



MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

August 16, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Rex Burkholder, Carlotta Collette, Shirley Craddick, Carl Hosticka, and Barbara Roberts

Councilors Excused: Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Council President Tom Hughes convened the Metro Council work session at 2:07 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JULY 28, 2011/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

Acting Chief Operating Officer Dan Cooper briefed the council on the UGB expansion areas deadline for additional properties to be taken under consideration. The COO further explained the process by which a property may be added including councilor sponsorship and local jurisdiction responsibilities.

2. GLENDOVEER FACILITY ASSESSMENT & BUSINESS PLAN – WORKSHOP RE-CAP

Mr. Paul Slyman and Ms. Lydia Neil of Metro briefed the council about the primary messages received at the Glendoveer open house held on August 1, 2011. Further briefing discussed the consistent downward trend in nine hole rounds of golf and online surveys that the Metro Parks Department sent out to users of the Glendoveer facility.

Ms. Neil further expanded on the feedback received from user groups with whom expressed they would like to keep the 36 hole golf course as opposed to shortening the course to 27 holes. Trail improvements such as drainage were also a concern for users of the running/walking trails. Users of the tennis facility expressed that there are very few covered tennis courts on the eastside of Portland and would therefore like the tennis facility to remain at Glendoveer with improved maintenance and renovations. Feedback was also received that the expanded park facility is strongly opposed by current users and the nearby community primarily due to safety concerns of a larger park. Lastly deferred maintenance was also a common concern of Glendoveer users such as the leaking water tower, poor drainage on the trails, insufficient trail lighting, and the need for a new irrigations system for the golf facilities.

Councilor questions focused on the concern that youth tennis players couldn't afford private clubs and therefore Glendoveer is of the utmost importance to the community. Further council discussion focused on how to maintain the Glendoveer property while the use and revenue has been in decline for many years. Metro must reach out to more than simply the user groups and partner with City of Portland Parks and Recreation to see if there is a way to utilize the City of Portland's expertise in management of these types of properties. Councilors expressed the need for Metro to maintain the property but not change any of the options at Glendoveer.

Further councilor questions focused on the revenues for the facility. Metro only receives revenues from the nine hole rounds however the operator receives revenue from all businesses within the facility. Metro cannot allow the property to crumble and become a safety concern, a balance between revenue and the facility options. Councilors expressed that they would like to see a developed plan for long-term profitability over the life of the contract.

3. SW CORRIDOR PLAN COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Elissa Gertler, Mr. Tony Mendoza, Ms. Karen Withrow, and Ms. Malu Wilkinson of Metro briefed the council about the community engagement process for the Southwest Corridor Plan.

Mr. Mendoza expressed that the corridor team is trying to reach audiences that they have not been able to reach in the past. Ms. Withrow discussed that the communication elements for this project will be critical. The cities of Sherwood, Tualatin, Tigard and Portland are all performing their own community outreach programs for this project. Technology will be a key to the outreach program further enhancing the connection between local citizens and Metro. Further discussion focused on the challenge of connecting citizens to their local elected officials and the desire for councilors to help with ideas and feedback.

Councilors expressed the need to reach out to the citizens of local jurisdictions to find out what transportation options they would like in the future, the challenge of getting citizens to think long-term, and the need to value mobility versus access. Further councilor communication focused on the need to convene all stakeholders involved in the land-use processes as the project moves forward and to remember that this is a multi-modal project not just a High Capacity Transit project.

4. BREAK

5. THE INTERTWINE: CURRENT STATUS AND NEW CONTRACT

Mr. Jim Desmond of Metro briefed the council on the relationship between the Intertwine alliance and the Metro Council, updates council members on the current status of The Intertwine Alliance, asked for approval on the contract with The Intertwine Alliance, updated council on the Intertwine "petal", advised council of intended state legislation, and

the sole source contract which will be voted on at the September 8, 2011 Metro Council Session. The contract is limited to natural areas, trails, and parks. This is not meant to fund other Metro programs.

Council members have the option to:

- Approve the contract
- Suggest changes to the contract; although this would delay work
- Ask for further time or other contracting arrangements

Further briefing included discussion and explanation about The Intertwine Petals which are: strategic planning, conservation, conservation education, active transportation, and the regional system

Council member discussion included the suggestion of taking a draft resolution out to local jurisdictions and to MPAC, meeting with potential opponents in a campaign type effort, and a discussion on how to get local elected officials engaged with The Intertwine.

Further councilor discussion focused on how funds are directed into the “petals” or five priority areas, how to separate the roles of the Metro Council and the Intertwine board of directors, and whether other jurisdictions and donors are using contracts with their donations.

Mr. Mike Wetter of the Intertwine Alliance briefed the council about the Intertwine three year business plan and the coming updates to the business plan. All but 4 of the 28 authorities that manage parks in the region have signed on to the Intertwine Alliance.

6. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS / COMMUNICATION

There were none.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT WITH ORS 192.660(2)(d). DELIBERATIONS WITH PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO CARRY ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT WITH ORS 192.660 (2) (a). THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, STAFF MEMBER OR INDIVIDUAL AGENT