

# Metro Policy Advisory Committee October 9, 2013 Metro Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT AFFILIATION

Andy Duyck Washington County Bill Turlay City of Vancouver

Bob Grover Citizen, Washington Co. Citizen

Bob Stacey Metro Council
Charlie Hales City of Portland
Craig Dirksen Metro Council

Denny Doyle City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2nd Largest City Doug Neeley City of Oregon City, Clackamas Co. 2nd Largest City Jody Carson, 1st Vice Chair City of West Linn, Clackamas Co. Other Cities City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co. Largest City

Loretta Smith, *Chair* Multnomah County

Marilyn McWilliams Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts

Martha Schrader Clackamas County

Peter Truax, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities

Ruth Adkins PPS, Governing Body of School Districts

Sam Chase Metro Council

Tim Clark City of Wood Village, Multnomah Co. Other Cities

Wilda Parks Citizen, Clackamas Co. Citizen

MEMBERS EXCUSED AFFILIATION

Amanda Fritz City of Portland

Charlynn Newton City of North Plains, City in Washington Co. Outside the UGB

Jerry Willey City of Hillsboro, Washington Co. Largest City

Josh Fuhrer City of Gresham, Multnomah County, 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City

Maxine Fitzpatrick Citizen, Multnomah Co. Citizen

Steve Stuart Clark County
Tom Imeson Port of Portland

William Wild Oak Lodge Sanitary District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts

ALTERNATES PRESENT AFFILIATION

Eric Hesse TriMet

Jennifer Donnelly Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development

Lise Glancy Port of Portland

**STAFF**: Kelsey Newell, Nikolai Ursin, Beth Cohen, Malu Wilkinson, Andy Cotugno, Ken Ray, Alison Kean, Ina Zucker, and Steve Wheeler.

# 1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Loretta Smith called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m.

# 2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

# 3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizen communication or non-agenda items.

# 4. **COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Bob Stacey provided an update on the following items:

- Metro is soliciting applications for conservation education grants funded from last May's Natural Areas Levy. School districts, parks districts, watershed councils, and non-profit organizations eligible to apply and applications due in January;
- Tomorrow JPACT will consider next round of Regional Flexible Fund Allocations and a total of \$142.6 million to be allocated over 2016 to 2018. The Metro Council is expected to vote on these projects on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>;
- The fall edition of Green Scene now available and the Holiday calendar of events and activities at Metro's parks and visitor venues is available as well.

# 5. APPROVAL OF SEPT. 25, 2013 MPAC MINUTES

**MOTION**: Mr. Andy Duyck moved, Ms. Marilyn McWilliams seconded, to amend the Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> minutes as follows:

Under agenda item 4, Council Update to add:

"As a follow up to comments made at the Sept. 11th MPAC meeting, the Metro Council liaisons expressed a willingness to work with the committee officers in creating a subcommittee for the purpose of examining membership composition and to identify ways of increasing MPAC's effectiveness as a committee. The subcommittee would discuss options for moving forward and make a formal recommendation before MPAC and the Metro Council."

Under agenda item 6, SW Corridor, membership discussion, correct to:

• "Commissioner Andy Duyck stated that Washington County fully supports the plan and looks forward to seeing enhancement of the public portion for transportation transit service in the corridor."

**ACTION**: With all in favor, the motion <u>passed</u>.

#### 6. SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR PLAN

Councilor Craig Dirksen stated that at the previous MPAC meeting he reviewed the SW Corridor Steering Committee's recommendation that includes a package of investments and actions to support the local visions. These recommendations include: enhanced transit services; high capacity transit; multiple roadway and active transportation projects; habitat and parks projects; and a toolkit of development incentives and policy changes to support a consistent land use vision.

Additionally, Councilor Bob Stacey noted that since MPAC last met, there has been a refined transit project involving funds from NEPA as well as the formation of an advisory group to represent the key interests of the stakeholders.

Ms. Malu Wilkinson noted that MTAC made a recommendation on the resolution which included the following:

- An integrated and collaborative approach to ensure the region is nationally competitive for transportation dollars as well as housing competitiveness;
- An awareness of the importations of increased public engagement;
- Ensuring that the resolution is not prioritizing a corridor in high capacity transit, but rather providing a platform for communities to have a conversation around investment priorities;
- Discussing when and where the next corridor planning efforts will be focused.

#### Member discussion included:

- Members stated that this project is the kind of forward looking that will keep the Portland region at the forefront of national competitiveness as well as continued collaboration amongst jurisdictions;
- Members stated that improved community transit service in the near term is essential for further high capacity transit;
- Members asked about high capacity transit expanding into Sherwood, Oregon. Councilor Bob Stacey noted that the city of Sherwood is more inclined to add more extensive bus connections rather than high capacity transit;
- Members stated that a project of this nature is easier when everyone is on board and thanks was expressed for Metro bring the support together;
- Mayor Charlie Hales encouraged the jurisdictions represented around the table to be bold in moving forward with the next phase of the SW Corridor process. He also stated that this project is worth the risk, regardless of the length of the process.

**MOTION**: Mayor Pete Truax moved, Mayor Denny Doyle seconded, to recommend to the Metro Council adoption of **Resolution NO. 13-4468**.

**ACTION**: With all in favor, the motion passed.

# 7. LIVING CULLY: A CULLY ECODISTRICT

Mr. Tony DeFalco, Verde, presented to members about Living Cully: A Cully Ecodistrict – a concentrated series of investments that focus on how green infrastructure, housing, transportation and green job creation can be used to address poverty and develop neighborhoods. Friends

Living Cully: A Cully Ecodistrict is a coordinated effort by Hacienda CDC, the Native American Youth and Family Center and Verde to drive environmental investments into the Cully Neighborhood in response to existing community needs: jobs, education, housing and quality of life. Living Cully is an anti-poverty strategy, focusing on the needs of low-income people and people of color. Mr. DeFalco then shared the vision of Living Cully, stating that its community partners are reinterpreting sustainability as an anti-poverty strategy. Community Partners: Hacienda CDC, NAYA and Verde are strong Cully-based organizations with common values, a history of working together, and complementary programmatic strengths and activities. Reinterpreting Sustainability is achieved through joint, intentional efforts to bring environmental investments to Cully that directly benefit diverse, low-income people in the neighborhood and which protect, restore or enhance the places where these people live, work, learn and play. Anti-Poverty efforts focus on jobs and job training for adults, environmental education for youth and business contracting opportunities.

Mr. DeFalco also spoke briefly about the Not in Cully project which focuses on anti-poverty strategies as a means to address disparities by concentrating investments at the neighborhood scale.

#### *Member discussion included:*

- Members expressed thanks for not only addressing this area as having a lack of parks, but also for promoting a healthier, more equitable neighborhood.
- Members expressed appreciations for Cully working with the Scott School through incorporating their program into STEM.
- Members expressed thanks for the work being done through the neighborhood prosperity initiatives focusing on neighborhood economic development, specifically, the work on 42<sup>nd</sup> avenue.
- Metro Councilor Sam Chase stated that these efforts are some of the best he has seen in addressing these issues.
- Members asked how maintenance of the Cully Park is handled. Mr. DeFalco stated that there is a 5-year agreement with the City of Portland for maintenance of the park.

# 8. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Mayor Doug Neeley, Oregon City, noted that the city has applied for funds to build a vertical housing project. Mayor Neeley also noted that the city is working out an agreement with a developer to develop a landfill and make it buildable.

Eric Hesse, TriMet, stated that TriMet will be hosting 3, upcoming community forums focused on transit equity.

Mayor Pete Truax, Forest Grove, stated that Grove Link, an initiative of Ride Connection, is increasing its ridership daily.

Commissioner Loretta Smith noted the opening of the State of Oregon's new health care website, CoverOregon.com

# 9. ADJOURN

Chair Loretta Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Montanez Recording Secretary

# ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR OCTOBER 9, 2013

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

<u>Item</u>	Doc. Type	Doc. Date	<u>Doc. Description</u>	<u>Doc. Number</u>
4	Handout	N/A	Grant Announcement	100913m-01
4	Handout	N/A	RFFA Map	100913m-02
4	Handout	N/A	Fall Green Scene	100913m-03
4	Handout	N/A	Holiday Events	100913m-04
7	Handout	June 13'	Not in Cully	100913m-05
7	PPT	N/A	Living Cully	100913m-06