



METRO COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Summary
Feb. 25, 2014
Forest Grove City Hall Auditorium

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Casey Ogden, Portland: Mr. Ogden spoke to Metro Council on behalf of Oregon Walks regarding the organization's efforts in Washington County to address active transportation. Oregon Walks launched a Photovoice project in partnership with Adelante Mujeres, which provided perspectives on the walkability of communities. Mr. Ogden stated the common themes that emerged from the project were lack of access to safe sidewalks and crosswalks and difficulties accessing transportation. Mr. Ogden discussed Metro's Active Transportation Plan as it relates to addressing such issues. Metro Council requested a copy of the project's report.

Steve Krantscheid, Forest Grove: Mr. Krantscheid spoke as a representative of Tuality Healthcare where he has worked in partnership with the City of Forest Grove to establish a master plan for the local hospital. The master plan focused on zoning for future healthcare and eventually replacing existing hospital buildings.

Bridget Cooke, Forest Grove: Ms. Cooke stated that Forest Grove would like to see Metro Council visit more often. As the Executive Director of Adelante Mujeres, Ms. Cooke discussed the need to bring all community members together in planning processes and stated that the agencies must take the initiative to reach out to groups. Ms. Cooke provided an overview of Adelante Mujeres' projects.

Gerardo Vergara-Monroy, Forest Grove: Mr. Vergara-Monroy spoke as a member of Adelante Mujeres and Metro's Equity Baseline Work Group. He discussed the work group's current focus on defining "equity" and "equitable" in terms of Metro's six desired outcomes and identifying applicable equity indicators.

Jenny Cadigan, Beaverton: Ms. Cadigan spoke to Metro Council on behalf of the Westside Transportation Alliance (WTA). She thanked the Council for Metro's effort to make the region a great place. Ms. Cadigan stated that Metro's work on active transportation demonstrates the agency's commitment to clean air. She discussed WTA's partnership with Intel to launch a Bike Share initiative as well as WTA's project to acknowledge the role of transportation in health issues.

Howard Sullivan, Forest Grove: Mr. Sullivan spoke as a representative of the Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce. He provided an update on the Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce and summarized its growth in the last year. He discussed Oregon Film Magazine and a recently published article identifying Forest Grove as a possible location for filming.

Pam Treece, Tigard: Ms. Treece spoke on behalf of the Westside Economic Alliance in thanking Metro Council and Metro staff for their involvement in the organization and work in the region. She stated her confidence in Metro's upcoming engagement on the Climate Smart Communities Project.

Doug Barrett, Hillsboro: Mr. Barrett spoke as a member of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and expressed appreciation for the Chamber's strong relationship with Metro Council. He shared his inclination that Hillsboro and Metro are building a strong community through relationships and good communication.

Beverly Maughan, Forest Grove: As Executive Assistant to the Forest Grove City Manager, Ms. Maughan thanked the Metro Council for their partnership. She stated that she wished the participants in activities to which Metro has granted funds could be present to give thanks as well.

Bruce Buffington, Beaverton: Mr. Buffington spoke to Metro Council as a representative of the Northwest Bicycle Safety Council (BSC), which was founded to educate and promote safety and harmony between cyclists and others using the road. He stated that BSC works to minimize injuries and deaths by educating cyclists about road safety and fitting helmets at no cost. Mr. Buffington shared his aim to promote better shared experiences through traffic laws and outreach programs and to strengthen community ties through cycling programs and events.

Lisa Frank, Portland: Ms. Frank spoke as a Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) advocate. She shared the BTA mission of promoting better bikeways that are comfortable and convenient for all. Ms. Frank expressed her support for Metro's regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and thanked the Metro Council for making bicycling easier.

Luis Nava, Aloha: Mr. Nava spoke to Metro Council on behalf of himself and his sister, Michelle Nava. He stated that the siblings are disc-golfers in the Metro area and thanked Metro Council for their aid in building Blue Lake Regional Park. Mr. Nava stated that Oregon has great natural areas for disc-golf courses, giving Oregonians an advantage over other states in competitions. Mr. Nava requested that Metro Council consider building a disc-golf course in Washington County.

2. FOREST GROVE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Council President Hughes welcomed Mayor Pete Truax of Forest Grove to provide an overview of Forest Grove's Comprehensive Plan Update and economic development projects. Mayor Truax summarized the Comprehensive Plan and stated that the Forest Grove City Council sent the plan to the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for review.

Mayor Truax spoke of the partnership among organizations, agencies, and businesses in Forest Grove and the metropolitan region. He recognized citizens attending the meeting and those unable to attend for contributing to building the community.

Mayor Truax discussed the Community Enhancement Program in Forest Grove.

Mayor Truax expressed the City's desire to be a part of regional growth and concluded his presentation with a quote from former United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson.

Councilor Harrington commented that Forest Grove's last Comprehensive Plan was completed in the 1970's. Metro Council expressed support to the City of Forest Grove for their new development projects.

3. PACIFIC UNIVERSITY EXPANSION PLANS

Dr. Lesley Hallick provided an update to Council on Pacific University's expansion plans.

Dr. Hallick expressed appreciation for Pacific University's partnerships in the region. Through these partnerships, she stated that Pacific University has developed a vision for 2020 with five values: discovery, excellence, sustainability, diversity, and global community.

Dr. Hallick spoke of Pacific University's growing student body as it relates to transportation, residential housing, and developing campuses throughout the region.

Dr. Hallick directed Council to a handout on the Oregon Alliance, a coalition of Oregon's independent colleges and universities.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Harrington inquired about the Lincoln Park Stadium as a tourist attraction. Dr. Hallick explained that the nine-line track is capable of hosting NCAA events and hopes to serve as a space for athletes to train for the Junior International Track meet in Eugene, Oregon.

Councilor Collette inquired about potential for solar panels on the stadium's roof. Dr. Hallick responded that it has not yet been determined at this point in the design process.

4. CORNELIUS DOWNTOWN AND LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Mayor Jeffrey Dalin of Cornelius spoke to Council about the City of Cornelius' downtown development project around the new library. He discussed the funding distribution for the project and how the community is anticipated to benefit from the development.

Ryan McCluckie from Scott Edwards Architecture joined Mayor Dalin and showed the revised drawings of the new building at the corner of 14th and Adair in downtown Cornelius.

Councilor Harrington inquired as to the role of internet access at the new library. Mayor Dalin explained that 40% of Cornelius residents do not have internet at home, which poses obstacles in obtaining GED's and applying to jobs.

Mayor Dalin expressed thanks to sponsors of and contributors to the project.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve the Feb. 25 consent agenda, which consisted of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resolution No. 14-4506, For the Purpose of Supporting the Creation of
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	a Willamette Falls State Heritage Area and Urging Designation of Such by the Oregon Heritage Commission.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Vote: Council President Hughes and Councilors Chase, Craddick, Harrington, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

6. **RESOLUTIONS**

6.1 **Resolution No. 14-4503**, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Grant an Easement to the City of Forest Grove for Continuing Trail Development.

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to approve Resolution No. 14-4503.
Second:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington seconded the motion.

Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter and Mr. Dan Moeller provided a brief presentation on the land impinging on Resolution No. 14-4503. Ms. Brennan-Hunter highlighted the trails as opportunities to improve water quality, maintain healthy habitats, and make natural areas accessible for people to enjoy.

Mr. Moeller provided background to the trail development history in Forest Grove since 2008. He stated that as part of the recreation and transportation in Forest Grove's Master Plan, the City of Forest Grove was requesting an easement from Metro to construct another segment of trail.

Council President Hughes welcomed Council questions for staff. There were none.

Vote: Council President Hughes and Councilors Chase, Craddick, Harrington, Dirksen, Collette and Stacey voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

3. **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided updates on the following items:

- Natural areas levy projects and maintenance activities.
- Appointments to the Construction Excise Tax Advisory Committee.
- House Bill 4078.

4. **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Council President Hughes thanked Council, staff, Forest Grove hosts, and visitors for a productive meeting.

5. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, March 6 at 2 p.m. at Metro's Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jill Schmidt".

Jill Schmidt, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEB. 25, 2014

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Citizen Communication	2/25/14	Written Citizen Communication from Tom Beck	22514c-01
1.0	Handout	9/6/13	Forest Grove Health District Master Plan	22514c -02
1.0	Handout	N/A	NW Bicycle Safety Council – Helping Everyone Safely Share the Road	22514c -03
3.0	PowerPoint	2/25/14	Pacific University Presentation	22514c -04
3.0	Handout	N/A	Pacific University At a Glance	22514c -05
3.0	Handout	08/2013	The Alliance	22514c -06
4.0	PowerPoint	2/25/14	Cornelius Place Presentation	22514c-07
4.0	Handout	2/25/14	Cornelius Place Handout	22514c-08
6.1	PowerPoint	2/25/14	Forest Grove Trail Easement Presentation	22514c-09