



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

March 29, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Rex Burkholder, Shirley Craddick, Carlotta Collette, Kathryn Harrington, Carl Hosticka, Barbara Roberts

Councilors Absent: Tom Hughes (Council President)

Deputy President Carl Hosticka convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:01 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Scott Robinson introduced Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter and Mr. Brian Kennedy, all of Metro, who explained the \$300,000 Capital Improvement Project to purchase a new data management system for Metro's Natural Areas department. Ms. Brennan-Hunter and Mr. Kennedy noted that this investment in data maintenance is funded by the 2006 Natural Areas bond measure, and that the current data management system does not currently meet Metro's standards for transparency goals or data stewardship. The new system would use existing technology to build a business application that meets the customized needs of the department.

2. SEVEN RULES FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Dr. Patrick Condon, University of British Columbia, presented to the Council his "Seven Rules for Sustainable Communities," as outlined in his recent book of the same title. He stated that his seven rules "unpack the fractal geography of urban areas" and praised the previous and current work of Metro in achieving success towards numerous livability goals. He stressed the importance of investing in corridors, making wise transportation infrastructure decisions and moving toward the near elimination of greenhouse gas emission in urban personal transportation. Dr. Condon noted the importance of amortization when conducting cost-benefit analyses on transportation projects; he argued that many beneficial transit projects pay off over greater periods of time than traditional highway projects.

Council discussion included the 100 year Sustainability Vision enacted in 2009 by the City of North Vancouver, Dr. Condon's work with the City of Damascus, the effective incorporation of density and design principles into new and existing neighborhoods and corridors, and how the different emphasis on individual property rights in the United States compared to Canada has an impact on urban form and design.

3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS / COMMUNICATION

Councilor Hosticka discussed the current condition of a myriad of legislative actions, including State Bill 945, which would require reduction in the amount of copper in brake pads for vehicles, and State Bill 776, which would expedite state designation of industrial uses.

Councilor Collette shared her experiences from her recent trip to Puerto Rico.

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Adjourned at 3:51 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	3/31/11	Agenda: Metro Council regular meeting, 03/31/11	32911cw-1
2	PowerPoint	3/29/11	Seven Rules for Sustainable Communities	32911cw-2
3	Handout	3/29/11	Seven Rules for Sustainable Communities: Design Strategies for the Post Carbon World	32911cw-3