



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 13, 2010

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Brian, Chair
Sam Adams
Shane Bemis, Vice Chair
Matt Berkow
Jody Carson
Nathalie Darcy
Dennis Doyle
Amanda Fritz
Jack Hoffman
Carl Hosticka
Dick Jones
Charlotte Lehan, Second Vice Chair
Robert Liberty
Keith Mays
Rod Park
Wilda Parks
Alice Norris
Judy Shiprack
Rick VanBeveren
Mike Weatherby
Jerry Willey

AFFILIATION

Washington Co. Commission
City of Portland
City of Gresham, representing Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
Multnomah Co. Citizen
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Washington Co. Citizen
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Portland
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City
Metro Council
Clackamas Co. Special Districts
Clackamas Co. Commission
Metro Council
City of Sherwood, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
Metro Council
Clackamas Co. Citizen
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
Multnomah Co. Commission
TriMet Board of Directors
City of Fairview, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities
City of Hillsboro, representing Washington Co. Largest City

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ken Allen
Richard Burke
Pat Campbell
Charlynn Newton
Steve Stuart
Richard Whitman
Dilafruz Williams

AFFILIATION

Port of Portland
Washington Co. Special Districts
City of Vancouver
City of North Plains, City in Washington Co. outside UGB
Clark Co., Washington Commission
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
Governing Body of School Districts

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Laura Hudson
Jennifer Donnelly

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development

STAFF: Dick Benner, Dan Cooper, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, Milena Hermansky, Kelsey Newell, Ken Ray, Randy Tucker, Andy Shaw, John Williams.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Tom Brian declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Audience and committee members introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of MPAC minutes for December 9, 2009

Annual appointment of MTAC members:

MOTION: Mayor Alice Norris moved, and Mayor Mike Weatherby seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Metro Councilor Robert Liberty updated the committee on:

- Metro recently acquired a 1,143 acre parcel in Chehalem Ridge with funds from the 2006 voter-approved natural areas bond measure program; and
- Metro received 28 project funding requests from local governments, totaling \$6.8 million, as part of the Construction Excise Tax planning grant program; and
- The Metro Council will consider two transportation-related resolutions: one setting forth phasing and priorities for multi-modal corridor planning, and another designating I-5/Barbur as the next regional priority to advance High Capacity Transit corridor shortly.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Nomination and Election of 2010 MPAC Officers

Chair Tom Brian announced, on behalf of the MPAC nominating committee, the following 2010 MPAC officer nominees:

- Mayor Shane Bemis of Gresham, Chair;
- Commissioner Charlotte Lehan of Clackamas County, First Vice-Chair; and
- Mayor Jerry Willey of Hillsboro, Second Vice Chair.

MOTION: [*Item not recorded*] moved, and Commissioner Amanda Fritz seconded, to approve the nomination and election of 2010 MPAC officers.

ACTION TAKEN: With all in favor, the motion passed.

Commissioner Tom Brian presented the gavel to Mayor Shane Bemis, the newly elected Chair.

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Urban and Rural Reserves update and discussion of draft intergovernmental agreements.

Mr. John Williams of Metro provided a brief update on the Urban and Rural Reserves (URR). On Dec. 17, 2009, the Metro Council approved a resolution that released the Core 4 draft intergovernmental agreement (IGA) and draft map of proposed URR for public comment through Jan. 22, 2010. A series of open houses and public hearings have been scheduled for January 11th to January 21st.

MPAC is scheduled to discuss the URR and make a recommendation to the Metro Council on January 27th and February 10th respectively. The Metro Council is scheduled to consider the final resolution to adopt IGAs with each of the counties in late February and to adopt implementing ordinances in spring 2010.

Mr. Dick Benner of Metro briefly reviewed the legal details of the proposed reserves intergovernmental agreement. Topics discussed include:

- The processes by which Metro and the counties will formally adopt urban and rural reserves, respectively; and
- Differences between Draft 4 of the IGAs (included in the meeting packet) and Draft 5.

Committee discussion included:

- Concern regarding the loss of farmland and natural resources to proposed Urban Reserves and emphasis on the importance of creating balance between farmland and industry;
- The Agriculture and Natural Resource Coalition's map of proposed Reserve areas;
- Whether a forty versus fifty-year timeframe is more appropriate for Reserves;
- The process for expanding the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) into Urban Reserves;
- The potential for Metro to impose conditions upon which Urban Reserves may be used once brought into the UGB (e.g. employment, industrial, or residential uses);
- The importance of providing future local governments with flexibility in land-use decisions; and
- Concern with the fast-paced public involvement and decision-making timelines.

For organizational purposes, the committee agreed to focus on the following eight unresolved issues at their January 27th meeting:

1. What time period should the region use to plan the reserves?
2. Is the amount of acreage important and if so, what is the right amount?
3. How are employment and employment lands being addressed?
4. How much and what farmland should be in the urban reserves? How much is foundation farmland?
5. To what extent should the region designate rural reserves versus undesignated lands? Too big? Too little?
6. How does this fit with the region's efforts to build great communities in the existing urban growth boundary (UGB) and in the urban reserves areas if and when they are added to the UGB?
7. Spatial orientation of Reserves throughout the region.
8. Conditions.

7.2 Funding Affordable Housing as a Matter of Metropolitan Concern.

Councilor Liberty briefed the committee on a draft ordinance which would declare affordable housing a matter of metropolitan concern. MPAC's recommendation of this ordinance, pending Metro Council approval, would provide Metro with the authority to use funds in Metro's budget for affordable housing in the region. Councilor Liberty encouraged members to review the ordinance prior to the January 27th MPAC discussion and action.


8. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

9. ADJOURN

Chair Shane Bemis adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Milena B. Hermansky
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JANUARY 13, 2010:

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
	Document	01/11/2010	2010 MPAC Tentative Agenda - Updated	011310j-01
4.	Memo	01/13/2010	Re: 2010 MTAC Nominees for MPAC approval	011310j-02
7.1	PowerPoint	01/13/2010	Urban and Rural Reserves Update	011310j-03
7.1	Document	01/11/2010	Core-4 Reserves Status	011310j-04
7.1	Map	01/13/2010	Urban and Rural Reserves Regional Map	011310j-05
7.1	Map	01/11//2010	Agriculture and Natural Resources Coalition Proposed Reserve Areas	011310j-06
7.1	Graph	09/2009	COO Recommendation on Regional Urban Reserves	011310j-07
7.1	Document	01/13/20010	January 2010 Reserves Open House & Hearing Schedule	011310j-08
7.1	Letter	12/16/2009	From Metro Councilors to Clackamas County Commission re: Stafford	011310j-09
7.1	Letter	01/11/2010	From City of Portland to Metro Council re: Testimony on Urban and Rural Reserves	011310j-10
7.1	E-mail	01/11/2010	From Mayor Sam Adams re: Reserves testimony	011310j-11
7.2	Document	01/07/2010	Ordinance No. 10-1231	011310j-12