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METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2020

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT

AFFILIATION

Susheela Jayapal	Multnomah County
Martha Schrader	Clackamas County
Carmen Rubio Christine Lewis	City of Portland
Gerritt Rosenthal	Metro Council
Bob Stacey	Metro Council
Joe Buck	Metro Council
Gordon Hovies	City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County
	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington County
Linda Glover	City of Vancouver
Peter Truax	City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County
Lacey Beaty	City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County
Steve Callaway	City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County
Kathy Hyzy	City of Milwaukie, Clackamas County
Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong	Port of Portland
Mark Watson	Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of a School District
Kathy Wai	TriMet
Luis Nava	Citizen of Washington County
Terri Preeg Riggsby	West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Special Districts in Multnomah County
Rachel Lyles Smith	City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County
Don Trotter	Clackamas County Fire District #1, Special Districts in Clackamas County
Temple Lentz	Clark County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ted Wheeler
Vince Jones-Dixon
Ed Gronke
Jim Rue
Brian Hodson
James Fage

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County
Citizen of Clackamas County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Pam Treece
Kirstin Greene

AFFILIATION

Washington County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Brittany Bagent, Adam Barber, Anna Slatinsky, Brett Sherman, Jamie Huff, Jeff Gudman, Kate Mohr, Laura Hanson, Mona Schwartz, Tracy Moreland

STAFF Carrie MacLaren, Jaye Cromwell, Jeff Raker, Connor Ayers, Kim Ellis, Anne Buzzini, Elissa Gertler, Ramona Perrault, Ted Reid

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Steve Callaway called the virtual meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

Chair Callaway thanked members for attending and introduced Metro Staff Jaye Cromwell to call the roll.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

Chair Callaway introduced Councilor Christine Lewis to give the council update. Councilor Lewis reported that Metro's facilities have been a part of disaster response. OCC and Metro Garage were used as disaster shelters during the recent winter storm. She further noted that Metro crews are working to clear tree limbs and debris. Additionally, more than 95,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered at OCC. She shared that the 2018 housing bond construction program has reached 54% of housing goals while spending 34% of resources. Nearly 2,100 units are in development with first tenants moving in later this year. She noted that recently the supportive housing oversight committee approved Multnomah County's plan. She reported that the first tax collection for the supportive housing services bond is expected in April. She concluded that on Friday Metro Council President Lynn Peterson will give a state of the region address.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Director Kathy Wai gave an update on the search for a new General Manager of TriMet. She gave an overview of the community outreach work being done and how members could attend information sessions if interested.

Commissioner Susheela Jayapal expressed appreciation for the work and feedback given by the supportive housing services oversight committee in reviewing Multnomah County's implementation plan.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Callaway noted that the October 14 MPAC Minutes had become misaligned in places and that they would be corrected.

MOTION: Mayor Peter Truax moved to adopt the consent agenda. Director Terri Preeg Riggsby seconded the motion.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 Election of MPAC Officers

Chair Callaway announced that the positions up for election are Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and 2nd Vice Chair. He explained that the positions rotate each year, with the 1st Vice Chair becoming the Chair the next year, and the 2nd Vice Chair becoming the 1st Vice Chair, unless MPAC members vote otherwise. Chair Callaway became the Chair automatically after serving as 1st Vice Chair last year.

Chair Callaway asked for nominations from the floor for Chair. There were none. He gratefully accepted the role as Chair.

Chair Callaway noted that last year's 2nd Vice Chair is no longer a member of MPAC, and so Clackamas County has nominated Mayor Joe Buck for 1st Vice Chair. He asked if there were any other nominations for 1st vice chair. There were none.

MOTION: Mayor Truax moved to approve the nomination of Mayor Buck as 1st Vice Chair. Councilor Kathy Hyzy seconded.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

Chair Callaway shared that Multnomah County has nominated Commissioner Carmen Rubio for 2nd Vice Chair and asked for other nominations. There were none.

MOTION: Director Rigsby moved to approve nomination the nomination of Commissioner Rubio as 2nd Vice Chair. Commissioner Jayapal seconded.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

7. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7.1 Greater Portland Economic Recovery Plan

Chair Callaway stated that this item builds on previous work by Metro and Greater Portland Inc. to advance the region's economic development activities. He explained that staff is seeking guidance on actions that will best accomplish Metro's goals, support MPAC members. He introduced Metro Staff Jeff Raker and Greater Portland Inc. Staff Brittany Bagent.

Key points from the presentations included:

Mr. Raker announced the completed effort to establish the economic recovery plan. He shared the economic forecast for the region. He reviewed prior information that had indicated a five year recovery, but announced that the timeline has now improved. He introduced Ms. Bagent to discuss the current recovery plan.

Ms. Bagent thanked MPAC for hosting them. She emphasized that the plan is a regional plan that includes all 4 counties in the area. The plan was initially developed with the five year recovery prediction. She identified the members of the Greater Portland Economic Development District board, which includes private and public stakeholders. She noted that usually the GPEDD focuses on developing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, which is more long term and so had invited advisors from the community when developing the recovery strategy.

Ms. Bagent explained that the recovery plan was created to be action focused and outcome oriented. Prior to the pandemic, the area was very much a success story and the fundamentals will continue to help the region. She noted that COVID-19 has widened already existing inequalities. Small businesses were also especially hard hit. She reported that board leadership was urged to respond urgently instead of perfectly. Ms. Bagent then listed the targeted impact areas. The first is helping small businesses recover and grow. The second is to advance economic mobility for individuals. The third is supporting families and children. She introduced Mr. Raker to go over the project principles.

Mr. Raker shared that the values they held were leading with public health, engaging with the private sector, and emphasizing equity in the recovery. Mr. Raker noted that the key input from BIPOC leadership included consulting BIPOC organizational leaders, honoring expertise of BIPOC leaders, creating long term and sustainable solutions, and measuring and analyzing outcomes. He also noted that the implementation task force begins meeting this week. He stated that there is an effort to understand what the Biden administration is planning for economic recovery and how to align with those plans. He concluded by stating that the next steps will involve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. He re-introduced Ms. Bagent to give a summary of the 5 year CEDS strategy.

Ms. Bagent emphasized that the CEDS plan is a bi-state effort with south west Washington. She stated that the CEDS goals include fostering upward economic mobility, supporting a competitive economy, and building a more resilient region.

Mr. Raker noted that GPI and Metro are looking for organizations that respond to these goals. He asked if there are specific recommendations for how Metro and GPI can be most effective in bringing in partners. He noted that Metro is trying to identify transportation projects that can help the region's economic development.

Member Discussion Included:

Commissioner Jayapal thanked Mr. Raker and Ms. Bagent and announced that she took over running the meeting as Chair Callaway had to leave early.

Councilor Kathy Hyzy asked how we can use the plan as a tool to think about climate. She noted that climate is very much an economic issue that could be integrated more. She also asked about their work and how it applies to Urban Renewal Areas.

Mr. Raker answered that climate considerations were included in the CEDS, especially in relation to transportation and land use.

Ms. Bagent added that this is the first time GPI and Metro are partnering.

Mayor Joe Buck asked what the public facing view of the work will be.

Mr. Raker discussed the way they involved the community as much as possible. Among their efforts is translating into Spanish and other languages.

Ms. Bagent explained the public process in accordance with EDA for the CEDS which would involve opening the plan up to public comment.

Mayor Buck asked what metric is used to measure success of programs.

Ms. Bagent answered that they are trying to be more focused with this CEDS so that they can better track results. The plan has about 28 different recommendations. She mentioned that being able to have outcome metrics is being discussed.

Mr. Raker noted that the plan is aligned with Metro's economic recovery efforts.

Commissioner Pam Treece stated that she liked the plan and asked about the recovery plan and how it is intended to be funded.

Ms. Bagent advocated for the plan recommendations and clarified that it was developed first before asking for funds. She added that they are expecting federal sources of funding.

Mr. Raker explained that there is no longer a dedicated resource for each action. He shared that Metro Staff Tyler Frisbee is taking the lead on federal engagement. Intention is to have list of things that partners can invest in. He noted that many of the projects are already ongoing and they are looking to boost them. He added that there is a gap for getting small businesses to transition into ecommerce. He stated that they are focusing on getting resources to small businesses, ensuring child care is bolstered, and dealing with gaps in employment amongst community members.

Commissioner Treece mentioned the business recovery centers opened in Washington County and offered to share lessons learned from them.

7.2 Emergency Transportation Routes

Commissioner Jayapal gave a brief explanation of what Emergency Transportation Routes are and introduced Project Managers Kim Ellis and Laura Hanson.

Key points of the presentation included:

Ms. Hanson gave a background on the ETRs of the region, first established in the 90s. She explained that the purpose of the project was to update and raise the visibility and understanding of ETRs. Ms. Hanson introduced the project's team that handled the data and work group partners. She gave an overview of the project's timeline that started in summer 2019, with the last step being to review and accept the process before implementing it.

Ms. Ellis explained the Final Report and gave an overview of what was learned from the project. She emphasized that this was a first phase overview to lay the foundation for future planning. She listed what factors were used to review existing routes, which included seismic resilience and connecting to isolated and rural communities. She highlighted the online viewer that was created and maps that showed regional connections to critical infrastructure and facilities. She noted that areas near rivers are vulnerable to liquefaction and landslides. Ms. Ellis noted other maps that highlighted the most vulnerable populations of the region that would be hardest hit by a natural disaster.

Ms. Hanson emphasized that there needs to be more work at the local level to understand where ETRs overlap with local evacuation routes and plans. She highlighted some of the key areas for future work which included integration of ETRs into emergency plans and evaluating river routes. She also noted that engineering evaluation is necessary to gain a better understanding of the region's resilience. She gave an overview of phase two of the ETR update, which would involve tiering and operationalizing routes. Ms. Hanson concluded by explaining what next steps would be taken during phase two of the project.

Member Discussion Included:

Commissioner Jayapal thanked the presenters for their work and opened the floor to questions.

Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith noted that Clackamas was very impacted by the wildfire. She asked about lessons learned from recent wildfires and noted there seems to be major some bottlenecks.

Ms. Hanson mentioned that Phase 2 during operationalization is when wildfire lessons learned will be implemented.

Commissioner Smith expressed wishes for more communication with ODOT around evacuation, and work on routes.

7.3 Community Capacity Building Grants Update

Commissioner Jayapal explained that the grants program relates to Metro's efforts to deepen partnership with partner organizations. She introduced Metro Staff Reed Brodersen to give an overview of the program.

Mr. Brodersen noted the program objectives of partnering and assisting community lead organizations in the region to build civic capacity. He explained that the program was created by Council and community partners. The grants will provide funds to 501 (c)(3) organizations that are responsible to and serve communities of color. Funds can be used for capacity building in various forms including hiring staff and education. He noted that the program will have two tracks with one track focusing on general capacity building and the other track focusing on garbage and recycling system capacity building. He clarified that the program is meant as an accelerator for already established organizations. He concluded by noting the important upcoming due dates for applying to the program.

Member discussion included:

Commissioner Jayapal expressed appreciation for the program and asked for any questions.

Commissioner Treece asked if criteria for selection included regional locations.

Mr. Brodersen confirmed that the program would focus on Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah County. It would also make an effort to spread funds across a wide geographic area.

Mayor Truax asked if the program webpage would have additional information needed for applicants.

Mr. Brodersen answered that the information is available on the webpage.

8. **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Jayapal adjourned the meeting at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connor Ayers

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Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
7.1	Presentation	02/24/21	Greater Portland Economic Recovery Plan Presentation	022421m-01
7.2	Presentation	02/24/21	Regional Emergency Transportation Routes Presentation	022421m-02
7.3	Presentation	02/24/21	Community Capacity Building Grants Presentation	022421m-03