



RESERVES CORE 4

**October 31, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Multnomah County Building, Portland**

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees: Jeff Cogen (Multnomah County), Kathryn Harrington (Metro), Martha Schrader (Clackamas County), plus Core 4 staff Chuck Beasley (Multnomah County), Dick Benner (Metro), Brent Curtis (Washington County), Brian Hanes (Washington County), Doug McClain (Clackamas County), Karen Schilling (Multnomah County), Randy Tucker (Metro), John Williams (Metro). Public attendees: Carol Chesarek. Facilitation team: Deb Nudelman and Aurora Martin (Kearns & West).

Agenda Review

Deb called the meeting to order at 10:08 am and reviewed the agenda. Kathryn asked that a discussion about the November 14 Clackamas County Business Alliance event be added to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Deb asked for and received approval of Core 4 minutes from August 27.

Updates

A Multnomah County Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was held on October 23. The CAC does not feel any land can be taken out of the study area. Brief discussion followed about providing additional information to the CAC about costs to build transportation infrastructure and what it takes to urbanize an area. The suggestion was made that a discussion be held on a local level about values and not just needs.

The urbanization forum in Washington County is continuing to move forward. Washington County staff is moving forward with the reserves work as well.

The Clackamas County Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) met on October 23, and there appears to be a general appreciation for the methodology of the process although there is some conversation and debate about the assumptions and factors being used.

The Metro Council is interested in public perception of the Reserves process and how it relates to Making the Greatest Place. Kathryn reported that the CSA event in mid-October was well-attended and stimulated conversation about the urban and rural interface. Jeff and Kathryn also attended the Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors (PMAR) meeting in the middle of September and received positive feedback for

the Reserves process. Finally, the Core 4 has been asked to speak at the November 14 Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA) event. After some discussion, Martha and Kathryn agreed to follow up with CCBA to better understand the goals and objectives for the meeting. [Action Item]

Reserves Project Funding

Randy Tucker provided an update about project funding. A request was made for a local assistance funding package of \$4.5 million, and that request is now in the appeals process. There may also be some money left from grants. If the state leadership agrees with the Big Look recommendations, that may open the door to funding from the legislature. Concerns were raised that even if the legislature were to approve funding, the funding still would not be available until the spring. An additional option is to go to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. Randy will draft a one-pager to present to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to request funding. [Action Item]

Reserves Broad Study Area Map

The Core 4 provided updates from their boards following the September 10 Reserves Steering Committee endorsement of the study area. The Metro Council will be adopting the broad study area map at its November 6 meeting. Kathryn provided a copy of the resolution that will be voted on at the Council. The Clackamas County board has already approved the study area during a work session. In a Washington County work session, the Reserves Coordinating Committee recommended adoption of the study area and the board agreed to it. The Multnomah County board received a work session briefing and also gave approval.

Dick noted that each county should have documentation of its decision-making process. At the November 12 Reserves Steering Committee meeting, Deb will review the decision-making and approval process with the Steering Committee to provide clarity on the approach.

Reserves Phase 3 Work Program

John provided an overview of the October 28 draft memorandum from the Project Management Team to the Core 4 and Steering Committee Members about the Reserves Phase 3 suitability analysis work program. The memo explains how the suitability analysis will be conducted and how this process fits with the Making the Greatest Place program.

Discussion followed about the amount of time that will be needed to formulate the data as well as circulate the information through the coordinating committees and boards. Concerns were raised about the interface between Phases 3 and 4 not being clearly defined. Public education and outreach were raised as issues and there was some discussion about how to keep the momentum going for Phase 3 public involvement. Another topic raised was about anticipated political changes in the country after the elections and how those changes will affect the reserves process. From a process perspective, Deb noted that it is most critical to push people to finish their venting and conduct the analysis working toward solutions. An additional concern was how the Phase 3 timeline corresponds with county and state budget writing and how that will affect the time commitments of the Core 4 and staff. It was noted that Core 4 will need revised Phase 3 talking points. [Action Item]

Brent presented an overview of the Phase 3 work being conducted in Washington County. He provided the *Evolution of Urban and Rural Reserves Factors* handout and a draft October 30, 2008 memo from Brent Curtis to Planning Directors about Using GIS and Suitability Mapping for Determining Urban & Rural Reserves. Brent and Brian Hanes showed maps demonstrating how the GIS suitability analysis uses factor weighting to show what lands are best suited for urban or rural reserves. It was stressed that this process is only meant to provide an idea about potentially suitable lands for urban and rural reserves and that definitive judgments about urban and rural designations should not be made yet.

It was noted that Core 4 and staff should be careful of the “we” being used when this information is presented and to note that conditions do vary. Staff noted that all the counties have similar approaches although which factors to use and how to analyze them varies by region.

Dick believes that approach is consistent with the rule and that any areas screened out of the study area should be kept for possible later consideration and not removed entirely. Dick also noted that the weighting for rural factors does not have to be done uniformly, however the efforts need to be coordinated and explainable. The weighting of urban factors does need to be completed in the same way because ultimately Metro will oversee the expansion of the UGB. In addition, the map needs to outline areas that are “more” or “less” suitable instead of suitable or not suitable to allow flexibility.

November 12 Reserves Steering Committee Meeting

Deb provided a brief review of the draft November 12 Reserves Steering Committee agenda.

There was some discussion about how to present the overview of the Phase 3 suitability analysis at the Steering Committee. It was decided that the presentation will provide an overview and relay the message that work is already being conducted.

Wrap-Up

Deb adjourned the meeting at 12:14 pm.

Submitted by Deb Nudelman and Aurora Martin, Kearns West.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Aurora Martin".