



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 8, 2010

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jody Carson
Dennis Doyle
Amanda Fritz
Jack Hoffman
Dick Jones
Charlynn Newton
Charlotte Lehan, Vice Chair
Robert Liberty
Keith Mays
Rod Park
Wilda Parks
Alice Norris
Judy Shiprack
Steve Clark
Jerry Willey, Second Vice Chair

AFFILIATION

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Ken Allen
Shane Bemis, Chair
Matt Berkow
Tom Brian
Pat Campbell
Nathalie Darcy
Carl Hosticka
Steve Stuart
Mike Weatherby
Richard Whitman

AFFILIATION

City of Portland Council
Port of Portland
City of Gresham, representing Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
Multnomah County Citizen
Washington County Commission
City of Vancouver
Washington County Citizen
Metro Council
Clark County, Washington Commission
City of Fairview, representing Multnomah County Other Cities
Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Shirley Craddick
Jennifer Donnelly
Jim Kight
Paul Manson

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, representing Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development
City of Troutdale, representing Multnomah County Other Cities
Multnomah County Citizen

STAFF: Dick Benner, Alison Kean Campbell, Dan Cooper, Chris Deffebach, Megan Gibb, Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington, Robin McArthur, Kelsey Newell, Ken Ray, Andy Shaw, Sheena VanLeuven, Mike Wetter, John Williams, Chris Yake

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Vice Chair Charlotte Lehan declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

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

- **July 28, 2010 MPAC minutes**
- **August 11, 2010 MPAC minutes**
- **MTAC Member nomination**

Mr. Dick Jones asked that the July 28 minutes be amended to state the date as July 28 instead of June 28. Staff confirmed that July 28 was the correct date.

MOTION: Mayor Keith Mays moved, and Mayor Alice Norris seconded, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Metro Councilor Robert Liberty updated the committee on:

- Local jurisdictions including Hillsboro, Cornelius, Forest Grove, and Beaverton, as well as individual property owners, have responded to Metro COO Michael Jordan's request for recommendations on what land to consider in UGB decisions;
- Metro staff has prepared a Sustainability plan for internal operations that can be made available to interested parties;
- The Rail~volution conference will be held October 18-21 in Portland;
- Metro will host six open houses for members of the public to weigh in on Metro COO Michael Jordan's recommendations and provide feedback to the Council. Briefings will also be held for local elected officials and planning commissioners on September 29 and 30;
- An online survey on the COO recommendations will be available on Metro's website, www.oregonmetro.gov/investment, starting next Monday, Sept. 13, and running through the end of the public comment period on Friday, Oct. 1;

- Metro's newest regional nature park, Graham Oaks, will have its grand opening on Saturday, Sept. 18. The grand opening will feature a community breakfast and bike ride, ranger and naturalist talks, cultural demonstrations, a dedication ceremony and more; and
- On September 16, the Metro Council will consider an ordinance enacting a request from the City of Portland to change the Title 4 designation of some sites in the city's NW District. Councilor Liberty recommends that the Council adopt the ordinance.

Mayor Willey of Hillsboro updated the committee on the progress of the MPAC housing planning subcommittee and outlined the recommendations the committee would make to the Metro Council on revisions to Title 11 of Metro's Urban Growth Management Functional Plan.

6. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Strategic investments: Lessons learned from the Draft Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Strategic Plan

Mr. Chris Yake of Metro presented on the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) strategic plan, which was initiated in order to more effectively allocate limited program resources and identify investment opportunities. He outlined the components of the typology for TOD projects which will help identify the most effective investments.

Committee discussion included:

- The connections between employment centers, residential areas, and access to transit;
- The importance of creating collaborative strategies to best use and leverage TOD funds;
- How cities in the region will be engaged in evaluating centers and corridors for TOD funding;
- The idea that progress on transit projects can be slow but has been visible over time in areas such as Lake Oswego, Gresham, and others;
- How this study has been informed by what is known about existing TOD projects and why some targeted areas have become more developed than others;
- The importance of including rapid bus lines in TOD projects and not limiting them to rail, as well as working with TriMet to look at areas for investment in bus lines and frequent service as a way of encouraging developers to have confidence that an area will be serviced by transit; and
- The importance of creating linkages between sectors such as housing, transit, and employment in order to leverage outcomes.

6.2 Regional Framework Plan Recommendations

Mr. John Williams of Metro outlined the distinction between Metro's Regional Framework Plan and the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan and noted that MPAC would be discussing this topic in several meetings to form a recommendation to the Metro Council on the Capacity Ordinance.

Mr. Dick Benner of Metro discussed each of the proposed revisions to the Regional Framework Plan, which include incorporating the Metro Council's 6 desired outcomes for the region into the policy document, changing language to highlight the Community Investment Strategy's role in achieving the 2040 vision, and addressing housing and living affordability through increasing transit affordability and availability.

Committee discussion included:

- Proposed revisions to the amendments
- Concern that the amendment regarding housing affordability and transit may weaken the overall message on the need for affordable housing; and
- Clarification of the committee's role in making recommendations to the Metro Council on the proposed amendments.

It was agreed that members would submit any proposed modifications to staff by early the next week, to be included in the next MPAC packet and discussed on September 22 with the goal of agreeing on a preliminary MPAC recommendation at that meeting.

6.3 The Intertwine and Links to Livable Communities

Mr. Mike Wetter of Metro presented on the Intertwine, the region's "green infrastructure" of trails, parks, and natural areas. He discussed the history and goals of the initiative, as well as strategies for moving forward with the initiative, including funding, branding, and continuing to build a public-private alliance to oversee the Intertwine.

Committee discussion included:

- General support from the committee for the Intertwine and its positive impact on the region;
- Concern over how the initiative will be paid for, especially when the region is struggling to maintain important natural areas like Forest Park; and
- Whether paths need to be paved for accessibility reasons.

7. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

8. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Charlotte Lehan adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2010:

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.1	Handout	06/2010	Transit-Oriented Development Annual Report	090810m-01
6.1	Presentation	09/08/2010	Presentation: TOD Strategic Plan	090810m-02
6.2	Memo	09/03/2010	To: MPAC From: MTAC Re: MTAC comments on COO proposals for Framework Plan policy language	090810m-03
6.2	Handout	09/01/2010	RFP Chapter 1 proposed changes	090810m-04
6.2	Handout	09/08/2010	Additional revisions to RFP	090810m-05
6.3	Presentation	09/08/2010	Presentation: The Intertwine	090810m-06
6.3	Handout	09/08/2010	The Intertwine Alliance Annual Report	090810m-07