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**METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2019

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

Martha Schrader (Chair)

Sam Chase

Christine Lewis

Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Amanda Fritz

Peter Truax

Jerry Hinton

Linda Glover

Ed Gonke

Mark Gamba

Susheela Jayapal

Darren Riordan

Terri Preeg Riggsby

Theresa M. Kohlhoff

Dick Schouten

Gordon Hovies

Luis Nava

Mark Watson

Emerald Bogue

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Anthony Martin

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Denny Doyle

AFFILIATION

Clackamas County

Metro Council

Metro Council

Metro Council

City of Portland

City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County

City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County

City of Vancouver

Citizen of Clackamas County

City of Milwaukie, Other Cities in Clackamas County

Multnomah County

City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Special Districts in Multnomah County

City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

Washington County

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington County

Citizen of Washington County

Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of a School District

Port of Portland

AFFILIATION

City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County

AFFLIATION

City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County

OTHERS PRESENT: Betty Dominguez, Beth Vargas Duncan, Adam Barber, Jennifer Hughes, Emily Klepper, Katherine Kelly, Colin Caye, Paul Morrison, Angela Donley, Aquilla HudRavich, Thane Tiehsa, Cheryl Perrin, Jeff Gudman

STAFF: Elissa Gertler, Megan Gibb, Ernest Hayes, Nathan Sykes, Marta McGuire, Matt Korot, Sara Farrokhzadian, and Sima Anekonda

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

Chair Martha Schrader called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*There were none*

**3. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Sam Chase spoke to the changes Metro was undergoing. He introduced Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez and Councilor Christine Lewis to MPAC. He explained that the councilors were not voting members, but acted as liaisons to carry conversation forward to Metro. He mentioned that Councilor Craddick would serve as the Chair for JPACT and that Mr. Paul Slyman would be Council President Lynn Peterson's Chief of Staff.

Councilor Chase provided an update on Ms. Martha Bennett's notice regarding Title 4: Employment Area Amendments to the Urban Growth Functional Plan. He explained that Title 4 focused on industrial and other employment areas and spoke to improving the region's economy. He explained that Title 4 required Metro's Chief Operating Officer to submit a written report to the Council and MPAC on the cumulative efforts on employment land and the regional amendments to the employment industrial areas map by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year. He added that there were no recommendations for 2019, however that questions regarding the 2040 Growth Plan would arise.

Councilor Chase updated MPAC on Oxbow's Regional Park Welcome Center and the information it provided. He stated that the welcome center was funded in part by 2013 voter approved Regional Parks Tax Levy.

**4. MPAC MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

Chair Martha Schrader requested MPAC to volunteer members for the MPAC Nominating Committee. Chair Schrader gathered that she along with Mayor Peter

Truax, Mayor Steve Callaway, Ms. Terri Preeg Riggsby, Councilor Gonzalez, and Councilor Lewis, were volunteered to the Nominating Committee.

Chair Schrader stated that the MPAC's work program for 2019 was undergoing revision and offered the idea of holding MPAC a once a month.

Councilor Anthony Martin observed that Metro was undertaking a number of projects and suggested that MPAC be held twice a month. Ms. Elissa Gertler stated that the MPAC schedule shifted every year depending on Metro's projects. Ms. Gertler explained that holding MPAC once a month would consolidate attendance.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz stated that it was easier to cancel a meeting rather than hold one under short notice. She expressed that it should be up to the Chair to set the agenda for MPAC in order to determine meeting cancellations.

Ms. Emerald Bogue stated that she respected any path MPAC chose then added that there would be opportunity for members to gather in different capacities.

Mayor Truax concurred with the other comments. He expressed that the advisory committees seemed to be merging. He discussed that there were a number of levies under discussion and that there were localities and jurisdictions throughout the region that would also be addressing bond issues and levies. He stated that more work needed to be done to address voter fatigue across the region and emphasized the importance of working with partners.

Councilor Theresa Kohlhoff shared that she preferred to have MPAC meet twice a month and stated she supported the idea of holding joint meetings with JPACT.

Commissioner Susheela Jayapal inquired about the agenda items and work plan.

Chair Schrader concluded that MPAC would continue meeting twice a month then highlighted the vacancies that needed to be filled.

Councilor Martin inquired about the vacancies. Ms. Gertler stated that it was the responsibility of the Metro Council President to make appointments, however Metro desired community input on the decision. She stated that a solicitation process would be announced.

Chair Schrader voiced a desire to discuss parking lots and SDCs then invited Councilor Lewis to speak to this item.

Councilor Lewis added that a panel could gather to discuss what data was being operated on and to clarify assumptions before focusing on one policy area.

Mayor Truax stated that March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was the last day of the Congressional visit for individuals going to Washington D.C. for the Congressional Cities Conference. He said the conference may impact attendance at MPAC. He then clarified that JPACT members would be going to Washing D.C. from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. He advised MPAC members to contact Metro staff to participate in the trip. He added that the trip would offer an opportunity to meet with the Department of Transportation and the Congressional delegation.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Mayor Peter Truax moved and Mayor Gamba seconded to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed

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

### **6.1 2019 MPAC Priorities and Work Program**

*Key elements of the discussion included:*

Chair Schrader recited the following list of priorities: employment lands review, 2040 Growth Concept Refresh, 2019 Legislative Agenda, 2030 Regional Waste Plan implementation, Affordable Housing Bond implementation, Parks and Nature Bond Measure development, and reports from jurisdictions on completed 2040 Planning and Development Grants. She invited comments and discussion for the priorities listed.

Mayor Gamba remarked that that 2040 Plan was dated and did not address climate change. He stated that MPAC needed to consider how transportation funds and climate issues influence one another.

Mayor Truax listed the following legislative priorities of the League of Oregon Cities: mental health investment, revenue reform and cost containment, affordable housing and homelessness improvements, infrastructure finance and resilience, third party building inspection and reservation, and right of way and franchise fee authority. He suggested that these areas be considered for further discussion and stated that he would inquire on the progress of these topics.

Councilor Kohlhoff suggested that MPAC prioritize housing bond implementation. She inquired about the proposed projects associated with the housing bond implementation. Councilor Chase clarified that Metro was holding conversations with local jurisdictions around the housing bond and recommended Ms. Kohlhoff reach out

to Metro staff for more information. Ms. Gertler explained that there are three counties and four cities that were asked to develop a local implementation strategy and provided Councilor Kohlhoff with recommendations of how to engage with this topic. Ms. Gertler added that the strategies would require MPAC's input and would be considered during the summer of 2019.

Councilor Martin inquired about discussions regarding SDCs and suggested further attention be placed on transportation priorities.

Ms. Gertler stated that the draft work plan would be available on February 13th, 2019.

Chair Schrader added that the 2040 Growth Concept refresh and affordable housing were major topics that would require more discussion.

## **6.2 Parks and Nature Bond Framework Discussion**

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Mr. Matt Korot explained the role of Property and Environmental Services at Metro and expressed the need for MPAC's input on the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. He recalled that this was PES' fourth engagement with MPAC on the plan, stating that PES asked MPAC for feedback in October 2018. He explained that the presentation would provide an overview of the plan and public comment.

Mr. Korot stated that the plan was not new and required an update every 10 years. He said that plan was meant to determine and communicate regional aspirations and identify action steps to achieve goals. Mr. Korot framed the plan by discussing the need to intervene during a product's life cycle in order to reduce environmental impacts. He then discussed the garbage and recycling system, a system of services and facilities that disposed items.

Mr. Korot explained that the plan took a phased approach to establish goals and actions. He outlined engagement tactics, which included communication with various committees and experts. He summarized community and technical engagement the plan utilized and stated that an equity framework was employed to provide guidance throughout the development process. He described the equity workgroup which consisted of seven individuals and noted that relationship building was a large part of developing the plan.

Ms. Marta McGuire explained the goals and actions of the plan. She then shared the plan's desired outcomes for advancing equity: diversity in garbage and recycling system jobs, good wages and benefits for workers, access to decision-making, and inclusive,

culturally-relevant education services. She then outlined the desired outcomes for reducing health and environmental impacts which included the following: toxic chemicals out of priority products, better purchasing choices, and more opportunities for reuse and repair, minimized impacts from system operations. She stated that consumers chose options most available to them. Ms. Marta highlighted the third set of outcomes surrounding an improved garbage and recycling system. She stated the plan aimed to improve collection services for residents, create more adaptable and resilient recycling system, and be prepared for disasters.

Ms. McGuire explained that the plan identified nineteen goals. She remarked that a wide range of engagement was conducted during the public comment period, including four briefings with community organizations, two public forums, and letters that were sent to city managers. She stated that input was received from a number of individuals and organizations. She recalled that comments supported and endorsed the plan. She spoke to one comment which inquired about costs. She explained that the plan did not provide cost estimates for individual actions or for the totality of them. She said that for most of the actions, there would be options for how actions would be implemented. She stated that Metro, cities and counties would develop cost estimates as a part of the implementation work plans and as part of evaluating approaches for implementing actions.

Ms. McGuire listed the plan goal and actions areas: shared prosperity, product design and manufacturing, product consumption and use, product end-of-life management, and disaster resilience. She then detailed revision to the plan which added two actions. She stated that one of the actions was to evaluate the need to expand and improve access to public collection containers to reduce litter and illegal dumping. Ms. McGuire then stated that the second action was to evaluate, on a continuing basis, the need to regulate different types of solid waste facilities not covered under current Metro regulation based on their actual and potential impacts on human health, the environment and neighboring communities.

Ms. McGuire explained the plan's next steps. She highlighted that the plan and public comment report would be shared with the Metro Council during the February 12, 2019 work session meeting. She added that there were hearings scheduled for February 2019. She shared that if Metro approved the plan then Metro and local government would begin work to develop work plans that will prioritize actions for implementation. She said that once that was accomplished the plan would be monitored and reported on regularly. Ms. McGuire then added that a new committee would be established to provide oversight for the plan's implementation.

*Member discussion included:*

- Councilor Gonzalez recognized PES and Ms. McGuire's work on the project and expressed that the plan was a great example of equity.
- Mr. Ed Gronke stated that the original Solid Waste Plan used the idea of source separation. He then stated that source separation at that individual's curb side was still not being advocated for. Mr. Korot stated that source separation was generally being practiced. Mr. Korot spoke to the previous recycling system and described how that led to the most recent system, which required residents to separate products into two bins. Mr. Korot stated that the change made it easier for residents to recycle then described the challenges with the switch. Mr. Korot stated that the plan called out actions to make the recycling system more responsive to customers as well as more resilient. Mr. Gronke inquired about the language used in the plan's goal section. Ms. McGuire clarified that the wording spoke to the measurement of the framework and indicated that investments and resources would be required for development.
- Councilor Martin thanked the presenters and added the need for a system of prioritization to implement the plan. He recommended that the presenter consider analyze various fees across the region.
- Mayor Gamba expressed interest in seeing how the plan would affect food waste upstream. He encouraged for more advocacy around designed obsolescence and cradle to cradle requirements for manufacturers. He said that cities needed to pursue advocacy rather than the federal government. Mr. Korot stated that a federal solution would be an unlikely solution. Mr. Korot stated that the plan acknowledges opportunities to push for action at the state level. He then described a right to repair law that was being introduced to the Oregon legislature. Mr. Korot added that collaboration with California and Washington needed. Mayor Truax stated that cities were incubators for progress. He said that previous recycling campaigns have had widespread effects. He discussed the plastic bag ban employed by Forest Grove. He noted that sustainability changes had impacts on wildlife and emphasized the need to create policies that encourage meaningful changes. He concluded that cities were capable of encouraging significant progress.

## **7.0 ADJOURN**

MPAC Chair Doyle adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sima Anekonda  
Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2019**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	1/23/19	Annual report on amendments to the Title 4 Employment and Industrial Areas	012319m-01
<b>6.2</b>	Presentation	1/23/19	2030 Regional Waste Plan : Equity, health and the environment	012319m-02