



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**February 23, 2011**  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Berkow  
Jody Carson  
Pat Campbell  
Steve Clark  
Dennis Doyle  
Andy Duyck  
Kathryn Harrington  
Charlotte Lehan, Chair  
Annette Mattson  
Keith Mays  
Marilyn McWilliams  
Doug Neeley  
Shirley Craddick  
Wilda Parks  
Loretta Smith, Second Vice Chair  
William Wild  
Richard Whitman  
Jerry Willey, Vice Chair

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County Citizen  
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities  
City of Vancouver  
TriMet Board of Directors  
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
Washington County Commission  
Metro Council  
Clackamas County Commission  
David Douglas School Board, representing Governing Body of School Districts  
City of Sherwood, representing Washington Co. Other Cities  
Washington County Special Districts  
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
Metro Council  
Clackamas County Citizen  
Multnomah County Commission  
Clackamas County Special Districts  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development  
City of Hillsboro, representing Washington County Largest City

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams  
Ken Allen  
Shane Bemis  
Nathalie Darcy  
Michael Demagalski  
Amanda Fritz  
Jack Hoffman  
Carl Hosticka  
Steve Stuart  
Mike Weatherby

AFFILIATION

City of Portland  
Port of Portland  
City of Gresham, representing Multnomah Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
Washington County Citizen  
City of North Plains, representing Washington Co. outside UGB  
City of Portland  
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City  
Metro Council  
Clark County, Washington Commission  
City of Fairview, representing Multnomah County Other Cities

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Peter Truax  
Stanley Dirks

AFFILIATION

City of Forest Grove, representing Washington Co. Other Cities  
Wood Village, representing Multnomah County Other Cities

STAFF: Janna Allgood, Dick Benner, Aaron Brown, Heather Coston, Andy Cotugno, Chris Deffebach, Alison Kean-Campbell, Kim Ellis, Robin McArthur, Kelsey Newell, Sherry Oeser, Ken Ray, Ted Reid, Dylan Rivera, John Williams

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Chair Charlotte Lehan declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

**2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Audience and committee members introduced themselves.

**3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilor Jeff Gudman, speaking as a citizen, shared his concern for the Lake Oswego to Portland Streetcar project, and gave the committee written testimony detailing his apprehension to the project's cost.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MPAC MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2010**

MOTION: Mayor Doug Neeley moved, and Mayor Jerry Willey seconded, to approve the January 12, 2011 MPAC minutes.

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

**5. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Shirley Craddick updated the committee on:

- The Council voted to appoint Barbara Roberts to the council to fill the vacancy in District 6. She will be sworn in on Thursday, February 24, and will serve until January 2013.
- Governor John Kitzhaber appointed Metro COO Michael Jordan to become the first-ever Chief Operating Officer for state government.
- On April 1, Metro will be hosting their Climate Smart Communities event at the Oregon Convention Center. Councilor Craddick strongly encouraged MPAC members to attend.
- The Seven Rules for Sustainable Communities event will be held on March 29 in the Council Chamber at the Metro Regional Center.
- Metro's innovative new online tool, Opt In, is a research panel that will garner public opinion from residents in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area. Councilor Craddick reminded MPAC members to join the panel and complete Opt In's monthly surveys.

Councilor Kathryn Harrington updated the committee that on Tuesday, February 22, Metro and Washington County released a revised urban and rural reserves map for Washington County. That map is now available online at [www.oregonmetro.gov/reserves](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/reserves) and will be the focus of a public hearing in Hillsboro on Tuesday, March 15.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**6.1 Election of Second Vice Chair**

Commissioner Loretta Smith, representing Multnomah County, was nominated for the Second Vice Chair position by Mayor Denny Doyle. The action was seconded by Mayor Neeley.

MOTION: Councilor Jody Carson moved, and Mayor Keith Mays seconded, to appoint Commissioner Smith as the Second Vice Chair of MPAC for 2011.

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

## **7. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Proposed MPAC and MTAC Bylaw Amendments**

Mr. John Williams of Metro presented a set of potential changes to the MPAC and MTAC bylaws. These proposed changes would provide minor updates to MTAC's membership to help MTAC more effectively fulfill its technical assistance role to MPAC. The changes in MTAC's membership include reducing the number of private utility positions, specifically designating a water provider position, and adding a parks provider to the committee.

Ms. Kelsey Newell of Metro presented a second series of proposed changes to the MPAC bylaws, changes that would streamline a series of inefficiencies with the MPAC member appointment and recruitment processes and update roles and responsibilities for the COO and Council President.

Committee discussion included:

- The difficulty of recruiting three representatives from private utilities to serve on MTAC, and the viability of MTAC recruiting only one private utility representative.
- Whether or not the Fire Departments should have a regional representative on the MPAC/MTAC boards, and if their presence is necessary on a biweekly basis.
- The value of regionally elected officials to recommend various stakeholders, organizations or nonprofits that are qualified for MPAC/MTAC to Metro staff.
- Striking the right balance between the needs of MPAC/MTAC to represent all of the necessary perspectives with the needs to keep the committees at a manageable size.
- The current effectiveness of MTAC, the committee's relationship to MPAC and how changes in both personnel and format would affect both committees.
- Changing the language of the bylaw proposal to reflect that some members of MPAC are appointed specifically by mayors of municipalities, rather than by "consensus of governing bodies" as the bylaw proposal currently indicates.

MPAC voiced their general support for the changes proposed by the bylaw amendments, and encouraged the Office of Metro Attorney to begin examining draft legislation for the formal amendment. Metro staff explained that any formal procedure to officially change the bylaws will require majority approval from the MPAC members and a thirty day comment period.

### **7.2 2011 MPAC Work Program and Calendar**

Mr. Williams outlined the 2011 goals and work program for MPAC, outlining a series of topics that will guide the discussions throughout the year. While MPAC will have fewer formal votes on legislative actions and recommendations in 2011, the primary focus of MPAC will be to help identify investment options and advise the council on a variety of issues.

The letter to MPAC from Mr. Williams and Ms. Robin McArthur of Metro list the planned topics MPAC will address in 2011.

Metro staff also solicited the advice, opinions and general input from MPAC members about other issues, topics, and questions that they'd like to see discussed throughout the calendar year, and encouraged dialogue within the group and with the Metro Council.

Committee discussion included:

- The inherent interdependence of these varied issues, and the necessity of MPAC to holistically plan to meet all of the region's policy objectives.
- Other potential topics members were interested in discussing at future MPAC meetings, such as the future of the MPAC housing subcommittee, the presence of invasive species, and reconciling urban and rural boundaries.

Chair Lehan also refreshed MPAC on the roles and responsibilities of serving members, stressing the importance of maintaining quorum, coming to meetings prepared, and actively participating in the meetings.

### **7.3 Creating a Climate Smart Communities Strategy: How we get there from here**

Ms. Kim Ellis of Metro explained that the Climate Smart Communities Strategy is a response to state mandates requiring the preparation for actions that would reduce greenhouse gases within the region.

The committee discussed Oregon's targets for greenhouse gas emission reduction as they relate to the goals of the state of Washington, and what role the emissions of Vancouver, Washington play in relation to the region's own targeted reductions, considering the shared air shed.

#### **7.3.1 Putting protection and preparedness in place to address impacts our region can expect from a changing climate**

This presentation was postponed, as Mr. Steve Adams was unable to attend the meeting due to inclement weather.

#### **7.3.2 Making the Case for Climate Action: Leadership and innovation will be required to meet state climate goals**

Mr. Angus Duncan of the Oregon Global Warming Commission gave a presentation explaining that our future infrastructure must represent the realities of the impacts to the state of Oregon of climate change. His presentation detailed the region's current successes and failures of reducing

the emission of greenhouse gases, but stressed that emission abatement must continue to accelerate to meet the target reductions set by House Bill 3543, passed in 2007. His presentation ended with a call for policy to embed carbon reductions into the planning and policy writing process.

### **7.3.3 Setting greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for the Portland region**

Mr. Richard Whitman of the Department of Land Conservation and Development gave a presentation specifically focusing on the efforts that the Portland region can make to successfully hit the emission targets that will be finalized by the state on June 1. He stressed that the region will have to continue its efforts on building transit-oriented development, promoting higher densities, and continuing compact regional planning to keep the region on track to meet the greenhouse gas abatement targets. The goal targets will be released April 1, and receive public comment at a hearing on April 21. His presentation noted that the state of Oregon will undergo significant changes with a rise in global temperature, ranging from dominant vegetation to prevalence of fires to reliability of watershed for public use.


## **8. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Neeley noted the closure of the Blue Heron Printing Company in Oregon City, which will result in a loss of 175 jobs.

## **9. ADJOURN**

Committee Chair Lehan adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR 02/23/11:**

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>3.</b>	Handout	02/23/11	To: MPAC From: Jeff Gudman Re: Lake Oswego to Portland Streetcar	22311m-01
<b>7.2</b>	Handout	n/a	MPAC Rules and Responsibilities – February 2011	22311m-02
<b>7.3.2</b>	Powerpoint	02/23/11	Slideshow Presentation to MPAC: “Making the Case for Climate Action: Leadership and innovation will be required to meet state goals” Angus Duncan, Oregon Global Warming Commission	22311m-03
<b>7.3.3</b>	Powerpoint	02/23/11	Slideshow Presentation to MPAC: “Setting greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets to the Portland region” Richard Whitman, Department of Land Conservation and Development	22311m-04