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Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2018

2:00 PM

**Joint Meeting with the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes
of Grand Ronde
Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

Council meeting

1. Call to order, welcome, and introductions

Council President Tom Hughes called the joint council meeting of the Metro Council and Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to order at 2:02 p.m. He welcomed the Tribal Council to Metro and noted that he looked forward to working with them on an ongoing basis. Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy provided a brief invocation to begin the meeting. She thanked the Metro Council for hosting the meeting and stated that the Tribal Council looked forward to collaborating further.

Sharon Nasset, City of Portland: Ms. Nasset provided public testimony. She discussed the history of the United States and emphasized the importance of good immigrant policy and sanctuary cities. (Ms. Nasset provided written materials as part of her testimony; please see the March 22 meeting packet.)

2. Brief overview of Metro

Council President Tom Hughes provided a brief overview of Metro as it related to the work of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

3. Overview of Tribal history and ongoing connections to the region

Chairwoman Kennedy introduced Mr. David Harrelson, Cultural Resources Department Manager, to provide an overview of Tribal history and ongoing connections to the region. Mr. Harrelson highlighted the extensive history of native people in the region and the more than 30 tribes and bands that were gathered from around the area and removed to the reservation after signing treaties in the mid-1880s. He reviewed the history of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, including the effects of the termination of federal recognition in 1954.

4. Past projects of Tribal/Metro collaboration

The two councils discussed past projects of collaboration between the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Metro, including Blue Lake regional tribal carvings, Oregon Zoo totem poles, Graham Oaks Nature Park interpretive signage, the condor recovery program at the Oregon Zoo, and the River Island Natural Area.

5. Current Metro projects where Tribe is engaging

The councils discussed current Metro projects where the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde were engaging, including the Willamette Falls Legacy Project, Chehalem Ridge Nature Park, Quamash Prairie, East Council Creek Natural Area, and Gabbert Butte Nature Park.

7. Identifying further partnership opportunities

The Metro Council and the Tribal Council discussed topics of interest and areas for future collaboration. Councilors shared interest in the Willamette Falls project, including in the development of the walkway as well as its decorative art. Chairwoman Kennedy expressed an interest in exploring a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the two bodies to recognize the shared areas of interest and what they might include. Councilors expressed interest in an ongoing relationship, with continuing informal and formal meetings between the two councils. Tribal Council members shared their interests and areas for future partnership opportunities, such as education, public engagement, food sovereignty and assessment, and plant and animal resource preservation.

7. Next steps and wrap up

Council President Hughes and Chairwoman Kennedy closed the meeting. They agreed that the two councils would continue to meet on an ongoing basis. Councilors thanked

each other for meeting and noted they looked forward to future collaborations between the two councils. Tribal Council members invited the Metro Council to upcoming events, including the Tumwata Lecture Series.

8. Adjourn and refreshments

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the joint council meeting at 3:21 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on March 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2018

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Handout	03/22/18	Sharon Nasset Testimony: Map of US Claimed by Spain	032218c-01
1.0	Handout	03/22/18	Sharon Nasset Testimony: Mexico/California	032218c-02
1.0	Handout	03/22/18	Sharon Nasset Testimony: Mexico's Territorial Evolution	032218c-03
1.0	Handout	03/22/18	Sharon Nasset Testimony: Tribes of the Indian Nation	032218c-04
2.0	Handout	03/22/18	Metro and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde collaboration	032218c-05
3.0	Handout	03/22/18	History of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	032218c-06
3.0	Handout	03/22/18	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Information	032218c-07
8.0	Flyer	03/22/18	Tumwata Lecture Series	032218c-08
8.0	Photographs	03/22/18	Historical photographs of Willamette Falls	032218c-09
2.0	PowerPoint	3/22/18	Tribal/Metro collaboration	032218c-10