

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

August 3, 2010
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Rod Park, Carlotta Collette, Rex Burkholder, Robert Liberty, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: None

Council President David Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, [August 5, 2010]/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Council President David Bragdon checked with Councilor Rex Burkholder to make sure he was comfortable with the Spring Water Corridor agenda item for Thursday, which was confirmed. Michael Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Council that Metro would hopefully be closing the next round of zoo bonds and offered the Council further briefing if needed. Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, informed the Council of a factual circumstance that could lead to an executive session. The union that represents Aramark, a company that works in the Convention Center, had been advising its customers to refrain from attending the location. Mr. Cooper stated that they were working on gathering more information before taking any action. Mr. Jordan noted that Metro was working on outreach with its Convention Center customers.

2. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION: PRESENTATION

Megan Gibb, Planning Manager, noted that the presentation for this agenda item would be switched around to begin with consultant Jeffrey Tumlin, Principle from Nelson Nygaard Associates. Mr. Tumlin provided a PowerPoint presentation of the big picture of Sustainable Transportation and how Transit Oriented Development (TOD) fits into that discussion. Mr. Tumlin described the sustainability problem, stating that CO2 emissions will have to be cut by a significant amount and cannot be done solely by improvements in technology and transit alone. Mr. Tumlin went on to describe cost effective measures that could work towards sustainable transportation, including properly measuring success, fixing current travel demands models and managing parking better. Current measurements for traffic and parking are too conservative, ignore regional impacts, and assume parking scarcity to be an environmental impact. In order to help fix travel demand models, Mr. Tumlin suggested being more transparent and using best practices. Lastly, Mr. Tumlin suggested managing parking to promote fewer vehicle miles traveled by finding the right price and accessibility of parking. Following questions from the Council, Mr. Tumlin added further suggestions and explanation to his presentation. Regarding having a conversation with ODOT and other agencies, Mr. Tumlin noted that it is best to try and take the time to educate business and community leaders.

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) STRATEGIC PLAN: PRESENTATION

Chris Yake, Senior Regional Planner, provided a PowerPoint situating TOD in the Portland metropolitan area. The Development Center has been working on a market based typology to create a strategic plan and investment strategy. Mr. Yake highlighted the reasons for using a market based typology including that it can better optimize a regional transit system, measure TOD readiness, and inform investment types. Some of the other factors included in analyzing TOD are people, places, pedestrian/bike connectivity, performance, and physical form. The strategic plan will compare these market and urban form/activity aspects of TOD to help support technical assistance, foster partnerships, and identify funding opportunities for station areas. The Councilors asked several questions for future work including income disparity and bus lines versus light rail extensions. The Council agreed this effort will help with the Community Investment Strategy (CIS)

and the 2040 Growth Concept as both a template and factual defense. The Council was also encouraged to see a blend of policy and market strategies and regarded this as a useful and important endeavor.

3. BREAK

4. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS: TITLE 13 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Heather Kent, Nature in Neighborhoods Program Manager, presented a recommendation to the Council for changes to the State of the Watersheds reporting schedule as well as to ask how best to collect and use information local governments are required to submit regarding acquisition, restoration, and education efforts. Ms. Kent explained that the State of the Watersheds report is currently issued every two years and reports on environmental indicators in order to establish a baseline with which to compare to in the future. However, the information is very limited and is not currently sufficient or statistically significant. For these reasons Ms. Kent suggested waiting four years (2012) before issuing another State of the Watersheds report, this will also help reduce the costs to Metro. Ms. Kent stated there had been no issues from outside stakeholders and from a conversation with the Metro attorney it seemed there would be no legal issues. The Council voiced concern that without a report there would be nothing highlighting the achievements and changes in the Nature in Neighborhoods program. From this response Ms. Kent provided a handout regarding non-regulatory information received from jurisdictions. The Council agreed a report could be created from this information that would satisfy the need for awareness of the program. It also provides an opportunity to support the jurisdictions that have been successful as well as provide incentive for reporting, implementing the program, and promoting best practices.

5. SOLID WASTE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS/PRIORITIES: DISPOSAL SYSTEM ROADMAP

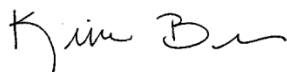
Tom Chaimov, Senior Solid Waste Planner, returned to discuss with the Council the work that had been done since their previous meeting on July 13th, 2010 regarding solid waste systems improvements. Mr. Chaimov requested that the Council confirm the objectives and prioritization of tasks. Councilor Kathryn Harrington requested that each task be described with a problem statement. Mr. Chaimov went through and described a problem statement with each task. The end goal of this presentation was to delegate these tasks with the Council. Councilor Burkholder offered to work with Mr. Chaimov for the next meeting after Council recess. Part of the goal in the next presentation would be to create a short, medium, and long term list of the stated tasks and better describe the prioritization of these tasks.

6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

Council President Bragdon invited the Council to an event on Saturday for a concert and tour at Deep Creek. Mr. Jordan informed the Council that the memo for the USS Ranger had been signed. Individual Councilors reminded the Council of events around the Portland metropolitan area.

Adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Agenda	08/03/10	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, August 5, 2010	080310cw-1
2	PowerPoint	08/03/10	Transportation and Sustainable Urbanism	080310cw-2
3	PowerPoint	08/03/10	Development Center Strategic Plan	080310cw-3
4	Handout	08/03/10	Appendix 2: Jurisdictions' non-regulatory reporting summary	080310cw-4