

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 9, 2004
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: President Bragdon Bragdon (Council President), Councilor McLain McLain, Councilor Newman Newman, Councilor Hosticka Hosticka, Councilor Monroe Monroe, Councilor Burkholder Burkholder

Councilors Absent:

Councilor Park is excused.

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 1:xx p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 11, 2004. Willamette shore right of way—for action. Councilor Monroe spoke to IGA and individual areas of responsibility—expressed that it will prevent us from having to do amendments to IGA later on. Councilors present concurred.

2. ECOSYSTEM SERVICE PROJECT

Paul Ketcham, Planning Department, and President Bragdon introduced the consultants from David Evans—Dan Haggerty, Jim Middaugh from city of Portland and Professor Ed Whitehill from the University of Oregon. Paul Ketcham discussed program for resources and about defining and attributing values to the program. Examples include flood control, water quality, salmon, habitat, wildlife etc. See attachment cw#1 which is a hard copy of the power point they showed to council. The power point discussed how to price values and the System of Dynamics Modeling. The Council and consultants discussed costs and benefits of program.

Bragdon asked--Wouldn't aesthetic improvements be reflected in property value? Jim Middaugh responded by saying that you should not think that you can't quantify that, but there is a netting out that you need to pay attention to. Ed Whitelaw stated that 20 years ago, we would not have been able to figure out the values and estimates of ecosystem services. Discussed other studies, which have been done nationally and locally.

Bragdon said that this is the service, the outcome/revenue side, not the cost of either solution? This is the benefit side only. Did you do a cost side as well. No

Whitelaw—this is not a strict benefit cost—if you were given two choices, which would you choose to do.

Monroe asked about the timeframe of their study --because 4-5 years ago, the city built the Brookside pond—since they built the pond, there is far less flooding over Foster. Te response was--Late October. That the same method will be used in the Lents neighborhood that was used in Brookside. And that there is another one planned for upstream by Powell Butte.

Newman said that we hear about the costs are borne by few—the benefits are attributed societally. 4 parties could benefit society, jurisdiction, adjacent property owners, affected property owners. Would there ever be a next step of attributing? Whitelaw stated that it is not unmanageable.

Haggerty—We will have more compliance problems in the future in clean air and endangered species. We are tracking storm water—who is being more burdened? We are going to have to retool our thinking . We will have to get smarter as to how to finance this.

Burkholder—when we talk about over 100 years—30 million dollars. What is the value to us today of 30 million over a hundred years? It sounds impressive, but when you stretch it out over a hundred years, how does it sound?

Whitelaw—how do you talk about discount rates and payoffs 30 years from now when it is today's rates we are worried about.

Haggerty---when we look out 100 years—the engineered solution over 100 years would be a very expensive thing for society.

McLain—have you taken this model to someone who would be using it over a longer period of time. Like Clean water services? They are committing to substantial riparian protection.

Whitelaw—the most telling current symptom is what is happening to rates and costs for stormwater—where we are headed is a disaster and we are grasping for alternatives. The practical process is on the ground and there may be other tests, but the Lents is the most practical focus on carrying out this program.

President Bragdon, is this useful to us in this stage of the game?

Ketcham—yes, incredibly useful. In our economic analysis, we relied on eco NW to do a literature research –Ecosystem services have economic analysis. The fundamental aspect of this presentation is that it provides support for value of the program and validly and reliably attached values of restoring our areas. It is a first step—if we looked at a regional view—the net value of protecting the habitat would be enormous.

McLain stated that she needed a nexus and time frame on the sensitivity analysis. Middaugh agreed and said that they looked forward to working with Metro on this important work.

3. DELETED LEYBOLD - SOUTH CORRIDOR DOWNTOWN PROCESS

Ross Roberts, Planning Department,

4. CONTINUATION OF MTIP POLICY DIRECTION DISCUSSION

Ted Leybold, Planning Department, said that they presented the draft staff recommendation to TPAC on Monday. He handed out the revised staff report and policy report based on the TPAC recommendations. Andy Cotugno added that JPACT will be discussing the issue at JPACT. Councilor Monroe Monroe commented that some editing was done at prep-JPACT this morning.

The staff report addresses the nine policy areas covered in the MTIP. **See attached document CW #2**

Most of discussion at TPAC centered around ways to encourage more applications coming in—put a cost cap on the amount that each committee could apply for. We would limit the percentage of the cost of the applications coming directly relating to availability of STP money. TPAC had a split recommendation.

When we go out for public comments in Sept or October, we will have the evaluation of transit funding in the region. You will see the tradeoffs of how the money is being spent in the region.

Councilor Burkholder --this will be a good policy discussion at JPACT

Ted Leybold #3 providing direction in policy statement to meet requirements for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. It is our intention to meet our requirement on a biannual basis. #4—was brought forth when we went to MPAC—all applicant agencies be in compliance with the Metro functional plan. If they are not in compliance, they can bring documentation from their governing body.

Councilor McLain felt the words were not as solid as they could be. Councilor Monroe felt that people would think that they do not need to pay the same attention to title 7 as they do to everything else.

Councilor Hosticka---what does “it must be considered” mean? (on page 9) Does it mean APPROVED? Ted Leybold said, Yes.

5. KEY PLANNING ISSUES FOR 05-10 RSWMP

Janet Matthews Matthews, Solid Waste and Recycling Department, said worksheet is attached in councilor’s workbook. Thoughts about current direction articulated in RSWMP. What key plans would this body like to identify for discussion over the next year. 4 solid waste policy discussions explored upcoming decisions for local transfer station and other facilities. Referred to handouts see attached cw#3 & 4.

Trying to get a sense of current plan and feedback on issues to address in this update. You are the body that has to consider this plan for adoption. This has to be done in order to help staff get your viewpoint as to where we should go from here.

Janet Matthews asked for comments about what they have laid out for councilor review. Will come back on March 23.

Karen Blauer will take notes of today’s conversation and give councilors an update of that prior to the meeting on March 23.

Councilor McLain—wants feedback on task forces that Karen and consultants have been working on. These are people who are part of our solid waste system and people who are not general public. Janet Matthews—will be reporting on the stakeholder feedback.

Hosticka wanted to know who the citizen activist are? What stakeholder groups who are involved. Karen Blauer—met with 30 individual, environmental groups and recycling experts—

Mike Hoglund—the outreach process is going to be ongoing. How do you get out to the general public. Talked about doing survey or focus groups. We have three more groups scheduled with the public—ask them questions about recycling, how much you pay, garbage service, private vs. public. They will be randomly selected.

Councilor Burkholder—when you gather information, you help us make our decision by telling us what level we stay involved. WE are being challenged by some people to look at things

differently. Is our long term goal to manage this system or to get out of the landfill business. What do we identify as troublesome. What is our role?

Bragdon—values—yes, protecting the public investment in the system. That is our fiduciary responsibility. We have made an investment and we want to protect that.

Burkholder- would like to see something that says that putting something in to the ground is a failure in terms of our vision. The reality is today, we must maintain a system to dispose of things in manageable way. We want to minimize waste. I don't understand the vision.

Hoglund—after it is used by its initial source, it can be reused as something else.

Councilor Burkholder had questions on Goal 4.5, regarding the case- by- case basis of transferal of ownership. Perhaps Metro should look periodically at the balance of ownership to avoid unintended consequences. Mike Hoglund pointed out that the public-private ownership is listed in the report.

Councilor Newman asked —is there a goal or series of goals about pursuing markets related to waste reduction or recovery? Janet Matthews-referred to #9.2 in the report--, latex is a good example of where we asserted ourselves in the market place.

Councilor Newman, you should pull that out as a priority or goal.

Councilor Hosticka—thinks it would help to have some idea of decisions we are going to be making in the near future. And the goals of those decisions. A little homework for all of us to do. It would make this conversation more relevant. What is ruled in and out.

Janet Matthews—we could come up with some real world implications. How would the goal statements shape that.

Councilor Burkholder—doesn't see us talking about number 4—stronger emphasis on the front end. What are we going to do about front -end waste reduction? Maybe a 15 cent tax on every plastic bag in the grocery store would help to educate people. The number of people who have brought their own cups to Starbucks has dropped from 10 to 1 %. They have dropped their commuter program.

Mike Hoglund will be re-bidding the solid waste contract. If you would like an update, we will be coming to you on April 1st to authorize a resolution.

6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

7. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

None

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Mayor Katz has a city growth meeting once a month—the next one is on the 17th at noon in her office—it was asked that someone attend. Councilor Monroe and Councilor Hosticka have

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volunteered for the 2005 session—As Randy Tucker is starting on Monday, it was asked that councilors work with him, to hone a list.

Councilor Hosticka—would like some briefing on the IKEA .

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 3:36p.m.

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Clerk of the Council

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 9,
2004**

Item	Topic	Doc Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
Valuaton of Ecosystem Services Briefing to Metro Council		03/09/04	Hard copy of power point	Cw #1
Calendar of Activities 2006-09 Transportation Priorities	Investing in the 2040 Growth Concept	03/09/04	Hard copy of calendar and staff report for resolution # 04-3431	Cw#2
Transportation Priorities 2006-09 Allocation Process and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Update	Policy Report TPAC recommendation to JPACT and Metro Council	03/08/04	Hard copy of Policy report	Cw#3
Councilor Values for the Solid Waste System	Values for the solid waste system expressed by Metro Councilors	Not date	1 page questionnaire given to Councilors after a public work session on July 2, 2003.	Cw#4