



METRO

Meeting: FUTURE VISION COMMISSION

Date: February 27, 1995

Day: Monday

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Place: Metro Regional Center
Room 370A&B**

4:00 Roll Call/Call to Order

1. Minutes of January 23, 1995

**4:05 2. Discussion/Review of Future Vision Materials for the March
Newsletter**

6:30 ADJOURN

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MINUTES OF THE FUTURE VISION COMMISSION

January 23, 1995

Room 370A&B

Committee Members Present: Chair Len Freiser, Rod Stevens, Marilyn Wall, Bob Textor, Linda Peters, Peggy Lynch, Susan McLain, Robert Liberty, Alice Schlenker, Wayne Lei, John Magnano, Peter McDonald, Mike Gates, Mike Houck

Others Present: Ethan Seltzer, Ken Gervais, Casey Short, Mike Burton, Carole Kelsey, Sherry Oeser, Barb Duncan, John Fregonese, Mark Turpel, David Auscherman, Glen Bolen, Paulette Allen

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Freiser called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

- 4. MINUTES**

Approval of Notes from December 5 and 19, 1994

Motion: Peggy Lynch moved for approval of the minutes as listed.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Councilor McLain noted Commissioner Linda Peters, Chair, Washington County Board of Commissioners, had replaced Lisa Nakajima for the duration of the Future Vision Commission.

- 5. TIMELINE AND SCHEDULE REVIEW**

Councilor McLain explained her memorandum dated December 17, 1994 (printed in the agenda packet). She noted the Future Vision Commission's joint meeting with the Metro Council on January 30 would start at 5:30 p.m. The Commission as a whole discussed the memo further.

Motion: Robert Liberty moved, seconded by Ted Spence, to adopt the recommendations in Councilor McLain's memo.

The Commission as a whole discussed the motion. Discussion points included: 1) Items, work plan, budget and the insert. 2) That John Fregonese could contact organizations outside the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). 3) How the three proposed listening posts would work. 4) How the work done by the Commission would interface/link with the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and how MPAC would interface with local governments on the Regional Framework Plan.

Those present discussed when the Council would review the Future Vision Commission's final report. John Fregonese gave the schedule for the newsletter as proposed and reviewed logistical details related to same.

The group discussed the Future Vision Commission's final draft report as of January 16. Chair Freiser said the Commission could meet January 30 at 4:00 to discuss any outstanding issues/details related to the report.

Note: All those present voted aye on the motion listed above. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Executive Officer Burton said the Commission's final report was extremely important because it was Metro's first step in implementing the Regional Framework Plan. He said his only concern was that staff have sufficient time to complete their work and submit it to the Council.

Mike Houck discussed a pending two-day conference on flood plain management by the Northwest Association of Floodplain Managers focusing on Region 2040 Plan water quality issues.

The group as a whole discussed how to coordinate with governments outside the UGB. Mayor Schlenker said local governments were afraid that local planning would not be considered necessary or valuable.

Chair Freieser said the Commission would meet January 30 to select the final Future Vision map also.

Mike Houck gave a slide show presentation of pictures for possible use in the Future Vision newsletter. Those present discussed which pictures would be appropriate for which category. Categories included: Resource lands; Greenspaces/Regional Trails; Regional landmarks; Separation identity; Communities/Neighborhoods; and Transportation Distribution. Bob Textor said the category "concentrated neighborhoods" should be kept. Those present discussed terminology further. They discussed using pictures from a variety of sources such as the Visual Preference Survey.

6. DISCUSSION OF JANUARY 30TH MEETING WITH THE METRO COUNCIL
Public involvement - strategy and budget

Those present discussed when the Future Vision Commission would brief the Council on the final report on January 30 and also discuss future outreach efforts.

Councilor McLain recommended that the Future Vision final report be sent to all jurisdictions that could be affected in nine counties and all school districts.

The Commission discussed the Future Vision Commission's possible future role. Ethan Seltzer said that issue had been covered in Councilor McLain's memo.

All business items having been attended to, Chair Freiser adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Meeting record prepared by:

Paulette Allen
Program Assistant I

FVC
2/27/95

To: Future Vision Commission
From: Ken Gervais
Re: Work of some of your members on draft vision for newsletter
February 24, 1995

Enclosed is the result of a meeting among members Freiser, Lei, Liberty, Lynch, Spence, Stewart, and Textor. Mike Houck was also present briefly.

Please take time to read this version. It is still a bit long and could use some tightening. The members present also are suggesting two questions for eliciting response from the newsletter. They are 1. Does this map (these 9 counties) correctly define the geographic context for our Vision? And 2. Did we get the values statements right? Are there others you would include? Any you would delete?

Please come prepared to discuss the above. If time permits we can also talk about recommendations for which elements of the Future Vision Commission's report goes into the Regional Framework Plan and which into the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives.

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152 preserve the fruits of those labors.

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154 to protect, restore, and manage the integrity of streams, wetlands, and floodplains and their
155 multiple biological, physical, and social values.

156 • RURAL LAND - In 2045, rural land shapes our sense of place by keeping our cities separate
157 from one another, supporting viable farm and forest resource enterprises, and keeping our citizens
158 close to nature, farms, forests, and other resource lands and activities.

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160 implement local plans and the urban growth boundary and rural lands elements of the Regional
161 Framework Plan to:

- 162 • actively reinforce the protection of lands currently reserved for farm and
163 forest uses for those purposes. No conversion of such lands to urban,

164 suburban, or rural residential use will be allowed

165 • DOWNTOWNS - In 2045, downtown Portland continues to serve an important, defining role
166 for the entire metropolitan region. In addition, reinvestment, both public and private, has been
167 focused in historic urban centers such as Ridgefield, Camas, Vancouver, Gresham, St. Helens,
168 Beaverton, Hillsboro, Molalla, Woodburn, and others throughout our bi-state region. This
169 pattern of reinvestment and renewal continues to be the centerpiece of our strategy for building
170 and maintaining healthy communities.

171 • VARIETY IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS - In 2045, our region is
172 composed of numerous, distinct communities, open to all, which together provide a wide variety
173 of healthy, appealing, and affordable housing and neighborhood choices. They are physically
174 compact and have distinct identities and boundaries. Truly public space exists in every
175 community, and serves as the stage for a rich and productive civic dialogue. To achieve this
176 Vision, we will need to continue to provide a choice of neighborhood types, including new
177 neighborhoods with suburban densities, neighborhoods of traditional (pre-WWII) densities, and
178 mixed-use neighborhoods of a more urban design.

179 • WALKING - In 2045, residents of this region can shop, play, and socialize by walking or
180 biking within their neighborhoods. Walking, biking, or using transit are attractive alternatives for
181 a wide range of trips within neighborhoods, between important regional centers, and outside of
182 the urban area. This region is known for the utility of its non-auto transportation alternatives.

183 • LINKAGES - In 2045, goods, materials, and information move easily throughout the bi-state
184 region. Manufacturing, distribution, and office employment centers are linked to the
185 transportation and communication systems in a comprehensive and coordinated manner.

186 • EQUITY - In 2045, the tradeoffs associated with growth and change have been fairly

187 distributed throughout the region. Our commitment to managing growth with an eye on the
188 future is matched by an equal commitment to social equity for the communities of today and
189 tomorrow. The true environmental and social cost of new growth has been paid by those, both
190 new to the region and already present, receiving the benefits of that new growth.

191 To address the issues associated with concentrations of poverty in locations throughout the nine-
192 county region will require use of such mechanisms as tax base sharing, pursuing changes in tax
193 codes, overcoming physical and economic barriers to access, providing affordable housing
194 throughout the area, and targeted public investments.

195 • **GROWTH MANAGEMENT - In 2045, growth in the region has been managed.** Our objective
196 has been and still is to live in great cities, not merely big ones. Performance indicators and
197 standards have been established for our Vision and all other growth management efforts, and
198 citizens of the bi-state region annually have an opportunity to review and comment on our
199 progress. The results of that review process are used to frame appropriate actions needed to
200 maintain and enhance our regional quality of life.

201 Clearly, Metro has a critical role to play as planner, convener, monitor, and leader. However, as
202 in the past, the success we achieve in the future will be a collaborative accomplishment. We
203 have an unparalleled opportunity to create an environment of consensus and predictability in the
204 region for what Metro's planning and policy making ought to accomplish.

205 Among the most critical actions include continuing a dialogue with the citizens of this nine-county
206 region to address 21st century problems and issues. Additionally, an Annual Review of the
207 Region will allow us to promote, lead, and engage citizens in an ongoing discussion of our future,
208 including a discussion of carrying capacity. The relevant question is not "when" carrying capacity
209 will be exceeded, but "how" we will collectively restore, maintain, and enhance the qualities of the
210 region.

211 Whatever the course that is chosen, the fundamental objectives must always be to ensure that no
212 issue gets dealt with in isolation, and that a broad cross-section of our region's people are
213 involved in discussing, debating, and shaping our path to the future. As a region, our aspiration
214 is to match the spectacular nature of our landscape with an equally spectacular and regular civic
215 celebration of our sense of the region--truly our sense of place. For it is only through the creation
216 of a shared and far-reaching culture of this place that we will be able to gracefully and
217 magnificently rise to our responsibilities for stewardship, and adapt to the dynamism of the world
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219 Our Vision is a work in progress and we challenge future generations to continue our work.

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- 151 -- restored ecosystems, complemented by planning and development initiatives that
152 preserve the fruits of those labors.

153 An illustration of one of the things we need to do to achieve this Vision is to manage watersheds
154 to protect, restore, and manage the integrity of streams, wetlands, and floodplains and their
155 multiple biological, physical, and social values.

156 • RURAL LAND - In 2045, rural land shapes our sense of place by keeping our cities separate
157 from one another, supporting viable farm and forest resource enterprises, and keeping our citizens
158 close to nature, farms, forests, and other resource lands and activities.

159 An illustration of one of the things we need to do to achieve this Vision is to develop and
160 implement local plans and the urban growth boundary and rural lands elements of the Regional
161 Framework Plan to:

- 162 • actively reinforce the protection of lands currently reserved for farm and
163 forest uses for those purposes. No conversion of such lands to urban,

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suburban, or rural residential use will be allowed

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• **DOWNTOWNS** - In 2045, downtown Portland continues to serve an important, defining role for the entire metropolitan region. In addition, reinvestment, both public and private, has been focused in historic urban centers such as Ridgefield, Camas, Vancouver, Gresham, St. Helens, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Molalla, Woodburn, and others throughout our bi-state region. This pattern of reinvestment and renewal continues to be the centerpiece of our strategy for building and maintaining healthy communities.

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• **VARIETY IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS** - In 2045, our region is composed of numerous, distinct communities, open to all, which together provide a wide variety of healthy, appealing, and affordable housing and neighborhood choices. They are physically compact and have distinct identities and boundaries. Truly public space exists in every community, and serves as the stage for a rich and productive civic dialogue. To achieve this Vision, we will need to continue to provide a choice of neighborhood types, including new neighborhoods with suburban densities, neighborhoods of traditional (pre-WWII) densities, and mixed-use neighborhoods of a more urban design.

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• **WALKING** - In 2045, residents of this region can shop, play, and socialize by walking or biking within their neighborhoods. Walking, biking, or using transit are attractive alternatives for a wide range of trips within neighborhoods, between important regional centers, and outside of the urban area. This region is known for the utility of its non-auto transportation alternatives.

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• **LINKAGES** - In 2045, goods, materials, and information move easily throughout the bi-state region. Manufacturing, distribution, and office employment centers are linked to the transportation and communication systems in a comprehensive and coordinated manner.

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• **EQUITY** - In 2045, the tradeoffs associated with growth and change have been fairly

187 distributed throughout the region. Our commitment to managing growth with an eye on the
188 future is matched by an equal commitment to social equity for the communities of today and
189 tomorrow. The true environmental and social cost of new growth has been paid by those, both
190 new to the region and already present, receiving the benefits of that new growth.

191 To address the issues associated with concentrations of poverty in locations throughout the nine-
192 county region will require use of such mechanisms as tax base sharing, pursuing changes in tax
193 codes, overcoming physical and economic barriers to access, providing affordable housing
194 throughout the area, and targeted public investments.

195 • **GROWTH MANAGEMENT - In 2045, growth in the region has been managed.** Our objective
196 has been and still is to live in great cities, not merely big ones. Performance indicators and
197 standards have been established for our Vision and all other growth management efforts, and
198 citizens of the bi-state region annually have an opportunity to review and comment on our
199 progress. The results of that review process are used to frame appropriate actions needed to
200 maintain and enhance our regional quality of life.

201 Clearly, Metro has a critical role to play as planner, convener, monitor, and leader. However, as
202 in the past, the success we achieve in the future will be a collaborative accomplishment. We
203 have an unparalleled opportunity to create an environment of consensus and predictability in the
204 region for what Metro's planning and policy making ought to accomplish.

205 Among the most critical actions include continuing a dialogue with the citizens of this nine-county
206 region to address 21st century problems and issues. Additionally, an Annual Review of the
207 Region will allow us to promote, lead, and engage citizens in an ongoing discussion of our future,
208 including a discussion of carrying capacity. The relevant question is not "when" carrying capacity
209 will be exceeded, but "how" we will collectively restore, maintain, and enhance the qualities of the
210 region.

211 Whatever the course that is chosen, the fundamental objectives must always be to ensure that no
212 issue gets dealt with in isolation, and that a broad cross-section of our region's people are
213 involved in discussing, debating, and shaping our path to the future. As a region, our aspiration
214 is to match the spectacular nature of our landscape with an equally spectacular and regular civic
215 celebration of our sense of the region--truly our sense of place. For it is only through the creation
216 of a shared and far-reaching culture of this place that we will be able to gracefully and
217 magnificently rise to our responsibilities for stewardship, and adapt to the dynamism of the world
218 we live in, now and in the future.

219 Our Vision is a work in progress and we challenge future generations to continue our work.

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MINUTES OF THE FUTURE VISION COMMISSION
(Joint Meeting with Metro Council)

January 30, 1995

Room 370

Councilors Present: Jon Kvistad, Ruth McFarland, Susan McLain, Rod Monroe, Don Morissette

Councilors Absent: Patricia McCaig, Ed Washington

Chair Freiser re-convened the work session at 5:40 p.m.

3. JOINT MEETING WITH METRO COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TO REVIEW FUTURE VISION COMMISSION REPORT

Councilor McLain reported the purpose of the meeting was to explain the process the Future Vision Commission had taken to develop the Future Vision document; and to determine the process the Council will follow to prepare for adoption of the Future Vision document.

Future Vision Commissioner Peggy Lynch gave remarks regarding the role of the Future Vision Commission and the requested role of the Metro Council. A copy of her remarks is included as part of the meeting record.

Future Vision Commissioner Mike Houck reported on the performance evaluation and implementation of Future Vision, referring to the Future Vision document as he did so. He described the mechanisms in place in the document that provide for monitoring benchmarks and indicators for assessing progress toward implementing the Future Vision and Regional Framework Plan. A copy of the Future Vision final draft document is included as part of the meeting record.

Future Vision Commissioner Peter McDonald reported on relationships with communities outside the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). He stated the area under discussion in the Future Vision process includes water sheds, air sheds, economic areas of common concern, extending from the crests of the Coast and Cascade Ranges; north to Longview and south to Salem. He pointed out this is a nine-county, two-state area. He encouraged the Council to form a dialogue with its neighboring communities to address mutual concerns.

Councilor McLain stated the Future Vision document will be forwarded to an editor for editorial adjustments. The UGB map is being finalized and will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Future Vision Commission, which will be held on Monday, February 27.

Councilor Morissette shared his concern that the Future Vision document should equally address the following policies and criteria: an authentic balance between environmental needs, economic needs, and social needs. He stated the draft document is weighted toward environmental needs; it does not address economic issues as well or equally; he felt social services are out of balance. Shelter is a societal requirement and must be part of the vision. The addition of language to give authority to the idea that people have the right to choose how they live and what they are willing to expect of their resources to support governmental agencies is important. An objective analysis of choices and consequences to current and future residents of the region is needed.

Councilor McLain and Councilor Morissette agreed to meet and discuss his concerns. Chair Freiser said the Commission came to realize that the local economy is dependent upon how the environmental needs of the region are met. Commissioner Lynch added that most businesses have relocated to the region because of the environment and the people.

Casey Short, Senior Council Analyst, presented a memorandum dated January 24, 1995 regarding Future Vision process issues, which will be discussed at the January 31 Council Work Session. A copy of his memorandum is included as part of the meeting record.

The Commission indicated their final version of the document will be forwarded to the Council on March 1, 1995.

Commissioner Lynch stated the Council needs to decide whether it wants to make changes to the document prior to its publication in the March newsletter. Councilor Monroe said there will need to be opportunity after listening posts have been held to address proposed modifications to the document. Commissioner Lynch said a record exists of the public involvement to-date in the process. She reported that experts in various fields of interest have been involved in the process. Councilor McLain said the Council would have input into the document at the January 31, 1995 Council Work Session. They will then report back to the Commission with specific Council revisions.

With no further business before the Council, Presiding Officer adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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