



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2015

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sam Chase
Tim Clark, *1st Vice Chair*
Carlotta Collette
Denny Doyle
Mark Gamba
Dick Jones
Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Marilyn McWilliams
Martha Schrader, *2nd Vice Chair*
Bob Stacey
Peter Truax, *Chair*

AFFILIATION

Metro Council
City of Wood Village, Multnomah Co. Other Cities
Metro Council
City of Beaverton, Washington Co. 2nd Largest City
City of Milwaukie, Clackamas Co. Other Cities
Oak Lodge Water District, Clackamas Co. Special Districts
City of Vancouver
Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington Co. Special Districts
Clackamas County
Metro Council
City of Forest Grove, Washington Co. Other Cities

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jeff Gudman
Jerry Hinton

AFFILIATION

City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co. Largest City
City of Gresham, Multnomah Co. 2nd Largest City

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jackie Dingfelder
Jennifer Donnelly
Ed Gronke
Jeff Swanson

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Department of Land Conservation and Development
Clackamas County Citizen
Clark County

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Armstrong, Adam Barber, Eric Chambers, Dan Chandler, Eric Hesse, Emily Klepper, Zoe Monahan, Jeannine Rustad, Jonathan Schlueter

STAFF: Nick Christensen, Alexandra Eldridge, Elissa Gertler, Alison R. Kean, Nellie Papsdorf, Ramona Perrault, Ted Reid, Becca Uherbelau, Nikolai Ursin, John Williams, Ina Zucker

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

MPAC Chair Peter Truax called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. but was unable to declare a quorum due to low attendance.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Chase notified MPAC members of the following items:

- Metro recently held two community forums for its four properties in the North Tualatin Mountains natural area. The area has generated significant community input concerning its best uses, including interest from the biking and hiking communities, neighborhood groups, and others. Metro is evaluating how to best to share the properties while maintaining its key priority of protecting the wildlife and natural areas.
- Governor Kate Brown signed Senate Bill 927 on May 5. The bill clarified Metro's ability to issue construction bonds for the proposed Convention Center Hotel.
- The Rose Apartments, a 90 unit development with a mix of market-rate and income-restricted units, had its grand opening in the Portland Gateway district. Metro contributed over \$500,000 to the project, cooperating with private and public interests to cover the \$10.5 million construction cost.
- The Urban League of Portland released its annual State of Black Oregon Report for 2015. The report provides in-depth information about disparities that Black Oregonians face and policy recommendations for alleviating them. Councilor Chase encouraged committee members to read the meaningful and sobering report.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of April 22, 2015 Minutes

As there was not a quorum, consideration of the April 22, 2015 minutes was postponed to the MPAC meeting on May 27.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Communication and Relationships

Chair Peter Truax introduced the item by referencing the memo he shared as part of the May 13 MPAC packet. He explained that he hoped to discuss regional relationships and communication with the committee and hear their feedback. He provided some preliminary questions to prompt discussion including:

- How can MPAC members address issues more effectively and cooperatively?
- What's working and what's not?
- How can we make sure MPAC is a venue where disagreements can be worked through?

Chair Truax requested that the committee split up into smaller groups. He asked that the groups discuss their concerns and comments as well as how to improve discussion and deliberation at MPAC. Chair Truax also invited the audience, which included several Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) members, to participate. Chair Truax reconvened the three smaller groups and asked a representative from each to provide an overview of their key comments and

recommendations.

Second Vice Chair Martha Schrader acted as representative for the first group and went over some of its key remarks. Some of the comments and suggestions included: provide more time for discussion on controversial issues that all of the region's jurisdictions share such as the Urban Growth Report, urban growth boundary expansion, brownfields, economic development, and transportation funding; organize themed meetings to help focus discussion; and communicate each other's narratives in an effort to share best practices and work towards common successes. Councilor Carlotta Collette of the same group mentioned some additional comments and suggestions including: bring in guest speakers to share experiences and perspectives about relevant issues; coordinate a 2040 Growth Concept check-in to see how Metro is progressing; and bring mayors into discussions, either at MPAC or a separate forum, to get a better understanding of their thoughts on the topics and to work more closely with them as projects develop.

Vice Chair Tim Clark acted as representative for the second group and went over some of its key remarks. Some of the comments and suggestions included: continue having small group discussions to encourage open dialogue and deliberation; break topics up into smaller pieces that are easier to discuss thoroughly; commit to reading packets in order to decrease the time needed for staff presentations of materials and provide more time for discussion; bring items to MPAC earlier and more often instead of all at once to give members greater opportunity to comment; have staff ask probing, framing questions to prompt constructive discussion; and encourage members to share minority opinions in a productive way to make sure that all perspectives are accurately represented.

Nikolai Ursin, Metro staff, acted as representative for the third group and went over some of its key remarks. Some of the comments and suggestions included: staff presentations should be shortened to allow more time for deliberation and discussion at meetings; timing between presentations and votes should be sufficient to allow for members to discuss items with their respective councils, commissioners, and other constituencies; the reasoning behind affirming and dissenting votes of various MPAC members should be captured and taken into consideration when forwarding decisions on controversial issues to the Metro Council; it is sometimes difficult for the chair to join in on important discussions while facilitating the meeting and could be helpful to bring in additional facilitators; and consider allowing MPAC to revisit decisions if more information concerning the topic is discovered after the vote.

Member discussion included:

Chair Truax added that Mayor Jerry Willey was unable to make the meeting due to a prior commitment, but had shared his comments on the topic with the Chair to be added to the record. Jeannine Rustad, a Planning Manager with the City of Hillsboro, participated in the discussion and was also able to share some of Mayor Willey's comments.

Ed Gronke agreed with the proposal of inviting more guest speakers to present at MPAC. He added that it might be helpful to revisit the history of MPAC and the reason for which it was established.

Marilyn McWilliams noted that focusing on shared issues such as polarizations of communities and financing of infrastructure would generate helpful discussions.

Mayor Denny Doyle thanked Chair Truax for organizing the discussion.

Second Vice Chair Martha Schrader asked that there be time allotted for a follow-up to the discussion at the next MPAC meeting. Chair Truax agreed and asked members to review their comments and suggestions before revisiting the discussion at the next meeting and planning how to move forward with the recommendations.

Councilor Carlotta Collette added that she hoped to submit a budget amendment to the Metro Council in order to allot funds for the creation of a speaker's bureau, noting that Metro has made allotments for such programs in the past.

John Williams, Deputy Director of Metro's Planning & Development Department, noted that he felt the discussion was positive and constructive. He added that Metro staff could work with the committee to evaluate the current MPAC work program and think about how to apply some of the discussion's suggestions going forward.

Second Vice Chair Schrader suggested that MPAC's three chairs meet with Metro staff more often, at least initially, to further discuss the work program and how to implement the committee's ideas.

Chair Truax thanked everyone for the vibrant discussion.

7. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION

There were none.

8. ADIURN

MPAC Chair Peter Truax adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nellie Papsdorf
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 13, 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
N/A	Handout	05/13/15	Updated MPAC Work Program	051315m-01
6.0	Handout	06/30/11	Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) Bylaws	051315m-02
6.0	Letter	05/12/15	Correspondence from Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey, RE: Regional Relationships and Communication Discussion	051315m-03
N/A	Handout	05/01/15	Metro Hotsheet	051315m-04