



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

**July 23, 2014**

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ruth Adkins  
Jody Carson, *Chair*  
Sam Chase  
Tim Clark, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair*  
Jennifer Donnelly  
Denny Doyle  
Andy Duyck  
Kathryn Harrington  
Dick Jones  
Keith Mays  
Marilyn McWilliams  
Anne McEnerny-Ogle  
Doug Neeley  
Wilda Parks  
Craig Prosser  
Martha Schrader  
Loretta Smith  
Bob Stacey  
Jerry Willey

**AFFILIATION**

PPS, Governing Body of School Districts  
City of West Linn, Clackamas Co. Other Cities  
Metro Council  
City of Wood Village  
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development  
City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
Washington County  
Metro Council  
Oak Lodge Water District  
Washington Co. Citizen  
Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts  
City of Vancouver  
City of Oregon City, Clackamas Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest City  
Citizen, Clackamas Co. Citizen  
Trimet  
Clackamas County  
Multnomah County  
Metro Council  
City of Hillsboro, Washington Co. Largest City

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Peter Truax, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair*  
Jerry Hinton

**AFFILIATION**

City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities  
City of Gresham

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Gretchen Buehner  
Jeff Gudman

**AFFILIATION**

Washington Co. Other Cities  
City of Lake Oswego

**Staff:**

Alison Kean, Troy Rayburn, Ted Reid, Jessica Rojas and John Williams.

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

MPAC Chair Jody Carson called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:01 p.m.

**2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

**3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No citizen communications on non-agenda items.

#### **4. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Harrington provided members with an update on the following items:

The Metro Council approved the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) on July 17, 2014 and includes the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and Regional Safety Plan (RSP). Metro will be working with local governments and transportation agencies to implement the plans.

Metro Council recently approved \$4.5 million in Nature in Neighborhood capital grants, funded by the 2006 natural areas bond measure and includes 12 projects funded across the region. The Projects require a two to one match in other resources.

Metro Council approved \$700,000 in the Nature in Neighborhood Conservation Education grants, that were funded by the 2013 Natural Areas Levy and includes 15 projects funded throughout the region. The grant awards are in three categories: community partnerships, environmental literacy and developing conservation leadership. For more information please visit [www.oregonmetro.gov/nature](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/nature)

Metro's "Let's Talk Trash" series continues with the GLEAN and "Waste Not". GLEAN, now in its fourth year is collaboration between Metro, Recology and crackedpots, features five local artists that are given access to a Metro transfer station to pull discarded items from the waste stream, and create incredible works of art. Local artist, Natalie Sept, has painted portraits of people who work with our garbage every day, illustrating the human side of dealing with waste.

Both shows have opening receptions on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Disjecta, just off the Kenton stop on the Yellow MAX Line in North Portland and are free to attend to all. Both shows are open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons through month of August.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- Consideration of June 25, 2014 Minutes

**MOTION:** Moved by Mayor Jerry Willey and seconded by Mayor Denny Doyle.

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

#### **6. REFERRAL OF METRO CHARTER LANGUAGE ON SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS**

Chair Carson offered opening remarks on the Referral of the Metro Charter on Single Family Neighborhoods. Alison Kean, Metro attorney, discussed the Metro Council Resolution 14-4545 and the details of the vote on whether or not to continue the charter. Ms. Kean informed members that the resolution is a legal requirement as addressed in the footnote of the charter. The language in the footnote requires Metro to bring the language before the voters for submission with the exact same language as before, including the footnote, in the November 2014 election. Ms. Kean shared the language in the ballot titles, explanatory statement and summary with members. Ms. Kean informed

members that Metro Council will vote on the Charter August 14<sup>th</sup> and then submit to Multnomah County which will later place on the ballot for the voters.

Member comments and questions included:

- Members asked clarifying questions as to why any charter amendment is required to go back before the voters.

Ms. Kean confirmed that any charter amendment would require a vote by the people.

- Members asked questions as to the logic of retaining the footnote.

Ms. Kean responded that if the footnote was not there the charter would not sunset and referred the question to other staff.

Councilor Bob Stacey clarified the purpose of the footnote as continuing to allow voters to engage in the same process as originally intended in regards to the content.

**MOTION:** Moved by Andy Duyck and seconded by Mayor Doug Neeley.

**ACTION:** With all in favor, the motion to approve the Referral of the Metro Charter on Single Family Neighborhoods passed.

## **7. GROWTH MANAGEMENT DECISION: RELEASE DRAFT 2014 URBAN GROWTH REPORT**

John Williams of Metro offered opening remarks in regards to the 2014 Urban Growth Report (UGR). Ted Reid, Senior Regional Planner of Metro presented the 2014 Urban Growth Report to members and referred to the full report with appendices that can be accessed online at [oregonmetro.gov/urban-growth-report](http://oregonmetro.gov/urban-growth-report)

The timeline for making decisions in regards to the report was discussed with final adoption of the report set for December 2014 and Council adopting measures to meet housing and employment needs by December 2015.

Ted Reid shared a video with members over viewing the [2014 Urban Growth Report on Vimeo](#).

Mr. Williams posed the question to members as to whether the 2014 UGR offered members the necessary information to make an informed decision on the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Mr. Williams shared a list of names that have been contributed to the process and discussed the necessary steps in each phase of adoption and implementation for the report. Mr. Williams reviewed a list of dates that are geared towards discussion and to engage with each topic in relation to the UGR.

The core question Mr. Reid posed is how to accommodate growth in the region, sharing with members a diagram that highlighted past growth populations, jobs, and available acres for

development, in comparison to past projections. Mr. Reid discussed with members the difference in a range forecast and reminded members of the processes involved in coordinating with local jurisdictions throughout region. Mr. Reid walked members through the steps of the forecast cycle, detailing what each step includes.

Takeaway questions included:

- Policy considerations when planning for potential population & job growth such as what if we plan for low growth and high growth occurs? What if we plan for high growth and low growth occurs?
- Who will realize benefits and who will realize burdens of getting it wrong in either direction?
- What is the best course of action, knowing that we will update the forecast in six years?
- Which choices will help the region to achieve desired outcomes?
- Is the real challenge land readiness or land supply?
- How can we encourage “family-friendly” housing in urban areas?
- What is the right mix of housing in UGB expansions?
- How should policy makers balance housing preferences with other concerns such as infrastructure provision and affordability?
- How much can we rely on growth capacity in Damascus? Are there other options that are more viable, either in existing urban areas or urban reserves?

Member comments and questions included:

- Members expressed concern that there are not enough appropriate sites to develop and offered comments as to why developing Brownfields are challenging.
- Members commented on their perceptions of the accuracy of the report.
- Members offered comments in the Damascus situation and spoke to that sentiment that is left out of the report. Members discussed allowing the UGB expansion into areas that want it to happen versus places that are not ready for it.

Ted Reid responded to the experience that land brokers face that differs from Metro’s focus of work.

- Members commented on the comments made and asked clarifying questions as to how recommendations are included in the report by working closely with local jurisdictions.
- Members asked clarifying questions as to how the Hillsboro North industrial site and how sites are counted for and included as a site.
- Chair Carson asked members if it would be helpful if MPAC revisits these aspects deeper with greater breakdown.

Councilor Stacey commented on the status of some of the sites included in the UGR, it would be useful to revisit this.

- Members expressed concern that the inventory is at a low and the need at are at an all time high.
- Members expressed concern for legitimacy of the information and sited issues in regards to long term property owners will sell that land, the cleanup of brownfield sites that requires clean up.
- Members expressed concern that there are more jobs available for people without degrees that with and discussed how this will affect the local job and housing market.
- Members expressed concern that the poverty rate has increased.

John Williams referred members to a list of the appendices and informed members that Metro is taking notes on the topics that are coming up.

- Members commented on the residential preference questions in the assumptions being made in Damascus and asked if this was being done in Oregon City and Sherwood and asked clarifying questions about the assumptions for single family units.
- Members discussed the trends between a recession, development and annexation.
- Members asked questions about the process of putting a bridge in the UGR.
- Members offered suggestions as to looking at general industrial capacity needs and asked clarifying questions in regards to the redevelopment of tax lots.
- Chair Carson reminded members that the Residential Preference Study will be available in September in relation to this item. If members have questions they can email Ted Reid directly.

Member communications:

Chair Carson thanked Mayor Truax for hosting the tour at Grove Link.

Mayor Doyle commented that folks are looking for that type of ridership potential.

Loretta Smith commented on a recent Mayor and Commissioners conference call with Vice President Biden that there is going to be a deficit of 11 million workers in 2022 and suggested making provisions to train young people. Multnomah County efforts were sited to engage high school youth in local government. Ms. Smith mentioned that there will be a mass of “baby boomers” retiring and the region is going to need to have a trained workforce for those jobs.

## **8. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

Chair Carson adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Rojas

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Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR JULY 23, 2014**

| <b>ITEM</b> | <b>DOCUMENT<br/>TYPE</b> | <b>DOC<br/>DATE</b> | <b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>        | <b>DOCUMENT<br/>No.</b> |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 7.          | Handout                  | N/A                 | Urban Growth Boundary Timeline     | 72314m-01               |
| 7.          | PPT                      | N/A                 | Urban Growth Boundary Presentation | 72314m-02               |
| 7.          | Video Link               | N/A                 | Urban Growth Boundary Vimeo Link   | 72314m-03               |
| 4.          | Postcards                | N/A                 | Let's talk Trash Series            | 72314m-04               |