



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2015  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the regular council meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: AARP LIVABILITY INDEX**

Councilor Kathryn Harrington invited Dr. Margaret Neal, Portland State University's School of Community Health, and Bandana Shrestha, AARP, up to the presenter table to provide a presentation. Councilor Harrington provided a brief introduction, discussing some of Metro's work on growth management involves population forecasts, which are clearly showing population shifts, and the importance of becoming an age-friendly region.

Ms. Bandana Shrestha showed a short video and gave an overview of the new AARP Livability Index Tool, which is available online and for anyone to use. Ms. Shrestha explained that it was developed by the Public Policy Institute of the AARP, was shaped by experts from around the country (including Dr. Margaret Neal), is used to look at livability of a community, and provided a definition of how AARP defines a livable community. She also noted that the tool is meant for the individual as well as for policy makers.

Dr. Margaret Neal discussed how the AARP Livability Index Tool is closely aligned to the work being done as part of the Age-Friendly Portland Project (now Age-Friendly Multnomah County Project) as well as the clear trends in population and age demographics change happening in Oregon. Dr. Neal and Ms. Shrestha showcased the uniqueness of the tool in that it can look at livability at the neighborhood level, of a specific street, by specific indicators (if one is only interested in certain indicators, similar to a walk score), or change how indicators are prioritized. In addition, Dr. Neal noted that policy makers might use the tool to look at livability progress and compare an area in a year or more, to see if a livability score has improved.

***Council discussion***

Council President Hughes inquired about whether jurisdictions other than Portland or Multnomah County (as previously noted in the presentation) had been analyzed or were working on becoming "age-friendly" cities or counties, to which Ms. Shrestha explained that they were not part of the network in a formal way, but that there were areas in the region that had expressed interest. She added that Clackamas County has done an assessment and there is an age-friendly initiative there, but that they haven't formally committed which is a key part of being part of the age-friendly network, as well as creating a formal action plan. In response to councilor inquiry, Dr. Neal explained that any of the areas in the region (or even just outside) are available through the tool

even if they aren't formally working on becoming age-friendly. Councilor Harrington requested that the presenters give a brief introduction about the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as how Multnomah County and the City of Portland are involved, relating to this work. Dr. Neal explained that the WHO created a Global Age-Friendly Cities Project in 2006, which Portland was invited to participate in, in order to gather baseline data on age-friendliness. Dr. Neal stated that Portland was the only city (of 34) in the US who was asked to participate, at that time, but now about 53 communities (counties and cities) have signed on. She also noted that there are no regional governments on that list and that elected leaders of a regional government or any community is who needs to sign on and lead the effort.

## **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Sharon Nasset, Portland: Ms. Nasset addressed the Metro Council on growth management, specifically people needing to leave their small communities to work in Portland, asking that the Council look at the towns that have a need for more employment and help directing employment to those towns instead of Portland.

Jody De La Vergne, Portland: Ms. De La Vergne expressed concern about Packy, an elephant at the Oregon Zoo, and requested that he be sent to a sanctuary. She also noted that there shouldn't be any elephants at any zoos.

Jennifer Reed, Portland: Ms. Reed addressed the Metro Council on the Oregon Zoo elephants, based on the KOIN 6 coverage and wanting to have some of the concerns cleared up by the Council.

Nancy Shaw, Portland: Ms. Shaw addressed the Metro Council on the Oregon Zoo elephants, specifically Chendra and Tusko, and breeding.

Sandy Miller, Portland: Ms. Miller addressed the Metro Council on the Oregon Zoo elephants, both currently at the Zoo and in the past, listing each by name and providing dates of birth and death of each elephant, and stating that no elephants should be kept in a zoo.

Beth Steflik, Portland: Ms. Steflik addressed the Metro Council on the KOIN 6 story on the Oregon Zoo elephants and bullhooks, stating that the elephants are stolen goods from their natural habitats and that the Council should consider the moral implications of holding the elephants at the zoo.

Mars Green, Portland: Ms. Green expressed her pleasure with the KOIN 6 stories on the Oregon Zoo elephants and discussed her concern for the elephants at the Zoo. She requested that the Council consider that the Zoo is not the place for the elephants.

Sundari, Camas: Sundari addressed the Metro Council on Packy, requesting that he be sent to a sanctuary, and stating that the Oregon Zoo is not known around the world for good practices.

Bala Seshasayee, Portland: Mr. Seshasayee addressed the Metro Council on the Oregon Zoo elephants, specifically the disservice to science and education, conservation, and local democracy, providing a written document with references.

Diana Zimmerman, Tigard: Ms. Zimmerman addressed the Metro Council on Packy and the Oregon Zoo elephants, stating that the Zoo should be held legally responsible to pay back the money that taxpayers paid to build a sanctuary at Roslyn Lake.

Esther Westbrook, Portland: Ms. Westbrook expressed her concerns for Packy's health and over a breeding program at the Zoo, adding that elephants should be in the wild and not in a zoo.

Colleen Sullivan, Portland: Ms. Sullivan addressed the Metro Council regarding the elephants at the Oregon Zoo, bringing a photo of Packy from 1962. She noted that she has had family that has worked for Metro and indicated that she believes that Metro genuinely cares about the environment, but wanted to know why they don't care about the elephants.

Nadine Zimmer, Portland: Ms. Zimmer addressed the Metro Council about the Oregon Zoo elephants, stating that many zoos have closed their elephant exhibits (or intend to), since elephants shouldn't be in a zoo. She requested that the Council free Packy and all of the elephants.

Alisyn Peters, Portland: Ms. Peters addressed the Metro Council about elephants in general, as social animals, the life of elephants in a zoo versus in their natural habitat, and stating that the only reason to have the elephants in the zoo is for money.

### 3. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MAY 7 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion:	Councilor Sam Chase moved to adopt the May 7 <sup>th</sup> Council meeting minutes.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Vote: Council President Hughes, and Councilors Harrington, Stacey, Chase, Collette, Craddick, and Dirksen voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

### 4. **RESOLUTIONS**

#### 4.1 **Resolution No. 15-4623**, For the Purpose of Adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Unified Planning Work Program and Certifying that the Portland Metropolitan Area is in Compliance with the Federal Transportation Planning Requirements

Motion:	Councilor Kathryn Harrington moved to approve Resolution 15-4623.
Second:	Councilor Bob Stacey seconded the motion.

Council President Hughes introduced Chris Myers, Metro staff, to provide a brief staff report on the resolution. Mr. Myers explained that the resolution completes an annual self-certification and that this is a point where Metro confirms compliance with federal transportation planning requirements. He noted that every four years, Metro undergoes an annual review, the next of which is in the Fall of 2016. Mr. Myers also noted that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is an annual document that ensures the efficient use of federal transportation planning funds.

#### ***Council discussion***

There was none.

Vote:

Council President Hughes, and Councilors Harrington, Craddick, Stacey, Collette, Dirksen, and Chase voted in support of the motion. The vote was 7 ayes, the motion passed.

**5. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: Columbia River levee update, International Trails Symposium and Metro staff Mel Huie's Lifetime Achievement Award, upcoming Metro all-staff meeting and the Unconscious Bias training, and the TriMet Orange Line inaugural ride.

**6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: recent JPACT meeting, Willamette Falls Partners meeting, Clackamas County Global Trade Summit, recent MPAC meeting, Enterprising Places Steering Committee meeting, Zoo Bond Oversight Committee meeting, meeting with Mt. Hood Community College on the Powell-Division project, Transit Oriented Development Steering Committee meeting, SW Corridor Steering Committee meeting on tunnel building, and a community forum in SW Portland on a potential tunnel project.

**7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 4:10 pm. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 14, 2015**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	Handout	05/14/2015	AARP In Brief handout	051415c-01
3.0	Minutes	05/07/2015	Council Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2015	051415c-02
4.1	Handout	02/03/2015	Supplemental handout: Resolution No. 15-4623	051415c-03