



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:04 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated Councilors on the consideration of a transportation package for the 2017 legislative session, noting that the first hearing will take place on Monday, June 13th, and reminded Councilors that this week is the Cascadia Rising region-wide functional disaster exercise. Ms. Bennett also called on Mr. Brian Kennedy to provide a brief update on the Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery.

2. STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION DISCUSSION

Ms. Bennett reflected on the challenges faced during the development of the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, thanked staff and partners for their hard work on the project, and invited Ms. Patty Unfred, Metro's director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), and Mr. Juan Carlos Ocana-Chiu, Metro staff, to provide a presentation. Ms. Unfred thanked Councilors and Metro Exposition and Recreation Commissioners (MERC) for their support and guidance. Mr. Ocana-Chiu provided a brief review of the Strategic Plan, including the community engagement work and the five long-term goals. Mr. Ocana-Chiu also discussed several updates to the plan's objectives and actions, as well as the addition of clarifying language. He also highlighted the development of department-specific plans, and reviewed the project's next steps.

Equity Strategy Advisory Committee (ESAC) members Mr. Phil Wu, Mr. Ben Duncan, and Ms. Desirée Williams-Rajee thanked Metro staff, Councilors, and MERC commissioners and provided comments on the Strategic Plan, including the plan's acknowledgement of the institutional and systemic barriers faced by communities of color over generations, its ability to improve agency transparency and accountability, and the benefit of the community engagement work during the

plan's development. ESAC members also encouraged Councilors to continue investing resources in equity work, and highlighted the importance of engagement with partners and community members.

Council Discussion:

Councilors and MERC Commissioners thanked Metro staff and ESAC members for their work on the Strategic Plan, emphasized the importance of the community engagement process and the engagement techniques used to the success of the project, and acknowledged the work that will be required to implement the actions identified by the plan. Council President Hughes and Ms. Bennett discussed strategies for diversifying Metro's senior staff, Councilor Collette spoke to the success of the DEI Business Alliance breakfast and advised sharing the presentation with the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), and Mr. Ray Leary, MERC Commissioner, spoke to Metro as a national leader in equity work. Ms. Bennett noted that the formal presentation on the Strategic Plan will take place at the June 16th Council Meeting and shared the inclusion of funds for implementation of the plan in the budget.

3. COUNCILOR LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Collette discussed the solicitation of art for new exhibits at the Oregon Zoo, an upcoming tour for neighbors of Canemah Bluff, and the first Rediscover the Falls board meeting, Councilor Craddick provided an update on the most recent Powell-Division Steering Committee meeting, the Oregon Zoo Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, and discussed the master plan for the City of Wood Village's city center. Councilor Dirksen shared the Regional Leadership Forum 1 summary, provided an update on the most recent Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) meeting, and discussed potential changes to Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. Councilor Harrington noted that she will be absent from the June 21st work session while she attends the AARP Age Friendly Practices Forum in Denver, and Council President Hughes recalled his meeting with Mayor Hales regarding the Oregon Convention Center Hotel project and the Centennial Celebration of Historic Route 30, and noted that he will be in Japan for Oregon Business Week until June 20th.

4. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyra Schneider, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2016

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	PowerPoint	06/07/2016	Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion PowerPoint	060716cw-01
3.0	Handout	06/07/2016	Regional Leadership Forum 1 summary	060716cw-02