



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 11, 2011

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Berkow
Pat Campbell
Jody Carson
Steve Clark
Nathalie Darcy
Denny Doyle
Amanda Fritz
Kathryn Harrington
Jack Hoffman
Charlotte Lehan, Chair
Annette Mattson
Marilyn McWilliams
Doug Neeley
Barbara Roberts
William Wild

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County Citizen
City of Vancouver
City of West Linn, representing Clackamas Co. Other Cities
TriMet Board of Directors
Washington County Citizen
City of Beaverton, representing Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Portland
Metro Council
City of Lake Oswego, representing Clackamas Co. Largest City
Clackamas County Commission
David Douglas School Board, representing Governing Body of School Districts
Washington County Special Districts
City of Oregon City, representing Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City
Metro Council
Clackamas County Special Districts

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Sam Adams
Ken Allen
Shane Bemis
Michael Demagalski
Jennifer Donnelly
Andy Duyck
Carl Hosticka
Keith Mays
Wilda Parks
Loretta Smith, Second Vice Chair
Steve Stuart
Norm Thomas
Richard Whitman
Jerry Willey, Vice Chair

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Port of Portland
City of Gresham, representing Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City
City of North Plains, representing Washington Co. outside UGB
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Washington County Commission
Metro Council
City of Sherwood, representing Washington Co. Other Cities
Clackamas County Citizen
Multnomah County Commission
Clark County, Washington Commission
City of Troutdale, representing Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development
City of Hillsboro, representing Washington County Largest City

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Chris Barhyte

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, representing Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City

STAFF: Tony Andersen, Aaron Brown, Andy Cotugno, Mike Hogle, Alison Kean Campbell, Robin McArthur, Kelsey Newell, Sherry Oeser, Ken Ray, Nikolai Ursin, 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

There were none.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Kathryn Harrington updated the committee on the following Metro items:

- Metro sent letters out to elected officials on April 29 that requested submissions for urban growth boundary (UGB) areas to be studied for potential expansion. Submissions must come from officials of local governments, must indicate the support of the governing body and are due to Metro no later than Friday, May 20. Recommendations will be presented by Metro staff to Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) on July 6 and MPAC on July 13, and will solicit public comment before the final decision in made by the Metro Council in October. Questions regarding the process should be directed to Metro Acting Chief Operating Officer Dan Cooper.
- Metro partnered with the City of Portland and the Trust for Public Land to purchase a 146-acre forest adjacent to the River View Cemetery in Southwest Portland. The site will be managed by the City of Portland, and the \$2 million provided from Metro for the acquisition was provided by the 2006 natural areas bond measure. Metro also recently purchased 37 acres along North Abbey Creek in western Multnomah County, which creates a new 120-acre natural area near Rock Creek.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Marilyn McWilliams moved, and Ms. Annette Mattson seconded, to approve the April 23, 2011 MPAC minutes and the April 1, 2011 Climate Leadership Summit minutes.

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

6.1 PROPOSED MPAC BYLAWS CHANGES

Mr. John Williams of Metro gave a brief presentation about the proposed changes to the MPAC bylaws that were introduced to the committee in February. These revisions include changes as to how MPAC members are appointed, how Metro Council liaisons to the committee are organized, and which positions are represented by MPAC's technical advisory committee (MTAC). Committee discussion included:

- How to encourage MPAC citizen representatives to reflect the diversity of the community. Citizen members are currently appointed by the Council President, and the group discussed the value of having citizen voices at the table that reflect the region.
- The appropriate term length for membership on the committee. Members of the committee noted that long term lengths on the committee discourage turnover among elected officials and make it harder for new citizens and officials to join the committee. Others expressed concern that shorter term lengths will make it difficult to fill all of the MPAC positions; the committee has historically had difficulty finding representatives to serve certain positions on the body, and shorter term lengths could exacerbate the problem of recruitment. MPAC members also noted that term limits under two years would be too short of a timeframe for new representatives to learn the occasionally complicated rules and acronyms and therefore meaningfully contribute to the body.
- The appropriate size of the committee. Some members on MPAC suggested increasing the size of the committee to reflect more perspectives through such additions as an environmental justice representative on MTAC or representatives from regional youth councils such as the Multnomah Youth Commission. Others expressed concern about adding more citizen representatives or other perspectives to MPAC and MTAC, noting that the body exists to help regional leaders coordinate their long term plans and ensure state laws “actually play out on the ground,” and that the presence of a larger deliberative body could dilute the relative voting power of existing members.
- Whether MPAC would benefit from having other Metro Councilors attend MPAC meetings on a regular basis. Some MPAC members noted that they thought the entire Metro Council would benefit from increased exposure to the regional dialogue that takes place at MPAC meetings; others noted that many already had significant working relationships with the entire MPAC body. Others noted that Metro Councilors have historically avoided taking “parochial” positions reflecting the sole interests of their own district, and that Councilors’ interest in the region as a whole encourages them to meet elected officials from outside their district.
- Interest in learning more about Metro’s Diversity Action Plan. Members of MPAC noted that they were unaware of Metro’s plans to promote diversity within the agency and its’ governing bodies, and were interested in what Metro was doing to encourage diverse voices were invited to participate in regional governance.

MOTION: Councilor Jody Carson moved to recommend the changes to the bylaws discussed by Mr. Williams and to encourage Metro staff to consider diversity when appointing citizen representatives to MPAC and other planning forums.

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

7.1 METRO COUNCIL REDISTRICTING PROCESS

Councilor Barbara Roberts gave the committee an update on Metro’s redistricting process. Redistricting is undertaken by the agency every ten years to update Metro’s districts in accordance with the release of decennial Census data. These updates to the district boundaries are necessary because of uneven population growth around the region; District 4 currently has a

population that is 9.5% above the average district population, while District 2 is currently 7% below that number, which the Metro Charter uses as a benchmark. The subcommittee on redistricting, led by Councilor Roberts, instructed Metro staff to consider “communities of interest” such as cities, regional centers, town centers, school districts, neighborhood associations, and active community planning groups when drawing potential redistricting proposals. Metro staff created three potential options for redistricting: one that attempted to create near-complete population parity between districts, a second option that focused more on keeping school districts intact, and a final option that focused on conforming Metro Council district boundaries to city limits. This final option, known as Option 3, received the most support from the public and from regional officials, with minor modifications discussed in committee such as:

- The possibility of Maywood Park to be included wholly in District 1. Under Option 3 the city of Maywood Park would be included in District 5.
- Changing the boundary between Districts 1 and 2 to ensure that the entire city limits of Happy Valley are within a single district (District 2).
- Changing the northern boundary of District 2 from Tacoma Street to the Multnomah/Clackamas County line as to not bisect the City of Portland’s Sellwood neighborhood.

Various members of MPAC voiced their support for Option 3, with comments supporting the minor changes to the boundary along Happy Valley. Letters from the City of Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp and the City of Hillsboro expressing support of Option 3 were distributed at the meeting and are included in the packet. Mayor Denny Doyle of Beaverton also noted that his city would also submit a letter in support of Option 3 with some minor changes near his city’s limits. Councilor Roberts noted that public hearings on redistricting will be held May 12 and May 19 in the Council Chamber, and public comment and testimony are welcomed. A preferred option will be introduced for Council consideration at the May 12 Council meeting.

7.2 GREATER PORTLAND – VANCOUVER INDICATORS PROJECT – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Mike Hoglund of Metro gave a presentation outlining progress on the Greater Portland-Vancouver Indicators (GPVI) project, explaining why the initiative was started and what the project will accomplish. Mr. Hoglund noted that the region has done a good job of visioning but that the region needs to “measure our success on implementation.” The GPVI project can provide statistical data to help the region determine if their actions are helping the region move towards Metro’s six desired outcomes and other local aspirations. With the help of over two hundred organizations in the region, GPVI has convened nine task forces on topics such as Education and Economy to determine which particular units of measurement GPVI will utilize when measuring the region; Mr. Hoglund noted how each of these nine indicator categories correspond with Metro’s six desired outcomes. Each of these task forces are also instructed to examine what how these indicators can be used to measure regional equity; the ability for data to be disaggregated, mapped, and relevant to local communities were listed as key strategies to encourage regional diagnostics to reflect regional concerns. Mr. Hoglund also asked for input on potential new names for the project, suggesting both “Columbia Compass” and “Greater Portland

Pulse.” The first report from the GPVI project is expected in June. Committee discussion included:

- A suggestion for the GPVI project to include metrics on agricultural production and efficiency in the region.
- A discussion on how the data collected by the GPVI project can be gathered in a timely fashion; committee members stressed the importance of having accurate data that is updated with enough frequency to be relevant for policymakers.
- The need for GPVI data to be customizable for use by local governments within the region, and the potential for this data to be used for educational purposes by students. The committee was also interested in increased collaboration with the health research community to make sure the data collected could reflect their interests.
- The need for measurement of economic indicators to be more closely correlated with environmental indicators that measure items such as clean air and water. Mr. Hoglund agreed, and noted that much of the GPVI data will be studied for links between categories.

7.3 OUTLINE MPAC SUMMER 2011 SCHEDULE

Chair Lehan briefly outlined the tentative MPAC 2011 agenda plan, noting that the August 24 MPAC meeting has been cancelled.

8. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION

The next MPAC meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2011.

9. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR 05/11/11:

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

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1	Document	05/11/11	Updated MPAC 05/11/11 Agenda	051111m-01
7.1	Letter	05/11/11	To: Metro Council From: City of Hillsboro Re: Metro redistricting	051111m-02
7.1	Letter	05/11/11	To: Metro President Hughes and Councilor Hosticka From: Mayor Tim Knapp Re: City of Wilsonville Preference on Metro Redistricting Options	051111m-03
7.2	Slideshow	05/11/11	Greater Portland-Vancouver Indicators (GPVI): An Overview of the Start-up Phase	051111m-04