

Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee

James A. Zehren, Chair



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MEETING NOTES

Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Metro Regional Center, Rm. 501
600 NE Grand Ave., Portland

Committee members present: Chair Jim Zehren, Kim Gilmer (by phone), John Griffiths, Faun Hosey, Doug Neeley, Mike Houck, Esther Lev, Mike Ragsdale, Zari Santner, Dick Schouten, Jill Zanger (by phone)

Committee members absent: Ernie Drapela, Steve Greagor, Don Trotter

Metro staff present: Jim Desmond, Heather Kent, Lia Waiwaiole, Randy Tucker, Kate Marx

Guests: Metro Council President David Bragdon, Janet Bebb, Sue Donaldson

Convene

The meeting was called to order by Jim Zehren at 5:35 p.m.

Comments from Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement and guests

Randy Tucker, Metro's legislative affairs manager, gave a quick update on SDC's. He had talked to John Chandler of Homebuilders Association and reported that there was a possibility that the Homebuilders may propose a cap on SDC's.

Items for the good of the order

August and September meeting notes were approved with one small change each.

Jim Desmond reminded people that there will be some change over in committee membership in the new year. Some members' terms are only for one year; others are for two. In either case, Jim encouraged members to take this as an opportunity to consider whether they wanted to continue to serve on the committee and whether their other commitments will allow their participation.

November and December meetings, to avoid the holidays, will each be on the third Thursday instead of the usual fourth Thursday of the month (Nov. 18 and Dec. 16).

Items from Metro Council/MPAC/JPACT

Jim Zehren asked Metro Council President David Bragdon if he wanted to comment on his proposed changes to the Goal 5 program. President Bragdon told the group that the most important element of the changes for GPAC to know and consider is a strong commitment toward another acquisition measure.

Presentation by Portland Parks

Zari Santner introduced Sue Donaldson and Janet Bebb from Portland Parks and Recreation who are engaged in developing a new approach to measuring level of service as part of the city's 2020 system planning process. Their plan will translate the broad aims of the 2020 vision into more specific principles, objectives and guidelines. They are using an analysis and planning tool that presents existing park resources in terms of a spectrum of recreation settings and experiences. Five key topic areas or principles are: active people, healthy community, regional city, interwoven nature and sustainable future. A packet of handouts was distributed to the committee and will be included with this record.

Work plan discussion

Jim Zehren told the committee that a sub group had met by phone earlier in the week to talk briefly in advance about how to frame a discussion around GPAC's work plan and vision implementation. (The conference call included Esther Lev, Kim Gilmer, Zari Santner, Jim Zehren and Jim Desmond).

Jim Zehren explained that one of the points made during the conference was that they should remind committee members and clarify that their work should represent a vision for the region, not just Metro. President Bragdon concurred and added that the Metro Council does not have a pre-determined conclusion about Metro's role and that they are open to GPAC's recommendations.

Another suggestion that came out of the conference call was that GPAC might like to hear from Tom Kloster, who led the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, an informative experience and model for developing a functional plan.

Finally, the subcommittee had asked Jim Desmond to have Metro staff bring some rough ideas to the meeting for how GPAC might proceed so that the committee would have something to respond to.

Heather Nelson Kent presented two handouts to the group that organized some potential GPAC work plan items in three categories:

- **Goals** – Identify and agree on goals, outcomes and measures for implementing the vision.
- **Funding** – Develop best potential funding strategies to meet identified regional needs.

- **Working together** – Build strong collaborative partnerships and provide regional resources in support of private and public providers and stakeholders.

Heather explained that these three categories were not meant to be presented as linear or chronological. Most likely these efforts would impact each other and overlap in many ways. She also explained that "making the case" for the vision and elements of the work plan was seen as something that GPAC would need to do in each of the categories and throughout the process.

The committee discussed the handouts and information. Some changes were suggested to the materials initially, but ultimately the committee decided that they wanted to put the documents aside and focus instead on developing a more detailed list of goals and objectives for the committee's vision before planning a strategy to implement the vision. The committee asked Metro staff to develop a list of concrete, detailed objectives for the committee to consider at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.