves Suitability Analysis Approach

Staff presented an overview of the technical process for assessing suitability of reserves study area. Teams of technical experts have been established and have identified 25 subareas within the proposed study area. Regional infrastructure service providers are also discussing areas in relation to how difficult or easy those areas would be to serve. The technical teams will try to identify conflict areas early and give that information to the Steering Committee and Core 4 to allow them to weigh those issues and sort the areas by priority. To facilitate the efficiency of the process, not all the factors will be discussed early in the process. Factors that relate only to either rural or urban reserves will be taken under consideration at a later point once it is apparent if lands will need to be considered more specifically for rural or urban reserves or if they are conflict areas and need to be closely examined for both.

There was some discussion about the concern raised at the Steering Committee about designating rural reserves first. The goal of Senate Bill 1011 was to look at both urban and rural reserves co-equally and was presented as a way to create a win-win situation for balancing both business interests and agricultural interests. The process of designating urban and rural reserves will be iterative and concurrent.

At the September 10 Steering Committee meeting, staff will present a top level approach to the Steering Committee to explain how the work will be done. Staff will review a couple examples of how the factors will be applied to allow the Steering Committee to understand the work that is going into the process.

Approach to "Framing Choices" Phase of Making the Greatest Place Work Program

Discussion was held on how local aspirations will inform Making the Greatest Place decision-making. After allowing local communities time to discuss their aspirations for growth, Core 4 and staff will convene a meeting of local communities to foster discussion about the regional implications of any decisions those communities make at a local level.

There was discussion about how much the region as a whole will allow communities to be autonomous in their choice-making. The question of how much growth will occur inside the UGB and how much will occur outside the UGB will need to be resolved before getting

to the question about the suitability of the land. The goal is to have a conversation where communities will be discussing the issues at a regional level.

Reserves Steering Committee Agenda and Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Deb provided a review of the draft September 10 Reserves Steering Committee agenda.

There was some discussion about the upcoming presentation to the Steering Committee by representatives from the business community. They will also be making a presentation to the Washington County Coordinating Committee on September 8.

There has been discussion of joining the October 8 Steering Committee meeting with the evening MPAC meeting on the same day. Deb raised the concern that Yom Kippur begins that evening.

The topic was raised about accommodating transitions on the Steering Committee due to the November elections. A brief discussion of the transitions will be added to the November 12 Steering Committee agenda. In addition, John will schedule a day in mid-November to hold a briefing with new Steering Committee members to bring them up to speed with the process to date. [Action Item]

Wrap-Up

Deb adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

Meeting Summary submitted on September 2, 2008 by Kearns and West, Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aurora Martin".