



METRO COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Summary

June 6, 2013

Metro, Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Carlotta Collette, Bob Stacey, and Craig Dirksen

Councilors Excused: Councilor Sam Chase and Kathryn Harrington

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. 2013 OREGON ZOO BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Heidi Rahn of the Oregon Zoo welcomed and introduced Deidra Krys-Rusoff, chair of the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee for a presentation on the committee's 2013 report. The Bond Committee, established by the Metro Council in January 2010 consists of 13 members and is responsible for:

- Assessing the progress in implementing the Oregon Zoo bond measure project improvements;
- Reporting on project spending trends and current cost projects, and reviewing and reporting on the Annual Independent Financial Audit of spending; and
- Considering and recommending project modifications intended to account for increases in construction costs.

The committee is required to report to the Council annually. Ms. Krys-Rusoff's presentation included information on the zoo bond program's key accomplishments for 2012, such as completion of the penguin life support system upgrade and veterinary medical center, and recommendations for moving forward. While the committee did not recommend any project changes to date, it did recommend that the bond program continue with several efforts to ensure that the bond money is spent appropriately. She stated that the team should continue to review and validate budgets and assumptions on an ongoing basis to complete all bond projects without sacrificing the projects' objectives. Highlighted recommendations addressed the Washington Park transportation planning process, Metro's support service costs, and concerns with the work

completed to identify the geotechnical risks for the elephant lands project. (Full report included as part of the meeting record.)

Council thanked the full committee and Ms. Krys-Rusoff for serving as chair. Council inquired if the committee had any specific recommendations to address the geotechnical conditions in the future. Ms. Krys-Rusoff stated that the committee was concerned, but not upset with how the situation turned out. The committee would have liked to have had more testing completed upfront. Additional discussion addressed the Roslyn Lake property.

4. UPDATE ON ZOO OPERATIONS

Ms. Kim Smith of the Oregon Zoo provided a status update on the Oregon Zoo operations, specifically regarding the zoo's elephant Rama who recently tested positive for Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Oregon Zoo staff received the results from Rama's test on May 31 and immediately placed the elephant in quarantine and notified federal, state and local public health officials immediately. Ms. Smith stated that the test was part of the Zoo's routine staff and animal annual testing. She emphasized that the health and safety of the elephants and all animals, the public, and staff is a top priority for the zoo. Her presentation also addressed Rama and the full herd's health and precautions taken to around the elephant habitat while Rama is in quarantine.

Ms. Smith welcomed Dr. Justin Denny, MD, MPH Public Health Officer for Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties to share a few words. Dr. Denny stated that Tuberculosis is a potentially serious, but very treatable, bacterial infection of the lungs and a very common infection. He stated that early detection is important. All staff and volunteers who have had prolonged, close proximity to Rama are currently being tested. Individuals who test positive will be offered an additional screening and access to treatment with antibiotics. The Health Department tries to protect the information of those being tested, and therefore no details can be shared on who is receiving the tests. (Their presentation is included as part of the meeting record.)

Council asked that if Rama sneezed into a crowd, would the human-caused bacterium be spread to the crowd. Dr. Denny confirmed that a person would need to have direct and prolonged contact with Rama's secretions for the bacteria to be transmitted.

5. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FOR MAY 16, 2013

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve the May 30, 2013 Council minutes.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 **Resolution No. 13-4417**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Purchase Certain Property in the Tualatin River Greenway Target Area with 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure Proceeds Subject to Unusual Circumstances.

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4417.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter provided a brief staff report for Resolution No. 13-4417 which if approved would authorize the COO to purchase a property in the Tualatin River Greenway Target Area that is necessary for the development of the Tualatin Hillsdale Launch Project. The Tualatin River Greenway Target Area, identified in both the 1995 and 2006 bond measures, has been focused on providing public access to the Tualatin River. During FY 2011-12, the Metro Council allocated funding for initial work to determine the potential location for a non-motorized boat launch in the area. After extensive analysis and outreach, the Farmington Natural Area was selected. However, after further discussions with traffic engineers and staff from Washington County, Metro staff determined that the boat launch in the selected natural area would not be possible without acquiring the neighboring site; the site under consideration in Resolution No. 13-4417. (Aerial photos included as part of the meeting record.)

Ms. Brennan-Hunter stated that there are two unusual circumstances with the property in regards to its appraised value and the environmental condition. First, in response to direction received by the Metro Council in an executive session in 2012, staff proposed that the property be purchased at \$195,000. Secondly, staff proposed to use natural areas program funds to clean up the site. Staff stated that the site has experienced common contamination throughout the years and anticipate the cleanup costs will range from approximately \$188,000 to \$214,000. Pending Council approval of the legislation, staff would apply for grants to help cover the cost.

Council asked clarifying questions about access to the Farmington Natural Area. Staff clarified that Washington County has concerns about the site's proximity to the Farmington Road and River Road intersection; an intersection that already experiences congestion. Staff stated that when design work originally began for a boat launch at this location, no additional land acquisitions were anticipated. However, it has been determined that the launch will not be possible without this parcel. Additional council discussion included the benefits of cleaning up a property that is adjacent to a flood plain, and the project's access to the Tualatin River Trail.

Vote:	Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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6.2 **Resolution No. 13-4437**, For the Purpose of Review and Approval of the Oregon Zoo Public Art Advisory Committee's First Art Commission Recommendations.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4437.
Second:	Councilor Craddick seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette introduced the resolution. She stated that the Oregon Zoo Public Art Advisory Committee has put in many hours reviewing the zoo's existing collection, reviewing the artists' proposals, recommending an artist to the Metro Council. The advisory committee's goals for the collection were to enhance the site and visitor experience, inspire curiosity, encourage dialog and interaction and engagement, increase awareness and appreciation of the zoo as a community asset, and achieve artistic excellence.

Councilor Collette welcomed Ms. Heidi Rahn and Mr. Brent Shelby of the Oregon Zoo for a presentation. It is Metro's policy to allocate one percent of direct construction costs for capital projects valued at or above \$100,000 towards public art. The recommendation outlined in Resolution No. 13-4437 is the first of three allocations to be made throughout the Oregon Zoo Bond Program, funded by the 2008 voter-approved ballot measure. The first commission will be located in the east hub of the zoo, near the new elephant habitat. Council will be required to approve the 2 remaining commissions for a west and central hubs at a later date. Staff's presentation included information on the advisory committee, zoo's current art collection, locations for the new art, and the artist selection process. The advisory committee recommended artist Catherine Widgery for the first commission. Staff displayed examples of Ms. Widgery's commissions both nationally and internationally, and rough renderings of what she is considering for the zoo's commission. The committee has recommended the integration of reflective vertical elements in a series of locations demarcating the Concert Lawn/Elephant Lands edge, as well as a relief veneer on the façade of the Forest Hall. (Presentation including the artists rough renderings are included as part of the meeting record.)

Councilors thanked the advisory committee, Ms. Katie Weinstein of the Oregon Zoo and Ms. Peggy Kendellen of the Regional Arts and Culture Council for their work. The council asked clarifying questions about the ongoing maintenance for the new pieces and existing art collection at the zoo. Staff confirmed that the new pieces would be added to the public art management plan which details ongoing maintenance of the zoo's collection.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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6.3 Resolution No. 13-4438, For the Purpose of Directing Staff to Move Forward with the Phase 2 Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project Evaluation.

Motion:	Councilor Collette moved to approve Resolution No. 13-4438.
Second:	Councilor Craddick seconded the motion.

Councilor Collette introduced Resolution No. 13-4438. She began by streaming a video produced by Metro staff that provides an introduction to the scenarios project and highlights the diversity of community voices that have weighed in over the last year of engagement. Councilor Collette stated that the resolution, if approved, would direct staff to begin the analysis of three possible scenarios to address how the region can reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, commonly referred to as tailpipe emissions. The scenarios will use a set of evaluation criteria developed and refined by input received from local business and community leaders, and the Metro Council, its advisory committees and local government partners. Additionally, she noted that staff has completed a set of eight case studies illustrating how communities around the Metro region have already begun to address greenhouse gas reductions. (Video and case studies included as part of the meeting record.)

Councilors noted that both the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) have recommended that the Metro Council move the project forward into its next phase. Additional council discussion included the high level of outreach, input and engagement received from multiple leaders around the region.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Craddick, Collette, Dirksen, and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion passed.

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Ms. Bennett provided updates on:

- Ms. Bennett provided a progress report on the renovations and enhancements underway at the MJ Gleason boat ramp off Marine Drive. Staff anticipates the boat launch will reopen by the end of June 2013. Highlighted updates included a restroom installation, landscaping, and paved parking lot and boat ramp.
- The Oregon Zoo's ribbon cutting ceremony for the Elephant Lands project is scheduled for Monday, June 10.
- The Metro Council is scheduled to discuss the final proposed councilor, COO, and department technical amendments at its work session on June 11.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: Oregon Zoo Foundation monthly meeting, and celebration and dedication of the entrance of the City of Gresham's main city park. Highlighted upcoming meetings included the June 6 Intertwine Alliance reception, June 8 town hall meeting with Representative Reardon, June 10 Elephant Lands groundbreaking, June 10 Southwest Corridor Steering Committee meeting, June 17 Community Investment Initiative event, June 11 opening game of the Hillsboro Hops baseball team, and upcoming OMPOC meeting.

Additional updates include the Willamette Falls Legacy project. The firm Walker Macy has been selected as the master planning consultant for the project. Also, separately, Oregon City has been recognized by the state as a heritage community.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 3:22 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, June 13 at 2 p.m. at the Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelsey Newell, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2013

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
	Agenda	6/30/30	Revised June 6 Council agenda	60613c-01
4.0	PowerPoint	N/A	Zoo Update	60613c-02
5.0	Minutes	5/30/13	Council minutes for May 30, 2013	60613c-03
6.1	PowerPoint	N/A	Maps and renderings of the Tualatin River Greenway Target Area	60613c-04
6.2	Legislation	N/A	Revised staff report to Resolution No. 13-4437	60613c-05
6.2	PowerPoint	6/6/13	Zoo Bond Program: One-percent-for-Art Commission: Overview and Review of the Elephant Lands	60613c-06
6.3	Video	N/A	Climate Smart Communities Scenarios project video	60613c-07