

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

February 9, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Chair Jack Hoffman, Charlotte Lehan, Wilda Parks, Alice Norris, John Hartsock, Rob Drake, Larry Cooper, Richard Kidd, Laura Hudson, Charles Becker, Dresden Gregory, Ted Wheeler, Dave Thorn, Bernie Giusto, Martha Schrader, Tom Hughes, Lisa Naito

Alternates Present: Nick Wilson

Metro Elected Officials Present: Robert Liberty, David Bragdon, Susan McLain, Carl Hosticka, Rod Park

Metro Staff Present: Dan Cooper, Chris Billington, Andy Cotugno, Paul Ketcham, Dick Benner, Kelley Webb, Mary Weber, Chris Deffebach, Paul Ketcham

1. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS, ONE MINUTE LOCAL UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Jack Hoffman, MPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. He announced that they were being videotaped.

Those present introduced themselves and gave their updates.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Summary January 26, 2005.

Motion:	Mayor Kidd, with a second from Mayor Norris, moved to adopt the consent agenda without revision minutes and ratify the MTAC members.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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**4. RATIFICATION OF PRIOR MEETINGS
DECISION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Chair Hoffman spoke to the ratification of the resolution concerning affordable housing. There was no objection to considering the resolution.

Motion:	Mayor Kidd, with a second from Mayor Norris, moved ratification of the resolution concerning affordable housing
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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Chair Hoffman explained the process of sending the letter to all of the jurisdictions.

5. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Hosticka said the Council would consider a resolution on the Housing Choice Task Force at tomorrow's Council meeting. Councilor Liberty provided additional details on the task force.

Councilor Hosticka spoke to a letter from Council President Bragdon sent to Land Conservation and Development Commission on Goal 9 (a copy of which is included in the meeting record). He also noted a letter from the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce (a copy of which is included in the meeting record), which had been received late that day. He wanted to make sure that Metro was not seeking legislation on Goal 9. Council President Bragdon said they would be discussing Goal 9 at this meeting.

Councilor Liberty introduced the Measure 37 Task Force. He detailed the goals and purposes of the task force. He noted that the meetings would start next Tuesday, February 15th at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Drake asked if they had been communicating with other counties around the state? Councilor Liberty said they hadn't formed the task force yet. He talked about the scope of exemptions. At the first meeting they would have a list of claims from the Tri-County area. Mayor Drake talked about the state claims list available on a website. He wasn't sure the claims were similar to this region's. Councilor Liberty said they hadn't been able to get information on all of the claims yet.

6. UPDATES

6.1 Get Centered Campaign

Kelley Webb, Planning Department, updated MPAC on the Get Centered events (a copy of her memo is included in the meeting record). She said she felt it was a very successful event. They were using a survey tool for feedback about the most recent event. The next event was scheduled for March 31st in Gresham. She acknowledged speakers at the last event, which included Council President Bragdon. She noted the sponsors for their contributions. Mayor Becker said they already had 44 people signed up for the Gresham event. Mayor Drake said the past event was excellent. Mayor Kidd felt it was an excellent event as well. Chair Hoffman asked others at the table how the events would help those cities that weren't showcased? Mayor Becker talked about what they were trying to achieve with these events. Chair Hoffman asked about additional tools at the end of this process. Councilor Liberty suggested continuing the events and funding them. Mayor Drake suggested videos of the presentations. He felt it could be helpful. He spoke to Forest Grove's main street. He thought that there were places around the region that could benefit from these videos. He felt it could spur additional development. He urged memorializing the events.

Council President Bragdon said the work that Metro had done with Beaverton was really good. One issue that came up was parking. He talked about some of the financial obstacles that Mayor Drake had faced. Chair Hoffman suggested a conversation on technical advise. Would that be useful? Mayor Hughes said their center was in a state of flux. He said that Hillsboro had had a flurry of calls about development lately. He suggested that MPAC have that type of conversation, perhaps in a couple of the centers. Mayor Norris liked the video idea and a brown bag on this topic. She wasn't sure an MPAC meeting was necessary. Mayor Becker said he would be happy to host a MPAC meeting in Gresham. Mayor Kidd suggested bringing these suggestions to the committee on February 23rd. Chair Hoffman supported providing comments to that committee. Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, said over time there would be materials generated. He suggested Ms. Webb bring that new information to the Center's Committee.

6.2 Measure 37

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, updated MPAC on Measure 37 and said there was a hearing today on SB 406. There was a hearing in the House Land Use Committee where the counties were invited to testify. There was a lot of expectation that there might be bills prepared for fine-tuning. Mayor Hughes said the cities had weird claims where the counties claims all fit into certain categories. Counties talked about their claims and if they had scheduled public hearings. Councilor Liberty said we had received three claims against Metro. Mr. Cooper said they had one claim inside our boundary. Mayor Hughes talked about figuring out tools they could work with to get to a win-win situation. Councilor Liberty reviewed the charge of the Measure 7 Task Force. Chair Hoffman said they would have Measure 37 on the MPAC agenda every time since they needed updates. He felt the environmental overlay would be the biggest urban claim.

7. FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT (NATURE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS) UPDATE

Chris Deffebach, Planning Department, reminded MPAC of the materials she went over two weeks ago, second, she noted the draft Functional Plan outline and third she reminded them to make sure that they were able to make recommendations to the Metro Council by the end of May.

First, two week's ago she presented materials. The program embraced the vision that MPAC had adopted. The program was made up of an increasing commitment for voluntary restoration efforts in addition to the regulatory components on Class 1 and Class 2 areas. Metro had already begun to scope what they were doing. They hadn't heard from cities and counties about what they could do on a voluntary basis. She provided several examples such as the Johnson Creek Watershed event. She talked about developing partnerships for the voluntary efforts. She noted pictures she had provided concerning Class 1 and 2 areas. They were also on the website. Chair Hoffman reminded the members that Metro already regulated streams, which was one of the maps provided on the wall. The second map was the resource classification map. The third map was the habitat emphasis areas map. Ms. Deffebach said that what happened on the Class 1 and 2 would be the subject of great emphasis, which made up about half of the existing inventory. A good portion of these Class 1 and 2 areas were already in parks areas. She highlighted the vision statement. She detailed some of the language in the proposed program. She had listed examples of ways that cities and counties could encourage habitat protection. She suggested some incentives for habitat protection. They had aimed for flexibility. There were eight opportunities for cities and counties to meet the program. The program also laid out a map verification process.

Chair Hoffman said there was a process for the landowner and the city to work together to assess classification of land. He said the operative word was "encouraged." This was a big change from eight months ago. Ms. Deffebach said they had heard a lot about density capacity requirements, which made it difficult to fulfill their natural resource protections. The Council was considering relaxing some of those density requirements so they could take care of the stream and the neighborhoods as well. Mr. Cotugno expanded on what Ms. Deffebach was talking about regarding density. Councilor McLain said the Council had been working on this for over five years. Ms. Deffebach said the draft laid out a process for dealing with the density issue. She then spoke to the two performance standards one, the code allowed habitat friendly practices and two, development could show they could work with the process. She noted another provision, which laid out where, if it looked like a loss of property value, there was a way to mitigate. She summarized the last section on future urban growth boundary areas. They would be discussing this with the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) next week. They were available to come out and talk to jurisdictional staff. Chair Hoffman called for questions. Mayor Lehan asked about

language tied to the federal piece. Ms. Deffebach said they had been working with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to reduce temperature in the streams. They had just received a grant from DEQ to show links between DEQ requirements and fish and wildlife habitat protection. Mayor Lehan suggested making sure there was language that was tied to federal regulations. Councilor Hosticka said they were meeting with DEQ tomorrow. All of the jurisdictions would be named as Designated Management Agencies (DMAs). Nick Wilson talked about areas next to streams in the Tigard area. Tigard had been looking at their Public Utility Division (PUD) ordinance to determine if it needed to be modified to prevent density near streams. Mayor Lehan asked about the regulatory component for Class 1 and 2. Ms. Deffebach talked about the requirement to build green developments. Chair Hoffman responded to Mayor Lehan's question.

Chair Hoffman said they needed to track with Metro Council, Metro staff, and committees, in the participation and development of the product. They were considering having a discussion at the February 23rd meeting about what were jurisdictional pressure points. He would send a letter asking that each jurisdiction sit down with their planners. He wanted to have an in depth discussion on February 23rd about the Functional Plan proposal. Ms. Deffebach said Metro had an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tualatin Basin. They would be meeting on Monday to decide how they wanted to move forward. Chair Hoffman asked MPAC to bring all their questions. He wanted to come back on March 23rd with a fairly firm draft. He urged cities to get it on their city council discussions. Councilor Hosticka said they were targeting a final decision of the Metro Council on May 12th. Councilor Liberty said it would be helpful to see examples of how the regulatory program played out. Ms. Deffebach said they were working to get those by April. Ted Wheeler asked about the overlay maps for the public involvement process. Ms. Deffebach said the resource map was on the website. They were working to get the other maps on the website as well. Paul Ketcham, Planning Department, said they would have a tool on the website which would allow them to see the habitat map, treatment map, and the individual layers that applied to that site. Chair Hoffman said he had sat down with his planner and looked at the map.

8. GOAL 9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND METRO'S ROLE

This was not discussed.

9. ANNEXATION: Has it become a regional issue?

Chair Hoffman asked if MPAC wanted to talk about delivering urban services to unincorporated areas. Mayor Hughes said this issue had a lot of heat but not a lot of light. The legislature would be addressing the issue. He wasn't sure another forum to discuss it was appropriate. Councilor Hosticka talked about the politics of annexation. He suggested that if we wanted to make progress there was a need for outreach to the citizens within the city boundaries. They had to explain what the implications were to the citizens of the city and then get them engaged to advocate. Nick Wilson talked about his experience in attempting the annex areas into Tigard. He suggested that they needed to reduce the subsidy. Councilor Hosticka said the people inside the cities had a stake in the process as well. Council President Bragdon said that the Washington County auditor was trying to determine the costs of services to citizens. Mayor Drake talked about their annexation process. Chair Hoffman suggested having Charlie Cameron, Washington County Administrator, come in and talk about the issues and provision of services. He also thought it would be useful to have John Mantay, Clackamas County Administrator, included in that conversation. Wilda Parks suggested including the other mayors that were not at the table. Mayor Hughes said things were moving through the legislature at high speed. He urged mayors to go down and talk with the legislature. Commissioner Naito suggested inviting our legislative delegation to a meeting to discuss this issue.

MPAC members discussed some of their own issues with annexation concerning revenues, services and the ever-increasing costs of government.

There being no further business, Chair Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Billington
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2005

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

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
#4. Affordable Housing	2/7/2005	Letter to MPAC from Jack Hoffman concerning affordable housing and Companion resolution	020905-mpac-01
#7 Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Habitat	2/9/2005	Fish and Wildlife Program Functional Plan Outline	020905-mpac-02
#6 Get Centered Update	2/9/2005	Memo to MPAC members on Get Centered kickoff event	020905-mpac-03
#6 Get Centered Update	1/28/2005	Oregonian Article on Get Centered	020905-mpac-04
#2 Citizen Communication	2/9/2005	Letter to MPAC from Beaverton Chamber of Commerce re: economic Development	020905-mpac-05
#8 Goal 9	1/31/2005	Letter to John VanLandingham Chair LCDC from Council President Bragdon Re: Goal 9	020905-mpac-06