

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

May 25, 2005 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

**Committee Members Present:** Charles Becker, Nathalie Darcy, Andy Duyck, Dave Fuller, John Hartsock, Jack Hoffman, Laura Hudson, Tom Hughes, Alice Norris, Wilda Parks, Martha Schrader, Ted Wheeler

**Alternates Present:**

**Also Present:** Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Danielle Cowan, City of Wilsonville; Brent Curtis, Washington County; Stephan Lashbrook, City of Lake Oswego; Leeanne MacColl, League of Women Voters; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; David Zagel, TriMet

**Metro Elected Officials Present:** Liaisons –Robert Liberty, Council District 6 others: Brian Newman, District 2; Rex Burkholder, District 5

**Metro Staff Present:** Kim Bardes, Dick Benner, Dan Cooper, Andy Cotugno, Chris Deffebach, Paul Garrahan, Robin McArthur

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

Chair Jack Hoffman, MPAC Chair, called the meeting to order 5:12 p.m.

Chair Hoffman asked those present to introduce themselves.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Meeting Summary for April 13 & 27, 2005 and May 11, 2005, and MTAC Appointment:

Approval of minutes and appointment deferred to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

**4. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Robert Liberty gave a short summary on the Council decisions for the Nature in Neighborhoods program from the April 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The resulting resolutions were handed out for the MPAC members to review. Those resolutions are attached and form part of the record.

Chris Deffebach, Metro Long Range Policy Planning Manager, said that the subcommittee for the Nature in Neighborhoods model ordinance would be meeting for the next five (5) weeks.

Councilor Liberty said that the test cases for the ordinance were completed and that they needed to be written up before distribution.

Chair Hoffman said that they would schedule the test cases for the ordinance when they were ready for distribution.

## **5. HOME RULE SYMPOSIUM**

Councilor Brian Newman gave an update on the Home Rule Symposium that was held on May 20, 2005. The symposium had been held to discuss regional governance and collaboration with local governments. He said that there had been a great turnout. He said that issues had been raised but that time ran out before things could be resolved. The Metro Councilors and staff would be pulling together the comments/issues identified at the symposium and start preparation for a follow-up meeting.

Martha Schrader, Clackamas County, said that the point was to work together on the regional and local issues. She said that the conversation needed to continue and another meeting or symposium would be a good idea.

Mayor Tom Hughes, City of Hillsboro, said that it had been a helpful discussion. He said that trust was built on behavior and not always on language. He said that the Metro Council's decisions on the Nature in Neighborhoods plan, mirroring those recommendations put forward by MPAC, lent well to forging trust between Metro and the jurisdictions. He said he would prefer a half-day or afternoon format for the next convening on home rule.

Mayor Alice Norris, City of Oregon City, said that there had been nothing new said around the table but there were a lot more individuals participating, and she thought MPAC would be a good convening for those efforts.

Mayor Dave Fuller, City of Wood Village, said he appreciated the involvement of the smaller cities in the process.

Councilor Newman said that the Metro Council wanted to continue the dialogue and that it was his hope that the Councilors would take a more participatory role in the discussion next time, as opposed to just being observers. He said that as long as the discussion stayed general it was easy to talk about, but when they delved into the specifics they would learn more and make more progress, although it might be an uncomfortable process.

Councilor Liberty said that if they put aside their territorial instincts and thought about starting from scratch – then they could ask themselves “what would the region look like in the end?” He thought that this might be a valuable exercise.

## **6. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING RULE**

Councilor Rex Burkholder referred to the two letters included in the packet material and the third letter placed in the back of the room. Those letters are attached and form part of the record. He reviewed the key issues in those letters. He referred to a large map, which he passed around for the members to look at. He asked the members to share any comments they might have so that he could include them in a letter to Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). He said he would keep the members informed about where the issue was going.

Andy Duyck, Washington County, said that the rule did give the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) a lot of power above jurisdictions or Metro. He said that the problem was that with the way the

rule was currently worded, it did not require ODOT to work with other agencies and therefore it could be detrimental to planning.

Mayor Hughes said that they had some experience with that type of situation with ODOT when they were planning the Tannesborne Town Center. He said that the hardest job in the land use planning process for that center was selling the plan to ODOT. He said he felt that ODOT's authority could trigger uncertainties when planning centers, and that it could be a negative influence for development.

Councilor Liberty said that the transportation network should be subordinate to other goals. He said that ODOT would focus on one part of a development plan whereas the cities or counties or Metro would be looking at the larger picture. He suggested that this topic, especially in context to partnering and cooperation, might be a good thing to discuss at the next home rule symposium.

Councilor Burkholder said that the rule had passed and that it currently existed. He said that the Oregon Transportation Commission needed to give Metro staff some direction on how to implement the rule. He said that if they needed to do so, they could petition the commission to change the rule.

There was discussion about the new rule and what it meant to planning and zoning.

Councilor Burkholder said that if the MPAC members were interested then it might be good to have a discussion about this issue with an ODOT representative present.

Chair Hoffman said it would be good to schedule another discussion on this topic and to include any jurisdictions that wanted to attend. He said he would discuss setting this up with Councilor Burkholder and Metro staff and that he would make sure it was on a future MPAC agenda.

## **7. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Chair Hoffman reviewed the letter that he and David Bragdon sent out to the various jurisdictions which included four (4) questions regarding affordable housing. He said that most of the jurisdictions had responded. There was a handout that included a summary of those responses along with the letters from the jurisdictions. Those items are attached and form part of the record.

Chris Deffebach gave an overview of the summary and the jurisdictional responses.

Councilor Burkholder said that the interest level of doing a pilot project was high.

Councilor Liberty said that the Affordable Housing Task Force had picked three projects 1) pilot project, 2) planning forces? and 3) regulatory barriers for the housing authorities for further work. He said that the jurisdictions each had a preference and that all of those preferences were different. They were to meet the following week to discuss the options and considerations. He said that they would not do more than two (2) projects, but most likely limit it to one project. He said that the jurisdictions should send him an email if they were interested in the decision, which they would be making as early as next week.

Chair Hoffman said that the Housing Task Force would bring back a preliminary report for MPAC by early September.

Councilor Burkholder gave a brief summary of what the Housing Task Force had accomplished to date.

**8. UPDATES**

**8.1 Measure 37**

Councilor Liberty gave a brief report on the status in the region and at the legislature regarding Measure 37. A copy of that report is attached and forms part of the record. There was discussion about the increase in numbers of claims and the revenue and staffing problems in dealing with those claims. There was also discussion about creating a funding stream for claims and the waiver versus compensation issues related to claims.

**8.2 Legislative**

Councilor Liberty gave a brief report on the status of Metro related legislation. A copy of that report is attached and forms part of the record.

There being no further business, Chair Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes  
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR MAY 25, 2005

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

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
<b>#4 Council Update</b>	May 2005	Resolution No. 05-3574A Establishing a Regional Habitat Protection, Restoration and Greenspaces Initiative Called Nature in Neighborhoods	052505-MPAC-01
<b>#4 Council Update</b>	May 2005	Resolution No. 05-3577A Approving the Tualatin Basin Natural Resources Coordinating Committee's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection Program	05505-MPAC-02
<b>#6 Transportation Planning Rule</b>	May 3, 2005	Letter to Lane Shetterly, DLCD from David Bragdon and Rex Burkholder re: Transportation Planning Rule (TPR)	052505-MPAC-03
<b>#7 Affordable Housing</b>	May 24, 2005	Memorandum from Jack Hoffman to MPAC re: Local Governments' Affordable Housing Progress Report	052505-MPAC-04

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<b>#Updates</b>	May 24, 2005	Legislative Report as of Tuesday May 24, 2005	052505-MPAC-05
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