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Minutes

Thursday, July 9, 2020

2:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/94940131997> or 877-853-5257 (toll free)

Council work session

2:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Lynn Peterson called the work session to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Councilor Bob Stacey

Work Session Topics:

2:05 Willamette Cove Work Session

President Peterson introduced Jon Blasher, Director of Parks and Nature, and Cassie Cohen, Executive Director of the Portland Harbor Community Coalition, to discuss the Willamette Cove.

Mr. Blasher provided a brief background on the Willamette Cove Property. He discussed the 2013 Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Health Advisory which resulted in a site closure. Mr. Blasher highlighted Metro's efforts to restrict access to the site.

Mr. Blasher reviewed the site clean-up options. He outlined three clean up methods: removing, capping, and consolidation. He then discussed important considerations for these methods: safety, carbon footprint, protectiveness, and native tree protection.

Ms. Cohen provided a brief overview of the Portland Harbor Community Coalition. She introduced Art McConville, a member of the coalition. Mr. McConville discussed the Indigenous efforts to care for the Columbia river through prayer and ceremony. He expressed support for a full site clean-up.

Ms. Cohen introduced O.B Hill, a community historian. He

discussed the Portland community's history with the Columbia River. Ms. Cohen introduced Bob Salinger, a member of Portland Audubon Society. Mr. Salinger expressed support for a full site clean-up and highlighted the importance of community engagement throughout the clean-up.

Council Discussion

Councilors expressed appreciation for the presentation, and everyone involved in the project.

President Peterson inquired about the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) study.

Councilor Chase expressed support for a master planning process.

Councilor Dirksen inquired what influenced Metro had over the cleaning option that would be chosen.

3:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

There was none.

3:10 Councilor Communication

There was none.

3:15 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 09, 2020

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Testimony	07/09/2020	Public testimony from Thomas Karwaki	070920cw-01
1.0	PowerPoint	07/09/2020	Metro's Willamette Cove Site: Clean up and Conservation	070920cw-02