

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

March 9, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Charles Becker, Nathalie Darcy, Dave Fuller, John Hartsock, Jack Hoffman, Laura Hudson, Richard Kidd, Deanna Mueller-Crispin, Wilda Parks, Ted Wheeler

Alternates Present: Larry Cooper, Joe Keizur, Norm King, John Leeper

Also Present: Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Bev Bookin, CREEC; Ron Bunch, City of Gresham; Al Burns, City of Portland; Cindy Catto, AGC; Bob Clay, City of Portland; Sarah Cleek, THPRD; Valerie Counts, City of Hillsboro; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Bob Durgan, Anderson Construction; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Craig Dye, Clean Water Services; Meg Fernekees, DLCD; Stacy Hopkins, DLCD; Jim Jacks, City of Tualatin; Jim Labbe, Audubon Society of Portland; Susie Lahsene, Port of Portland; Stephen Lashbrook, City of Lake Oswego; Irene Marvich, League of Women Voters; Leeanne MacColl, League of Women Voters; Laura Oppenheimer, The Oregonian; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Paul Savas, OLUD & OLSD; Amy Scheckla-Cox, City of Cornelius; Jonathan Schlueter, Westside Economic Alliance; Ron Thompson, City of Forest Grove; Andrea Vannelli, Washington County; David Zagel, TriMet;

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons – Carl Hosticka, Council District 3; Susan McLain, District 4; Robert Liberty, Council District 6 others: David Bragdon, Council President

Metro Staff Present: Kim Bardes, Dan Cooper, Chris Deffebach, Paul Garrahan

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

Chair Jack Hoffman, MPAC Chair, called the meeting to order 5:06 p.m.

Chair Hoffman asked those present to introduce themselves, to give a one-minute local update, and for any announcements.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Summary February 23, 2005.

Motion:	Joe Keizur, City of Hillsboro, with a second from Wilda Parks, Clackamas County Citizen Representative, moved to adopt the consent agenda without revision.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Chair Hoffman said that the Metro Council was spending a good deal of time on the Nature in the Neighborhoods program. He said that they were also getting ready to go into the budget cycle. He

reviewed some of the work plan items that the Council had been considering. He explained the new process for the work plan. He said that they would be scheduling a series of meetings with cities outside the urban growth boundary (UGB) and Metro's jurisdiction. These meetings would be to talk about issues of mutual concern. These meetings would be related to the discussion about hard edges, urban reserve, rural reserves, and green belts. He said that a measure 37 task force had been developed and finalized. The Metro Council was also looking at a ballot measure to fund open spaces. The Council had targeted November 2006 for that ballot measure. He said that there were a number of solid waste issues under discussion at Council, and they were still trying to figure out how to fund the convention center. He said that while they had been looking at the compliance reports, in terms of compliance with the functional plan, it had become clear that the Title 11 planning for new urban areas that were brought in between 2002 and 2004 was potentially a major issue. Some jurisdictions were completing their report while others may not complete it in the near future. He said that raised several issues about what would happen to those areas and the implications of that or future consideration of expansion.

Councilor Susan McLain said that it was an issue of concern and that many groups were working on it.

John Leeper, Washington County, said that they had a problem area called north Bethany. He said that there had been some lawsuits that did not seem to be getting resolved. He said that they did not see the benefits of planning for 800+ acres when the courts could chop them at the knees.

Councilor Robert Liberty said that funding and other concerns were a common problem across the region, and he thought it would be nice if people could agree on seeking solutions for some of those things.

John Leeper said that Washington County would like to see the court cases settled.

Chair Hoffman said that if the jurisdictions were thinking about having their own ballot measure for bonds for 2006 then they should remember to factor in that Metro would be going out for a bond measure as well.

5. NATURE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

Chair Hoffman informed the members that Metro would be going out to the jurisdictions to talk about Nature in the Neighborhoods. He introduced Chris Deffebach, Councilor Hosticka, and Brent Curtis.

Councilor Hosticka reviewed the packet material for the Nature in the Neighborhoods program, which is attached and forms part of the record.

Chair Hoffman gave a brief history of the full time line for the Nature in the Neighborhoods/Wildlife Habitat program starting with the adoption of Title 3 in 1998. He reviewed the "big" events on the horizon for the program for the members. He informed the members that David Bragdon would be sending out the notice about a week before the mass mailing so that they would be prepared when they started getting phone calls from home owners. He told the members to expect that notification about March 24th.

Council President David Bragdon said that calls would be coming in to Metro as well and Metro would be staffing up for the mailing, and that Metro had a professional staff that would handle those calls.

Chris Deffebach, Metro Long Range Planning Manager, explained the notice process in a little more detail.

Chair Hoffman continued his review of the “big” events on the timeline. He asked Chris Deffebach to review the timeline again at the next MPAC meeting in order to keep important dates fresh for the members.

Chris Deffebach gave a brief overview of the Proposed Functional Plan Update material, which was included in the meeting packet and forms part of the record. Chair Hoffman occasionally clarified a point and pulled out some maps to emphasize the importance of the inventory and the correctness of the maps. There was general discussion about tree ordinances, clear cutting, and forest protection.

Chair Hoffman said that at the next meeting the members would go through the plan in more detail.

Chris Deffebach said it was still in the development phase and that comments would continue to be integrated into the plan.

Brent Curtis, Washington County, and Craig Dye, Clean Water Services, gave an overview of the Nature in the Neighborhoods: Tualatin Basin approach.

6. AFFORDABLE HOUSING STATUS

Councilor Liberty gave a brief history on affordable housing. He said that the general impression was that we were not making progress and that houses were not becoming more affordable. He referenced the two letters received to-date regarding this issue from the City of Sherwood and the City of Happy Valley. Those letters are attached and form part of the record. He said that Councilor Burkholder would assist him in chairing this task force. He said that the task force was scheduled to sunset in about one year. He distributed a copy of the draft resolution to the members and that resolution is attached and forms part of the record.

Chair Hoffman said that they would have another discussion in May on affordable housing. He said that the incoming letters on this topic would be distributed as they came in to Metro. He said it might be good to have a global discussion about what jurisdictions do regarding affordable housing.

7. UPDATES

Councilor Liberty said that in December 2004 the Metro Council approved the creation of a task force to look at the issues related to its responsibilities and the implementation of Measure 37. A membership had been finalized and the focus of the task force had been identified. The big issue was Measure 37 law and how to implement that while achieving fairness for property owners and still achieve the 2040 Growth Concept. He said that they had a daunting task ahead of them. He said that Judie Hammerstad would chair the task force, while he and Councilor Hosticka would be Metro Council Liaisons. He indicated that there was good MPAC representation on the task force. He distributed a draft resolution to the members, which is attached and forms part of the record.

Councilor Hosticka reviewed a list of legislative bills that were tied to Metro. That list is attached for the record and provides details for each of those bills.

There being no further business, Chair Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR MARCH 9, 2005

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

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
#5 Nature in the Neighborhoods	3/8/05	Letter to Metro Council from Coalition for a Livable Future re: Goal 5 Regional Functional Plan	030905-MPAC-01
#5 Nature in the Neighborhoods	3/9/05	Letter to Jack Hoffman, MPAC Chair, MPAC, and the MPAC members from Multnomah County Oregon re: Proposed Fish and Wildlife Program Functional Plan Outline	030905-MPAC-02
#6 Affordable Housing	2/23/05	Letter to Jack Hoffman, MPAC Chair, MPAC, David Bragdon, from the City of Sherwood re: Title 7-Affordable Housing	030905-MPAC-03
#6 Affordable Housing	2/24/05	Letter to Metro, David Bragdon, Jack Hoffman from the City of Happy Valley re: Affordable Housing	030905-MPAC-04
#6 Affordable Housing	March 2005	Draft Resolution No. 05-3536 For the Purpose of Establishing the Regional Housing Choice Task Force and its Duties and Responsibilities, and Confirming the Appointment of its Members	030905-MPAC-05
#7 Updates	March 2005	Draft Resolution For the Purpose of Appointing Members of the Ballot Measure 37 Work Group	030905-MPAC-06
#7 Updates	3/9/05	Legislative Update for MPAC on March 9, 2005	030905-MPAC-07