



Metro Policy Advisory Committee  
**February 13, 2013**  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amanda Fritz  
Annette Mattson  
Bill Turlay  
Bob Grover  
Bob Stacey  
Craig Dirksen  
Doug Neeley  
Jerry Willey  
Jim Rue  
Jody Carson, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair*  
Loretta Smith, *Chair*  
Marilyn McWilliams  
Martha Schrader  
Maxine Fitzpatrick  
Peter Truax, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair*  
Sam Chase  
Wilda Parks  
William Wild

**AFFILIATION**

City of Portland  
David Douglas School Board, Governing Body of School Districts  
City of Vancouver  
Citizen, Washington Co. Citizen  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
City of Oregon City, Clackamas Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
City of Hillsboro, Washington Co. Largest City  
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development  
City of West Linn, Clackamas Co. Other Cities  
Multnomah County  
Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts  
Clackamas County  
Citizen, Representing Multnomah Co. Citizen  
City of Forrest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities  
Metro Council  
Citizen, Representing Clackamas Co. Citizen  
Oak Lodge Sanitary District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Andy Duyck  
Charlie Hales  
Kent Studebaker  
Michael Demalgalski  
Norm Thomas  
Steve Clark  
Steve Stuart

**AFFILIATION**

Washington County  
City of Portland  
City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co. Largest City  
City of North Plains, City in Washington Co. Outside the UGB  
City of Troutdale, Multnomah Co. Other Cities  
TriMet Board of Directors  
Clark County

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Josh Fuhrer  
Lise Glancy  
Tyler Ryerson

**AFFILIATION**

City of Gresham  
Port of Portland  
City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City

**STAFF:** Joe Montanez, Kelsey Newell, Andy Cotugno, John Williams, Randy Tucker, Robin McArthur, Alison Kean Campbell, Andy Shaw, Ken Ray, Ina Zucker

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

Chair Loretta Smith called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:06 p.m.

## **2. SELF INTODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

All attendees introduced themselves.

## **3. CITEZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No citizen communication or non-agenda items were discussed.

## **4. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Dirksen provided an update on the following items:

- On Jan 28, Metro purchased 22 acres to close a gap in the Canemah Bluff Natural Area. This purchase completes the 307-acre natural area in Oregon City. For more information, visit [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov).
- The elephants Lily and Tusko were purchased by the Oregon Zoo last week for \$400,000. The whole amount was paid for directly by the Oregon Zoo Foundation. For more information, visit [www.oregonmetro.gov/zoo](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/zoo).
- Applications for this year's cycle of Regional Travel Options grants are due to Metro by Friday, Feb 22, 2013. The RTO program promotes better use of the region's biking, walking, and public transit infrastructure. For more information, visit [www.oregonmetro.gov/rtogrants](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/rtogrants).

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Consideration of the Jan. 23, 2013 Minutes**
- **MTAC Member Nominations**

MOTION: Mr. William Wild moved, Councilor Jody Carson seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor and one abstained (McWilliams), the motion passed.

## **6. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 2013 MPAC WORK PROGRAM**

Chair Smith overviewed the draft 2013 MPAC work program and solicited feedback and additional recommendations from members on what topics MPAC would like to consider in 2013.

Members offered feedback and suggested further consideration on the following topic areas for MPAC:

- Adequate School Funding;
- Affordable Housing;

- Brownfields;
- I-5 Replacement Bridge Project and;
- Industrial Site Readiness.

## 6.2 **METRO COUNCIL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

Mr. John Williams presented on Metro Community Planning and Development Grants. The purpose of the grants are for the Metro Council to encourage good planning that readies land for development, removes barriers to private investment in development and improves the livability of the region. Mr. Williams overviewed those eligible to receive grant funding, funding availability, and key dates and deadlines for the grants.

Additional information on grant eligibility, the evaluation process and application requirements are included in the Grants Application Handbook, available online at [www.oregonmetro.gov/grants](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/grants).

Commissioner Martha Schrader, on behalf of Clackamas Co. Chair, John Ludlow, distributed a letter requesting the Metro Council extend the grant application deadline.) Members expressed strong opposition to this request. (Letter included as a part of the meeting record

**MOTION:** Mayor Jerry Willey moved, Mayor Doug Neeley seconded, not to extend the CET grant application deadline.

**ACTION:** With all in favor and one opposed (Schrader), the motion passed.

## 6.3 **METRO AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS' 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

### ***Area 93***

Ms. Robin McArthur introduced this topic by giving a brief overview on past issues affecting development of Area 93. Mr. Randy Tucker, Ms. Claudia Black, and Mr. Jim McCauley presented on Area 93 in further detail. Area 93 is located in Multnomah County, approximately 2.5 miles north of the U.S. Highway 26/Oregon 217 interchange. It is approximately 160 acres in size. Due to existing roads and natural features, the land area available for development is significantly less. Area 93 is isolated from other urbanized areas in Multnomah County by a rural reserve area approximately one-half mile in width. It is contiguous to urbanized Washington County on two sides.

The primary challenge behind developing Area 93 has been determining how to provide essential urban services such as water, sewer, parks, roads, and police protection. The preferred solution to advance development of Area 93 involves transferring the land into Washington County. This process includes bringing legislation before the Oregon legislature as well as a proclamation of approval from the governor.

Presenters also overviewed the planning and infrastructure cost of development, specific development anticipated for the area, and how soon development would begin. For more information please visit [www.co.washington.or.us/area93](http://www.co.washington.or.us/area93).

Member discussion included:

- Members inquired if there had been any opposition to this proposal. Mr. Randy Tucker noted that there has been no opposition up to this point and the process has been quite efficient. Members were surprised there had not been any opposition.
- Members inquired about development of a master plan for the area. Mr. Jim McCauley noted that full scale planning will take place when the land is officially transferred into Washington Co.
- Members also expressed concern with the physical constraints of the area, noting the possible need for new infrastructure.

### ***Metro Legislative Agenda***

Mr. Randy Tucker gave an overview of Metro's Legislative Priorities for the 2013 Oregon State Legislative Session.

Highlighted priorities included:

- I-5 Replacement bridge over the Columbia River;
- Industrial site readiness;
- Oregon Convention Center headquarters hotel;
- Paint Stewardship Program;
- Property Tax reform;
- Service provision in unincorporated areas and;
- Willamette Falls Legacy Project.

Member discussion included:

- Members inquired about MPAC's role in the development of the legislative agenda. Mr. Randy Tucker stated the legislative agenda had already been approved and finalized; however, MPAC had developed a regional legislative agenda in the past.
- Members inquired about specific recommendations on funding sources as it relates to industrial site readiness. Mr. Tucker noted that the legislation in the works does not mention any specific funding sources.
- Members emphasized a need to simplify the process of industrial site readiness as opposed to putting all of the focus on funding sources.
- Members expressed concerns about minimizing the impact on I-205 as legislation is finalized with the I-5 Replacement Bridge project. Mr. Tucker stated legislators who have expressed this exact concern are working on amending the legislation currently under consideration to establish a process for addressing impacts to I-205.
- Members also expressed concerns about potential formula changes as it relates to funding for counties and that the size and scope of the I-5 project could hurt funding for other projects in the surrounding areas.
- Mr. Tyler Ryerson gave a brief overview of the City of Beaverton's legislative agenda and highlighted a few key areas that did or did not match up with Metro's legislative agenda.

#### 6.4 **GOVERNOR'S LAND USE PACKAGE**

Mr. Jim Rue presented on Revising Oregon's Urban Growth Management Program. Oregon has been relatively successful in increasing the efficiency of land use in our urban areas. This has meant conservation of farm and forest lands for our agricultural and forest products industries and lower costs for roads, sewer and water systems in growing areas. Due to the complexity of the Urban Growth management system, citizens have become frustrated with the significant effort required to update long range urban area plans. This led to the formation of a collaborative team to work with the Department of Land Conservation and Development to design key changes to the states Urban Growth Management program.

Desired outcomes of this collaboration include:

- Encourage continued improvement in urban efficiency, and assist cities to create well-functioning communities that are desirable places to live and work;
- Make it easier to carry out planned development within existing urban areas;
- Reduce the time and expense of urban growth boundary (UGB) amendments, and make amendments more predictable, particularly for smaller cities;
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- Continue to conserve important farm and forest lands and other resources.

Mr. Rue continued by noting 4 House Bill drafts that are currently being discussed in the Legislature, addressing key Urban Growth Management issues.

- HB2253 – relating to Population Forecasting;
- HB2254 – relating to Residential Growth;
- HB2255 – relating to Employment Growth;
- HB2256 – relating to Growth within and adjacent to existing urban areas.

Member discussion included:

- Members expressed the importance of population forecasting and;
- Members expressed concerns with local option levees.

#### 7. **MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

- Members discussed MPAC's advisory role to the Metro Council. Members stated that MPAC should have had a more active role in determining areas of legislative focus for Metro. Councilor Bob Stacey stated that the Metro Council does not want to disregard the thoughts of other officials in the group, but rather, the Metro Council finds constructive ways to dialogue on what issues effect fellow governments.
- Ms. Robin McArthur noted that MPAC has played a crucial role in advising the Metro Council on specific areas such as brownfields, but ultimately, the Metro Council has final say on its legislative priorities.

- Ms. Annette Matteson stated that while school funding is not directly listed as a legislative priority, the issues that are listed, (property tax reform, conservation and recycling programs, non-highway transportation funding, PERS reform, and combating Section 8 discrimination), all deeply affect the schools in the region.

**8. ADJOURN**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Montanez  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Doc. Type</u>	<u>Doc. Date</u>	<u>Doc. Description</u>	<u>Doc. Number</u>
5.0	Handout	2/11/13	Revised MTAC Nominations	21313m-01
6.1	Handout	2/12/13	MPAC Work Program	21313m-02
6.2	Handout	2/12/13	Planning and Development Grants	21313m-03
6.2	Handout	9/12	Planning and Development Grants	21313m-04
6.2	Handout	2/13/13	Clackamas Co. CET Letter	21313m-05
6.3	Handout	NA	Metro Legislative Priorities	21313m-06
6.3	Handout	2/11/13	Area 93 Overview	21313m-07

6.4	Handout	12/4/12	Oregon's Urban Growth Management Program	21313m-08
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