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**METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2016

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sam Chase  
Tim Clark  
Betty Dominguez  
Andy Duyck  
Mark Gamba  
Jeff Gudman  
Gordon Hovies  
Dick Jones  
Renate Mengelberg  
Luis Nava  
Ty Stober  
Peter Truax  
Jerry Willey

**AFFILIATION**

Metro Council  
City of Wood Village, Other Cities in Multnomah Co.  
Citizen of Clackamas County  
Washington County  
City of Milwaukie, Other Cities in Clackamas Co.  
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas Co.  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington Co.  
Oak Lodge Water District, Special Districts in Clackamas Co.  
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas Co.  
Citizen of Washington County  
City of Vancouver  
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington Co.  
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington Co.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Emerald Bogue  
Carlotta Collette  
John Hayes  
Bob Stacey  
Kent Zook

**AFFILIATION**

Port of Portland  
Metro Council  
Forest Grove School District, Governing Body of a School District  
Metro Council  
Gresham-Barlow School District, Governing Body of a School District

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

John Griffiths  
Kathryn Harrington  
Carrie MacLaren  
Marc San Soucie

**AFFILIATION**

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Special Districts in Washington Co.  
Metro Council  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development  
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington Co.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Peter Brandon, Jennifer Donnelly, Tom Egleston, Dean Kampfer, Brenda Perry

**STAFF:** Roger Alfred, Jennifer Erickson, Ernest Hayes, Brian Harper, Shaina Hobbs, Nellie Papsdorf

### **1. CALL TO ORDER, SELF INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS**

MPAC Chair Tim Clark called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m. All attendees introduced themselves.

Councilor Marc San Soucie gave a self introduction and informed MPAC members of his background in the software industry and Beaverton local government.

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

### **3. COUNCIL UPDATE**

- Councilor Sam Chase noted that the Powell-Division Steering Committee was continuing to work toward a "locally preferred alternative" this autumn for the Portland-to-Gresham rapid bus line. He added that they were discussing the best way to improve service to Mt. Hood Community College and other locations that may not be served by bus rapid transit (BRT).
- Councilor Chase noted that Metro recently awarded \$205,000 in Nature in Neighborhoods grants for community restoration and stewardship programs. He added that some of the grant recipients included a program aimed at improving pollinator habitat and tree cover in Johnson Creek, a stewardship program at Tryon Creek, and a restoration and education program at Rinearson Creek in Gladstone.
- Councilor Chase noted that the Urban Growth Readiness Task Force met and had wide agreement on the concept of greater flexibility for the region to make modest Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) additions when city's request them. The Task Force members wanted additional work to better define key elements of the concept and would revisit the idea in a future meeting.

### **4. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

- Mayor Willey acknowledged that the success of the Bridge Meadows program in Beaverton. Councilor San Soucie noted that the second construction was taking place in Beaverton.
- Mayor Mark Gamba congratulated Mayor Jerry Willey on being the 2016 recipient of the League of Oregon Cities James C. Richards Memorial Award.
- Ms. Carrie MacLaren congratulated Metro on an award from the Federal Transit Authority for the Southwest Corridor Project to work on housing and economic development opportunities.
- Chair Tim Clark asked MPAC members for feedback on the Regional Leadership Forum. Commissioner Renate Mengelberg noted that the takeaway of coalition-building from Mr. Denny Zane's was practical for the region.
- Mayor Jerry Willey recognized that California voters passed sales tax increases by margins of at least 67%, which allowed the region to secure funding for transportation projects. He noted that Washington County was working to widen the involvement of organizations to make the transportation funding discussion more inclusive.
- Mr. John Griffiths shared that the conversation focused largely on raising funds rather than whether the projects would be viable.

- Mayor Gamba stated that the region needed to think outside of the box for transportation funding solutions.
- Councilor Kathryn Harrington noted that many of the forum's attendees did not have a background in the previous Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) updates.
- Councilor Ty Stober noted that smart transportation is going to determine future planning endeavors. He explained that improvements in manufacturing technology may leave many Vancouver residents without employment.
- Ms. Betty Dominguez shared that she moved to the Portland metropolitan region from San Diego twenty years ago and Portland's highway congestion is beginning to feel similar to San Diego traffic.
- Councilor San Soucie shared that there was a recent publication about Miami-Dade County's investments in smart transportation infrastructure and recommended that MPAC members read the article.
- Chair Clark shared that he had been using the app called Waze and it made him think about future driving habits. Councilor Stober noted that the City of Boston had signed an agreement with Waze to share data.
- MPAC members discussed the benefits of video conferencing for committee meetings to avoid increasing traffic as congestion in the region continues to grow.
- Mr. John Williams thanked MPAC members for their feedback on the Regional Leadership Forum.
- Chair Clark shared that he wanted to convene the MPAC Nominating Committee to nominate a new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Councilor Marc San Soucie, Mayor Mark Gamba, and Mayor Jerry Willey all volunteered to choose a nominee to bring before MPAC at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Consideration of September 14, 2016 MPAC Minutes**

**MOTION:** Councilor Jeff Gudman moved, and Mayor Mark Gamba seconded, to adopt the consent agenda.

**ACTION:** With all in favor, the motion passed.

## 6. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Solid Waste Roadmap: Food Scraps Program Update**

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

- Mr. Matt Korot shared that the Solid Waste Roadmap project staff would be going to Council on October 25<sup>th</sup>. He reminded MPAC of the Solid Waste Roadmap Initiative and added that the roadmap is ultimately about getting the most of the waste in the region.
- He stated that food is largest component of region's waste, about 18% of all discarded waste. He explained that through anaerobic digestion food recovery, agencies can create energy and agricultural products while preventing negative impacts, such as the creation of methane gas.

- He noted that several jurisdictions had been putting in policies to collect residential food waste.
- Ms. Jennifer Erickson shared that the project was aimed at securing a sustainable source of high quality recoverable material. She noted that a key barrier to the progress is securing private investment in a processing facility due to a lack of confidence in the supply of food scraps. She added that 50,000 tons is the required amount to be considered a secure supply.
- Ms. Erickson shared the several different options that would be brought before the Council as policy options for encouraging local food businesses to recover their food waste.
- Ms. Erickson gave an overview of potential financial incentives to encourage local businesses to recover their food waste, including subsidized collection rates and reduced food scraps tip fees at regional transfer stations. She noted that the strategy of choice was to combine business actions with financial incentives.
- Ms. Erickson shared that a large amount of stakeholder feedback was conducted across the region. He noted that local businesses expressed interest in assistance from local government in forms of training. She noted that local businesses expressed their concerns with program flexibility and costs.
- Ms. Erickson noted that after the October 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, there would be updates to the process and additional stakeholder discussion.

*Member discussion included:*

- Mr. John Griffiths asked whether there were options to collect materials after collection. He asked what other jurisdictions were doing to recover food scraps. Ms. Erickson noted that it would be too difficult and costly to collect food scraps from a single stream. Ms. Erickson noted that there were 11 similar programs in North America.
- Chair Duyck asked what the long-term intent would be for the methane byproduct from anaerobic digestion. Ms. Erickson stated that in Junction City, Oregon, the produced methane was fired to create electricity. Chair Duyck noted that Clean Water Services has a methane production program but is quickly reaching the numbers at which it is considered an energy provider.
- Commissioner Renate Mengelberg shared concerns about constituents being upset by odors. She asked about the improving technology and their effects on odor. Mr. Matt Korot noted that a regional solution would be an enclosed anaerobic digester.
- Mayor Willey asked about the cost of an anaerobic digesting facility. Mr. Korot noted that the cost was about \$50 million to construct the facility and the additional collection services would be built into existing collection systems.
- Ms. Betty Dominguez asked about Metro's donation of food after public meetings. Ms. Erickson shared that the Oregon Convention Center had a relationship with Blanche House for food donations.

## **6.2 Metro Brownfields Recovery Project Update**

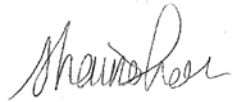
- Mr. Brian Harper shared that brownfields are properties with contamination or conceived contamination. He informed MPAC members that brownfields are harmful to the economy and pose a hazard to human health and safety.
- He noted that the full extent of the brownfields problem in the region is unknown as many property owners are unaware or don't want to disclose information on the conditions of their properties.

- Mr. Harper shared that EPA grant funding allowed for brownfield cleanups in Wood Village, Beaverton and Sherwood. He shared that the Brownfields Coalition has worked on creating a legislative agenda which included initiatives such as land banking and local tax incentives for brownfield cleanup.
- Mr. Harper noted that the coalition's 2017 legislative agenda was less lofty, with the coalition only seeking a brownfield tax credit study.
- The McLoughlin Corridor was chosen for an assessment grant because of the tremendous amount of local work. The grant awarded was for \$600,000, with \$300,000 for petroleum sites, \$300,000 for hazardous substance sites. The sites of the study are disbursed along the 9 mile stretch of the McLoughlin Corridor. He noted that the Willamette Falls Legacy Site was a key component in the grant application.
- Mayor Jerry Willey asked whether it was possible to apply for another EPA grant. Mr. Harper noted it's not possible for Metro to apply in the same 3 year cycle, but they can offer technical assistance to other jurisdictions.
- Ms. Carrie MacLaren asked about the characteristics of the brownfields sites and their potential uses. Mr. Harper noted that the brownfield report contains information about many of the sites. Councilor San Soucie noted that Beaverton received a brownfield grant from the EPA in 2013.

### **ADJOURN**

MPAC Chair Tim Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shaina Hobbs  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2016**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>6.2</b>	Handout	10/11/16	Oregon Brownfields Coalition info sheet	101216m-01