



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Summary

Feb. 14, 2013

Metro, Council Chamber

**Councilors Present:** Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Craig Dirksen, Carlotta Collette, Kathryn Harrington, Sam Chase, and Bob Stacey

**Councilors Excused:** None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR JAN. 24, 2013**

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve the Jan. 24, 2013 Council minutes.
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Vote:	Council President Hughes and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Stacey, Chase, Dirksen, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**4. RESOLUTIONS**

4.1 **Resolution No. 13-4408**, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Members of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee.

Motion:	Councilor Craddick moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4408.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Ms. Heather Nelson Kent of Metro introduced Resolution No. 13-4408. The natural areas bond measure allocated \$15 million for a Nature in Neighborhoods (NIN) Capital Grants Program. The program was designed to provide local organizations and public entities with additional funds for land acquisition and projects that protect and enhance natural resources in the urban environment. Ms. Kent stated that the program has awarded 23 grants to date, totaling approximately \$6.6 million of the total \$15 million available.

The resolution, if approved, would confirm the reappointment of three current members, and confirm the appointment of three new members (including a Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington)

to the NIN Capital Grants Review Committee. Ms. Kent stated that staff worked with Council President Hughes' office to expand this year's recruitment for community representatives. Of the 13 applications received, two new members have been selected to serve on the committee: Maileen Hamto and Galina Burley. Ms. Kent stated that the new members offer experience in areas such as affordable housing, local government, and experience working with diverse communities. She stated that staff is excited to have a fresh perspective on the committee.

Councilor Craddick stated that she had an opportunity to meet the full committee, including the new members. She emphasized the committee's great work and stated that the new members would bring a lot to the committee. Councilor Collette echoed the committee's importance, and stated that the body serves as an oversight committee of sorts, ensuring Metro's money is invested where it will have the best impact.

Vote:

Council President Hughes and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Stacey, Chase, Dirksen, and Harrington voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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#### 5. **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the following two items:

- The Metro Regional Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.
- Cycle 3 of the Community Planning and Development grants commenced on Jan. 16. Grant letters of interest are due Feb. 15 with full applications due April 18. Ms. Bennett provided a brief background on the program and process for moving forward, and informed the Council that they would receive a memo outlining the appointments to the grant review committee.

Councilor Craig Dirksen provided a brief recap of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting held on Feb. 13. He stated that Clackamas County Commissioner Martha Schrader distributed a letter on behalf of Commission Chair John Ludlow requesting a 90-day extension on the current Planning and Development grant cycle. He stated that after some discussion, the committee move to recommend to the Metro Council not to delay the process or extend the application deadline. The motion was supported 13 to 1 by the committee.

#### 6. **ATTORNEY COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Alison Kean Campbell provided the following updates on non privileged legal matters facing Metro:

- The lease contract for the methane produced from the St. John's Land Fill will be forwarded to Council for review shortly.
- In January, the Court requested that the all parties file additional supplemental briefs on the legislative history regarding the Reserves statute. While the Court does not have a deadline to respond, legal counsel anticipates an opinion on the Reserves will be released in May 2013. Additionally, she noted that the Court of Appeals has entered into an order stating that the urban growth boundary appeal will not be decided until after the Reserves litigation is decided.

- Metro is currently working with legislative counsel and Multnomah and Washington Counties on proposed legislation which would transfer land, Area 93, from Multnomah to Washington County.

**7. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilor updates included the following recent meetings or events: MPAC, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), the SW Corridor Steering Committee, the Beaverton Revitalization Roundtable, and Travel Portland Customer Advisory Board events. Additional updates included Councilor Harrington and Councilor Craddick's recent New Partners for Smart Growth business trip, status update on the TV Highway Corridor Plan, upcoming national brownfields conference, and a request from the Clackamas County Business Alliance to hold a forum on the natural areas levy.

Councilors also requested that the information on the Community Planning and Development Grants and Area 93 documents distributed to MPAC be forwarded to the Council for review.

**8. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:50 p.m. The Metro Council reconvened in the Council Annex for a work session. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement and Legislative Coordinator

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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEB. 14, 2013**

No additional materials were distributed at the meeting. There were no attachments to the Feb. 14 Council record.