



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
March 03, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:01 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated the Council on the following items:

- MS. Bennett announced that Councilors received an executive summary of the 2014 Multnomah County Report Card on Racial and Ethnic Disparity. On Thursday March 5th, a group of Catlin Gabel sixth graders will be presenting a response to the report card during the Council Meeting.
- Two new documents for the Solid Waste Roadmap and process discussion have been posted online. They include the final report of the assessment phase of the Metro South Project, which is looking at the future of the Metro South Transfer Station and the next steps on the transfer system configuration.
- Metro received a \$192,000 grant from the Federal Highway Administration for integrative corridor management work on I-84.
- Ms. Bennett attended a Washington County city managers meeting.

2. METRO PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS SYSTEM PLAN

- Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter updated the Metro Council on the Parks and Natural Areas System Plan. The purpose of this update was to inform Councilors on community engagement strategies, system plan values and gain an enhanced understanding on Council opinions about policy questions.
- Mr. Mike Faha of Greenworks, provided an overview of the Parks and Natural Areas System Plan. The plan is following a 10 month schedule that began in January 2015 and will go through October 2015. This plan contains a set of refined values, has developed a list of potential policy questions, a consulting team, project team that will prepare the Parks and Natural Areas System Plan and have it ready for Metro Council adoption by October 2015, and a community engagement strategy.

- Mr. Mark Davison with Metro added that the six refined system plan values are: Nature, Connections with Nature, Outdoor Recreation, Vibrant Communities, Opportunities for All and Stewardship. The policy question for discussion and overview are listed as:
 - 1. What can we provide? (from the public's perspective in terms of support and experience)
 - 2. What is our future role? (from our perspective as a provider/operator)
 - 3. How do we fund this system short term and long term?

Council Discussion:

- Councilors Harrington and Collette inquired about the *Stewardship* value and its relation to climate change and climate resiliency. Statements such as “places entrusted to us in a changing climate” need to be more specific especially if they are regarding preparing our natural areas for climate change versus a changing fiscal climate.
- Councilors stated there should be a clear objective statement for the goal of the Parks and Natural Areas System Plan once it has been accomplished? Then the system plan values can act as a guide for actions taken in the future.
- Councilor Craddick requested there be stronger link with the 6 desired outcomes.
- Councilor Dirksen announced his support for the values, but would like a mission statement.
- Councilors noted the importance of making sure this plan addresses the inadequacies of parks throughout the metro region, especially in more urbanized areas that have less access to parks and that connectivity of green spaces should be emphasized. Opportunities to access and utilize these green spaces must be provided for all. A plan should be created to best serve the whole community in an inclusive system.

3. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATIONS

Metro Attorney, Alison Kean updated the Council on the following items:

- A committee vote on Thursday March 5th on Senate Bill 64 passed the bill 3 to 1.
- On Thursday March 19th, LCDC is convening for their March meeting. They withdrew their order that had remanded reserves to Metro and now the commission will be voting on what the remand should say.
- Natural areas acquisitions are picking up pace as the economy recovers.
- Metro has been in a Request for Proposals (RFP) process and selected a two mega watt solar array of panels, power purchase from Solar City. Solar City would own the panels, finance the installation and sell the power generated to the Convention Center.
- Metro is currently working on an IGU with the city of Beaverton on a Transit Oriented Development Program (TOD) where Metro shares the west gate property with the City of Beaverton and can sell this property back to the City of Beaverton for redevelopment. Metro is currently in that transaction process and will use the funds to fund another TOD program.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- President Hughes provided a brief legislative update on Senate Bill 64, which is on the floor of the senate. Opponents of the bill have proposed an amendment that would put language into the bill that would require Metro regardless of the charter to take a public vote on capital projects such as the hotel bill and send to the ballot.
- Councilor Dirksen announced he met with the Wilsonville City Council on the issue of designating Langdon farms as a rural reserve under House bill 3313. Councilor Dirksen also attended Travel Portland's annual State of the Industry event on February 26th and visited City of Sherwood's art center this past Saturday. Councilor Dirksen requested a councilor to attend the Day of Remembrance for the Holocaust, which he attended last year, but is unable to attend this year. Councilor Stacey accepted the request.

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Botond Kovacs". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Botond Kovacs, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH. 03, 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Document	Feb. 2015	System Plan Values	031015cw-01
1.0	Document	Feb. 2015	Parks and Natural Areas System Plan Draft Policy Questions	031015cw-02
1.0	Handout	Feb. 2015	Parks and Natural Areas System Plan Community Engagement Strategy	031015cw-03