

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

October 27, 2004 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Charles Becker, Nathalie Darcy, Rob Drake, Andy Duyck, Gene Grant, John Hartsock, Tom Hughes, Kent Hutchinson, Tom Imeson, Richard Kidd, Deanna Mueller-Crispin, Lisa Naito, Doug Neeley, Wilda Parks, Ted Wheeler

Alternates Present: Larry Cooper, Laura Hudson

Also Present: Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Bev Bookin, Columbia Corridor Association; Al Burns, City of Portland; Cindy Catto, AGC; Gary Clifford, Multnomah County; Danielle Cowan, City of Wilsonville; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Bob Durgan, Andersen Construction; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Mike Houck, Portland Audubon; Gil Kelley, City of Portland; Jim Labbe, Audubon Society of Portland; Susy Lahsene, Port of Portland; Stephan Lashbrook, City of Lake Oswego; Leeanne MacColl, League of Women Voters; Irene Marvich, League of Women Voters; Doug McClain, Clackamas County; Karen McKinny, City of Hillsboro; Greg Miller, AGC; Alice Norris, City of Oregon City; Laura Oppenheimer, Oregonian; John Pettis, City of Gresham; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Amy Scheckla-Cox, City of Cornelius; Jonathan Schlueter, Westside Economic Alliance; Andrea Vannelli, Washington County; Don Warner, MCCI; Brian Wegner, Tualatin Riverkeepers; David Zagel, TriMet

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons – Carl Hosticka, Council District 3, Susan McLain, Council District 4; David Bragdon, Council President; other – Brian Newman, Council District 2; Rod Park, Council District 1

Metro Staff Present: Kim Bardes, Dick Benner, Dan Cooper, Andy Cotugno, Chris Deffebach, Paul Garrahan, Mark Turpel

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Charles Becker, MPAC Chair, called the meeting to order 5:10 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Summary for October 13, 2004.

Motion:	Richard Kidd, Mayor of Forest Grove, with a second from John Hartsock, Special Districts, Clackamas County, moved to adopt the consent agenda without revision.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Council President David Bragdon said there had been no land use items on the Council agenda other than what was already on the MPAC agenda. He said that the council had been mostly dealing with solid waste and MERC issues.

6. GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON GLOBAL WARMING REPORT

Angus Duncan gave a general overview of the report, which is too large for inclusion in the record and can be found at the website address included in the packet materials.

Justin Klure passed out a few handouts, which are attached and form part of the record. He reviewed those handouts for the members.

Andy Duyck asked why they were focusing on CO₂ when hydrocarbons were the real contaminants?

Angus Duncan said that CO₂ had the largest impact on greenhouse gas going into the atmosphere. He discussed the different considerations taken into account when deciding how to manage greenhouse gases. He said that they needed to reduce CO₂ use dramatically.

Andy Duyck asked if the report addressed the relationship of CO₂ and man made engines versus natural sources. He wondered if the actions taken would really have an impact on reducing toxins in the air.

Angus Duncan said that nature did produce much more CO₂ than civilization did, but the incremental addition of CO₂ by humanity had the negative impact. The trick was to keep a balance of gases. It was during the last 100 years that it had gotten significantly out of balance.

Justin Klure said that over the last 100 years mankind had primarily extracted fossil fuels to generate energy. This process was taking carbon from the ground that would not normally be released as quickly and putting it into the air, which had caused the acceleration in the last 100 years.

Angus Duncan said that was why they had settled on the essential strategy of slowing down the amount of sequestered CO₂ that humanity was releasing and doing so by reducing the amount of fossil fuels that was burned. He said that regarding the land-use transportation elements, they would be able to lean on the capabilities of institutions such as Metro to produce a better and more effective package of measures.

Mike Houck said that all the measures Mr. Duncan had mentioned were on the reduction of emissions side and he wondered if there was anything in the report about dealing with resulting flood plains or intensified storms due to global warming.

Angus Duncan said that would have to be forwarded to the next advisory group. Before they could propose a credible adaptation strategy they had to propose a credible mitigation strategy. He said that if Oregon did everything to reduce global warming and no one else in the nation or the world did anything, it would have no good effect. He said that if it turned out that Oregon was forging ahead alone, then they would have to back off. He said that they did not want to be in the process of reducing greenhouse gases disproportionately and adversely affecting the competitiveness of Oregon utilities and businesses. He said that ideally Oregon would be ahead on this, but not too far ahead.

Brian Newman asked if there was such a technology as CO₂ scrubbers that could take CO₂ out of the air.

Angus Duncan said that planting trees had a significant potential offset. He said that they did have technology to capture CO₂ rather than emit it from smoke stacks, but they did not have a process to eliminate it. He said that currently there was a lot of effort and investment in the coal industry to see if they could capture the CO₂ from coal plants and sequester it in underground gas wells. So far a lot of money had been spent, and there were encouraging sounds from the coal industry, but not a lot of evidence of successful cost effective tools and measures approaching commercialization. Sequestration was mostly planting plants or utilization of low till agricultural practices that allowed CO₂ to move back into solid form and rest undisturbed in the soil. Most of the effective measures to reduce CO₂ in the atmosphere tended to circle back to fossil fuels.

7. LCDC HEARING AND DLCD STAFF REPORT ON METRO'S UGB INDUSTRIAL LANDS DECISION

Dick Benner reviewed the page provided in the packet material. He reviewed the process for the decision by the LCDC agency.

Doug Neeley said that he had supported the Cornelius issue because they wanted to create a balance between industrial and residential land use and he wondered if that was not an option that LCDC had considered.

Dick Benner said that was the argument that Metro had made in the exceptions. Metro had argued that the regional framework plan had more than one policy in it. In all the documents that were submitted to the agency Metro listed all the various policies from the regional framework plan that applied. When Metro applied the agricultural land policy it also had to apply the others and reconcile them.

Council President David Bragdon said that he hoped Dick Benner's discussion helped to illuminate the position that Metro was put in during this type of decision. He hoped the MPAC members recognized that Metro reported to a higher authority. Two of three proposed remands were decisions that Metro made in response to local governments. He emphasized that the local governments at MPAC and Metro were in the process together and if Metro had not seemed instantly responsive to some issues in the spring it was because they were weighing heavy issues related to this topic.

8. COMMENTS TO METRO COUNCIL ON RESOLUTION NO. 04-3506 ON FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

Council President Bragdon discussed where the resolution had reached. He referred to Rex Burkholder's proposed amendments which were provided at the meeting and form part of the record. He emphasized that the resolution was not a fully non-regulatory approach. It was an acknowledgement that regulation existed at the local level and had taken strides in the 5 or 6 years since Metro undertook this work. They had to determine the nature of regional regulation and define the relationship between what Metro would promulgate and what was already happening at the local level. The resolution contemplated that the regulations would continue, that it was at the local level, and that it would have to meet certain outcomes and performance standards. The best role for Metro was to be setting those standards which would be achieved, in part, by those local regulations. He said he was supportive of Councilor Burkholder's proposed amendments to this resolution.

Rod Park said that there was a recognition of the limitations of regulations on two levels: 1) regulations as a tool, and 2) the schedule that was laid out now that would have periodic review frozen until July 2007.

If the process continued under current policy the way the rule was currently written, Oregon City would be the last jurisdiction in line and that would take place in 2017.

Andy Cotugno reviewed the MTAC comments, which are attached and form part of the record.

Carl Hosticka referred to the Goal 5 TAC/WRPAC comments on the resolution, which are attached and form part of the record.

Doug Neeley said that the respective jurisdictional councils needed more time to discuss the issue and absorb the materials circulating regarding this resolution before he was comfortable making a decision or recommendation to Metro Council.

Lisa Naito requested at least a month to review the materials and the information.

Andy Duyck also asked to delay discussion and comments until the November 10th MPAC meeting.

Rob Drake asked to wait until after the election and hold off until after the November 15th Washington County Basin meeting.

Gene Grant said that there were groups on both sides of the fence who needed time to consider the resolution. He said that the Portland Business Alliance subcommittee had recommended to their board to support the resolution, but that the board itself had not had time to consider it.

Carl Hosticka clarified that delaying this discussion would not delay Metro's work.

Deanna Mueller-Crispin wanted to know what the differences would be between the local program performance standards and regional outcomes. She wondered if the program performance standards were program elements whereas the regional outcomes sounded like things that would be measured.

David Bragdon said that was correct. He said that the resolution was to give direction to Metro staff to develop the programs.

Gene Grant said that one incentive that could be used was a density bonus. If property owners developed in the non-resource portion of their land then they would get some sort of density bonus rather than having Metro or the local government taking away development rights.

Andy Duyck said another benefit could be waiver of custody fees for parkland.

Nathalie Darcy said that she also supported taking more time to discuss the issue. She said that she hoped that MPAC and the Council would be as thoughtful about this resolution as they were when they crafted the vision statement. She asked MPAC and Metro to be truly thoughtful with the resolution and not to be in a huge rush to adopt.

Tom Imeson said that the Port of Portland strongly supported the direction that had been taken by the resolution.

Chair Becker asked if it came back to MPAC on November 10th would that be adequate time for the jurisdictions to review the matter and make a decision. After some discussion the majority agreed that it should come back to MPAC for decision/recommendation at the December 8th meeting.

There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR OCTOBER 27, 2004

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

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
#6 Governor's Task Force on Global Warming Report	10/13/04	Draft Oregon Strategy for Greenhouse Gas Reductions Executive Summary	102704-MPAC-01
#6 Governor's Task Force on Global Warming Report	10/13/04	Abstract of Draft Recommendations of the Oregon Strategy for Greenhouse Gas Reductions (The Governor's Advisory Group on Global Warming)	102704-MPAC-02
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/7/04	Email letter from Sara Vickerman to David Bragdon, Carl Hosticka, Mike Jordan re: Goal 5 Implementation	102704-MPAC-03
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/8/04	Email letter from Kelly Ross to Tim Roth re: Important Goal 5 Update	102704-MPAC-04
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/18/04	Letter from Sue Marshall, Tualatin Riverkeepers, to Metro Council, MPAC, MTAC re: S.B. 1010 Water Quality Management	102704-MPAC-05
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/14/04	Email from Mike Lehne to MPAC, David Bragdon, Rod Park re: Resolution No. 04-3506	102704-MPAC-06
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/14/04	Email from Elizabeth Ohlmann to MPAC, David Bragdon, Rod Park re: Resolution 04-3506	102704-MPAC-07

#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/15/04	Email from Michael Sykes, Beverly Maughan to David Bragdon re: Goal 5	102704-MPAC-08
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/21/04	Letter from Bill Wyatt, Port of Portland, to David Bragdon re: Resolution 04-3506	102704-MPAC-09
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/20/04	Slides from Port of Portland included for MPAC review re: Summary of Goal 5 Application to Port Property	102704-MPAC-10
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/21/04	Letter from Doug Neeley, Oregon City, to Brian Newman re: Goal 5, Resolution No. 04-3506	102704-MPAC-11
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/25/04	Email from Mike Houck to MPAC and Metro Council re: Resolution No. 04-3506	102704-MPAC-12
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/25/04	Oregonian op-ed: The Costs of Not Protecting Our Natural Resources, Alan Yeakley and Connie Ozawa	102704-MPAC-13
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	October 2004	Proposed Burkholder Amendments for Resolution No. 04-3506	102704-MPAC-14
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/27/04	Memo from Andy Cotugno, Chris Deffebach to MPAC re: MTAC comments on Resolution 04-3506	102704-MPAC-15
#8 Comments to Metro Council on Resolution No. 04-3506	10/21/04	Memo from Chris Deffebach to Metro Council re: Goal 5 WRPAC Comments Resolution 04-3506	102704-MPAC-16
