

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE)
APPOINTMENT OF PAUL MANSON AS A)
CITIZEN ALTERNATE TO THE METRO)
POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC))
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RESOLUTION NO. 10-4105
Introduced by David Bragdon,
Council President

WHEREAS, the Metro Charter, Chapter V Section 26 (1) (m), provides that three citizen members of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) shall be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the Metro Council and;

WHEREAS, the MPAC Bylaws, Section 2 (e), provides that members and alternates representing citizens will be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the Metro Council and;

WHEREAS, the Metro Council appointed Mathew S. Berkow as a citizen member by Resolution No. 09-4098, "For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Mathew S. Berkow As Multnomah County Citizen Member to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) on December 17, 2009 and;

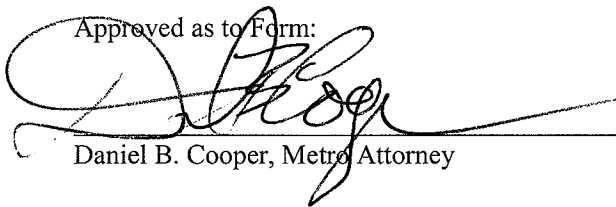
WHEREAS, the Council President has appointed Paul Manson as citizen alternate for Mr. Berkow subject to confirmation by the Metro Council, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council confirms the appointment of Paul Manson as a citizen alternate of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC).

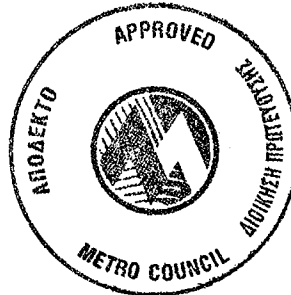
ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 7TH day of January 2010.



David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-4105, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL MANSON AS A CITIZEN ALTERNATE TO
THE METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Date: December 18, 2009

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BACKGROUND

Mr. Paul Manson offers a well-rounded understanding of both transportation and land use elements and would be able to draw on multiple experiences from his past and present academic, professional and volunteer experiences.

Mr. Manson's primary interests are in land development and transportation policy, with a focus on bicycle and pedestrian opportunities; and environmental and sustainability policy. The combination of his master's work in natural resource policy and management matched with his employment experience as an environmental and sustainability planner, complements current Multnomah County citizen member Matt Berkow's non-motorized transportation focus. In addition, balancing out this academic and professional experience is Mr. Manson's volunteer service with multiple Multnomah County based organizations including the Sullivan's Gulch Trail Corridor Committee, City Club of Portland and Multnomah Citizen Budget Advisory Committee. (See Attachment 1 for more information.)

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents**
 - The Metro Charter, Chapter V Section 26 (1) (m), provides that MPAC shall include three citizens appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the Council.
 - The MPAC bylaws, Section 2(e), provides for the appointment of alternates in the same manner. Resolution No. 09-4098, "For the Purpose of Confirming Appointment of Mathew S. Berkow as Multnomah County Citizen Member to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)," adopted on December 17, 2009.
 - Mr. Manson would serve as Mr. Berkow's alternate for a two year term.
3. **Anticipated Effects** A new citizen alternate will be appointed to MPAC.
4. **Budget Impacts** None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 10-4015.

Paul Manson

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Over the past decade, Paul has been active in the Portland region through volunteering and professional activities. His interests include land development and transportation policy, with a focus on bicycle and pedestrian opportunities; and environmental and sustainability policy. His professional expertise centers on the development of performance measures for managing human impacts and dependencies on the natural environment. His volunteer efforts also include research and input on governance and public finance issues. Paul lives in Southeast Portland with his wife and daughter in the Richmond neighborhood.

Community Involvement

Sullivan's Gulch Trail Corridor Committee

2007 to Present

The Sullivan's Gulch trail is proposed to parallel I-84 from the Eastside Esplanade, pass through Gateway and provide a connection with 122nd Avenue. The committee is an ad-hoc group of neighborhood and business representatives that are along the proposed route. Paul has volunteered through meeting facilitation, transportation policy advocacy, and web and social media outreach. Recently the group played an important role in elevating the value of trails as transportation tools in the Portland Bicycle Master Plan. The group strongly believes that trails will provide a critical role in transportation and recreation in the coming decades. As a nearby resident and daily bike commuter, the trail is a personal passion.

Multnomah Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

2009 to Present

Paul serves on the Multnomah County Citizen Budget Advisory Committee that reviews the Department of County Management and the Department of Community Services. The committee interviews department staff and program managers and prepares budget recommendations for review by the County Board. The programs covered by this CBAC include land use, transportation planning, bridges, finance, and taxation and assessment.

City Club of Portland

2001 to 2008

As a member of the City Club of Portland, Paul was actively engaged in a series of research committees. Research included several ballot measure studies on judicial reform and management. The most extensive research Paul participated in was the 18 month study of the Portland Development Commission (PDC). The PDC study included hundreds of hours of interviews, research and writing that resulted in the 2005 City Club report on PDC. The report details challenges and opportunities for PDC and made recommendations to the City to increase accountability and efficacy. Paul also participated in the subsequent ballot study that changed the governance of PDC.

Reed College Alumni Association Board

2006 to Present

Paul serves as the Portland Chapter Chair and as a member of the Association's Board. For the past three years Paul has worked with College staff and alumni across the US to develop events and outreach materials to further the mission of the Association.

Professional Experience

Parametrix

2005 to Present

Paul is an environmental and sustainability planner with Parametrix, a regional consulting firm. Paul's work focuses on developing performance measures, outcome based metrics and other tools for evaluating environmental performance and impacts. In particular, Paul focuses on the analysis of ecosystem services. Ecosystem services are those goods and services our communities rely upon from the environment to be healthy and economically prosperous. Paul has worked with clients across North America including open space and parks managers, transportation providers, and renewable energy developers. Clients include local, state and federal governments and utilities and non-profit conservation groups.

Hatfield School of Government - PSU

2001 to 2005

Paul was the Senior Program Coordinator for the Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) at Portland State University. ELI provides applied research on natural resource issues for agencies in the Pacific Northwest, and also provides management and leadership training. Paul managed the natural resources programs. Research projects included several federally funded water and air quality projects. Paul worked with federal and state natural resource leaders and elected leaders in the region to identify strategic research and training needs. A key mission for ELI, and one Paul furthered daily, was helping decision makers better understand the dynamic policy and political environments they must conduct their work within.

Education

Master of Public Administration – Portland State.

2009 (to be conferred)

Paul completed the MPA program with a concentration in natural resource policy and management. Paul completed course and research requirements in 2008 and is in the process of formally conferring the degree.

BA – Anthropology, Reed College.

2001

Paul's research at Reed College included field work in the Alaskan arctic region where he studied the role of the physical landscape in the construction of native Alaskan identity and culture. This research led to a number of papers and conference talks in the US and Canada.