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METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susheela Jayapal
Martha Schrader
Carmen Rubio
Christine Lewis
Gerritt Rosenthal
Bob Stacey
Joe Buck
Gordon Hovies

Linda Glover
Peter Truax
Lacey Beaty
Steve Callaway
Kathy Hyzy
Mark Watson

Luis Nava
Rachel Lyles Smith
Don Trotter

Temple Lentz
Vince Jones-Dixon
Ed Gronke

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
Clackamas County
City of Portland
Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in
Washington County
City of Vancouver
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County
City of Milawaukie, Clackamas County
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of a
School District
Citizen of Washington County
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County
Clackamas County Fire District #1, Special Districts in
Clackamas County
Clark County
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County
Citizen of Clackamas County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ted Wheeler
Brian Cooper
Jim Rue
Brian Hodson
James Fage
Kathy Wai
Terri Preeg Riggsby

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah 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
TriMet
West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Special
Districts in Multnomah County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Kirstin Greene
Kathryn Harrington
Brett Shermann

AFFILIATION

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Washington County
City of Happy Valley

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Barber, Anna Slatinsky, Anthony Martin, David Berniker, Erin Doyle, Colin Cooper, Jaime Fudd, Jeannine Rustad, Jeff Gudman, Jeff Owen, Kate Mohr, Kelsey Lewis, Megan McKibben, Monique Smiley, Schuyler Warren, Tracy Moreland.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Steve Callaway called the virtual meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Chair Callaway welcomed Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith and Chair Katherine Harrington, who is a temporary MPAC member. He introduced Metro Staff Jaye Cromwell to call the roll.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal gave the Metro Council Update. He began by giving an update to the parks and nature bond that was passed in 2019. He noted that only some projects would be able to use local share funds from the bond measure. A handbook will be released that provides guidance on what projects would be eligible for funding. There is now an oversight committee that has more balanced representation across the counties. He announced that the design is being worked on for the Lone Fir Heritage Garden. There is \$4 million dedicated to the project to turn Block 14 into a heritage garden.

He mentioned that on Willamette Cove Metro is waiting for the record of decision on the site from DEQ. Metro has received a lot of testimony on Willamette Cove that they are taking into consideration.

Councilor Rosenthal moved on to giving an update on the 2018 Housing Bond. Housing Forward just signed a housing agreement with Metro. Local implementation plans from Clackamas and Washington are well under way. He reported that Portland Commissioner Dan Rian has requested safe parking spaces at Expo Center for houseless residents.

He announced that the RID patrol will be tripled in the next Metro budget, bringing the number of teams up to six. Currently there is a 50 day backlog for the waste disposal teams.

Councilor Rosenthal concluded by noting that the State of the Region is available online. He also mentioned that the tax season being delayed to May 17 has complicated things for the Supportive Housing Services measure.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Callaway shared the 2020 Compliance Report. He announced that the urban growth functional plan was largely being complied with, except for a few jurisdictions with ongoing projects that had recently had boundaries expanded.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Martha Schrader moved to adopt the consent agenda. Mayor Peter Truax seconded the motion.

ACTION: With all in favor, motion passed.

6. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.1 MPAC 101

Chair Callaway stated that he had requested a high level orientation of MPAC for new members. He introduced Metro Staff Ramona Perrault to give the presentation.

Key points from the presentations included:

Ms. Perrault explained that MPAC has helped Metro gain a regional perspective on projects and programs. She introduced the 2040 Growth Concept, which guides the growth of the region and highlights town centers and the City of Portland. The Regional Framework Plan outlines how the region will achieve the 2040 Growth Concept. It includes preserving access to nature and building communities. Ms. Perrault explained that the next Regional Framework Plan will start to be worked on this Fall. MPAC has also been used to advise Metro on its major projects, and for regional jurisdictions to come together and discuss issues that affect the entire region. She then discussed the six desired outcomes of vibrant communities, economic prosperity, transportation choices, climate change, healthy ecosystems, and equity. She concluded by explaining MPAC logistics like the charter, bylaws, and member composition.

Member Discussion Included:

Mayor Lacey Beaty emphasized making sure that MPAC is really used to address regional issues instead of as a rubber stamp. She expressed hope for MPAC having early input opportunities.

Chair Callaway brought attention to the MPAC work program, which outlines the topics for the year. He highlighted the parking lot section of the program and noted that MPAC hopes members will be able to bring forward topics for committee to discuss.

Mayor Smith asked if anyone had given thought to a regional homelessness solution among the jurisdictions.

Metro Staff Elissa Gertler noted that a region wide discussion will likely come about as the Supportive Housing Services measure is implemented. She mentioned that updates will come back to MPAC over the summer as SHS money goes out. This would be an opportunity for regional jurisdictions to discuss and share ideas for addressing the homeless crisis.

Councilor Christine Lewis noted that SHS is more in tune with the county than city level, and it would be good to hear input from cities about SHS implementation.

Councilor Rosenthal added that as things move forward with SHS over the summer, more metrics will become available.

Mayor Peter Truax, noted that the August MPAC meeting has been cancelled, which is shortly after the adjournment of the State Legislature. He expressed wishes for the August meeting to be considered to discuss issues that arise from the State Legislature.

Chair Callaway noted that August has often been a time when members are on vacations and agreed that an August meeting could be good to hold.

Citizen Luis Nava noted that he would like to have a conversation about early childhood education at MPAC. He expressed hope for the region as a whole to have a conversation about this, and brought up the preschool funding measure passed by Multnomah County.

Chair Callaway expressed concern that education may not be part of the purview of MPAC and Metro.

Councilor Lewis noted that education is part of the economic recovery plan, making it a part of Metro's already existing scope.

Ms. Gertler noted that there is an opportunity to link affordable housing with early childhood education.

Director Mark Watson advocated for a legislative update after the session disbands, perhaps for the July meeting.

Chair Callaway expressed some support for discussing education as a part of the Regional Framework Plan.

Mayor Truax announced that he has to leave the meeting early.

Commissioner Jayapal added that she also had to leave the meeting.

6.2 Community Placemaking Grants Update

Chair Callaway introduced Metro Staff Dana Lucero from Metro's Planning & Development department. He explained that the Placemaking program was established relatively recently in 2017. It has the intention of investing to build human and social capital through an equity lens. He introduced Councilor Lewis who serves on the advisory group for the project.

Key points of the presentation included:

Councilor Lewis explained that grants are implemented at the community level. It helps to increase their potential and planning of parks and economic models. It also helps them plan for housing and streets. She noted that arts foundations have often been very key supporters of placemaking programs.

Ms. Lucero introduced herself as a senior planner at Metro for 13 years. She explained that the grants are meant to build communities through developing community and cultural capital. She defined that what the program means by "placemaking" is a program that is community driven and preserves places communities care about, or introducing major changes that communities want. She listed the four objectives of the program which are placemaking, equity, partnerships, and leadership.

She emphasized that equity is central to the program. She noted that there is no matching requirement and funding is provided in advance to organizations. Ms. Lucero discussed the ways they have been trying to increase accessibility to the program and emphasize equity in how funds are distributed. She gave an overview of the program from last year, which gave away \$193,000. Since 2017 the program has given away more than \$800,000 to impactful community organizations. She noted that the program has been trying to spread grants throughout the region.

She drew attention to there being far more demand than what Metro can provide. She noted that applications have helped to create partnerships between organizations with shared aspirations. She gave an overview of the themes present in recent applications. She explained that evaluating impact of grants can be difficult, but a framework was implemented that asked applicants to create and measure goals. She concluded by giving a brief overview of the grants awarded for 2021.

Member Discussion Included:

Chair Harrington asked how MPAC members can help with the grants.

Ms. Lucero stated that the best way that MPAC members can help is by making organizations and communities of color aware of the opportunities with Placemaking Grants.

Mr. Nava noted that he would like to see more reflection on the small organizations that want to participate but do not have the capacity to. He suggested basic training for smaller organizations to help them fill out applications.

Ms. Lucero agreed that training was great suggestion.

Commissioner Schrader also expressed support for the training idea, and clarified that grants could not go to organizations located outside the urban growth boundary.

Ms. Lucero noted that she could share opportunities with MPAC members as they come up.

Chair Callaway asked if Ms. Lucero could share her email address, which she confirmed is Dana.Lucero@oregonmetro.gov. Chair Callaway asked if there were projects that Councilor Lewis or Ms. Lucero loved.

Councilor Lewis stated that one of her favorites was an onsite artist in residency program that worked with kids in the area to create art exhibits.

Ms. Lucero also expressed appreciation for the organization which organized the program, called the Living School of Art which continues to do work. She also highlighted the Portland All Nations Canoe Family. The tribes involved in the program had lost the knowledge of canoe making so the placemaking grant had funded a canoe carver from British Columbia to come down and share their knowledge. She noted that leaving the program open leads to unique and creative placemaking grants.

Chair Callaway asked if there was a thought to giving grants that last more than one year.

Ms. Lucero answered that multi-year investment has been debated very often, and it is possible it will happen in the future.

Councilor Lewis acknowledged that it had been discussed but the drawback was that it meant that fewer organizations would be able to receive funds each year. She noted that grants were also given for operations, which few other programs do.

7. **ADIURN**

Chair Callaway adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connor Ayers

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Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2021

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
6.1	Presentation	03/24/21	MPAC 101 Presentation	032421m-01
6.2	Presentation	03/24/21	Community Placemaking Grants Presentation	032421m-02