

Joint Metro Council Future Vision Commission Meeting  
Lake Oswego City Hall  
May 3, 1995

Metro Councilors Present: Susan McLain, Don Morissette, Jon Kvistad

Present: Bob Textor, Robert Liberty, Marilyn Wall, Len Fraiser, Alice Schlenker, Fred Stewart,  
Judy Davis, Peggy Lynch, Peter McDonald

Susan McLain called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Alice Schlenker, Mayor of Lake Oswego, welcomed the Future Vision Commission and the Metro Council to the City of Lake Oswego. She introduced herself and the mission of the Future Vision Commission.

Susan McLain introduced herself and opened the meeting. The members of the Future Vision Commission introduced themselves. Susan McLain reviewed the Future Vision Commission documents and statement. She discussed the relationship of the Future Vision Statement with the 2040 Growth Concept, Framework Plan and comprehensive plans.

Peggy Lynch spoke to the plan being a document to address the people in the region, not specific planning objectives.

Bill Atherton appeared to testify, he distributed and summarized handouts, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. He stated the document is important and thanked the commission for the opportunity to discuss the document prior to adoption. He noted the 2040 Growth Concept was adopted in January, 1995 and the Future Vision Statement should have occurred first. Mr. Atherton responded to questions by the Future Vision Commission members. He discussed issues related to growth scenarios. Councilor Morissette noted population growth would occur even if no new people moved to the region. Councilor McLain noted carrying capacity was discussed on page three of the report.

Jay Woodward, 17705 SW Treetop Lane, Lake Oswego, spoke to concerns related to the Region 2040 study. He expressed concerns about differences between Metro and the local jurisdictions. He said Metro may not have enough familiarity with the local communities. He said he had concerns about no new freeways to accommodate the increased population. He said bicycles were discussed fourteen times in the concept and he noted bicycles were not as common in the region. He said he had problems with the increased densities proposed. Finally, he said infrastructure was paid for by system development fees and the developers are providing the infrastructure, not the jurisdictions.

Alice Schlenker noted the Future Vision Commission did not prepare the 2040 Growth Concept. She discussed the adoption process of the related planning components.

Gordon Haber, 705 Country Club Dr., Lake Oswego resident, noted he was a bicyclist. He noted a substantial number of people commute by bicycle.

Sid Bass, Lake Oswego, appeared to testify. He discussed his concerns related to potential population growth. He discussed growth scenarios and used analogies to illustrate examples. He spoke to alternative transportation options being encouraged in high density areas. Alice Schlenker thanked Mr. Bass for his active participation in the community. Mr. Bass spoke to community coordination and intergovernmental cooperation to address natural resource concerns in the region.

John Gronewold, 17819 NE Couch, Portland, appeared to testify. He spoke to flexibility in the Future Vision Statement such that implementation can be feasible. He used the North Portland Costco project as an example. He commented on traffic and congestion problems. He noted people would commute if they like the area, noting many

people today commute from Vancouver, Washington. Members of the Commission exchanged dialogue with Mr. Gronewold on the various topics raised.

Councilor Morissette spoke to the need for flexibility. He noted roads would need to be examined as a method to address increased population. He advocated locating services close to communities. He stated implementation of 2040 would require accommodations. He called for affordable housing and housing options for people.

Robert Liberty stated local jurisdictions are determining who can live in an area by determining minimum lot sizes. He noted if communities were providing jobs, but not providing for housing related to the jobs in the community.

Linda White, 2661 Boreland Rd., Tualatin, appeared to testify. She noted her family had been in the area for sometime. She expressed concerns related to planning issues. She spoke to quality of life issues. She said schools were overcapacity. She discussed amenities in the Walker's Corner area of the region. She said the area was going to be sited for development. She expressed concerns about water quality. She recognized change would occur and innovative ways needed to be developed to address the problems associated with change.

Carl Hoffman, 6695 S. Glennwood Court, Lake Oswego, appeared to testify. He discussed what attracted him to the area specifically, large lot sizes. He spoke to the rise in housing prices and development in the area. He used European analogies. He stated in Holland housing was very limited and young people lived in massive apartment complexes operated by the government. He said few people would be able to afford housing in the region. He said parks and natural areas needed to be provided for apartments and large housing developments.

Catherine Mathias, 623 6th St., Lake Oswego, stated she concurred with Linda. She called for helping people moving to the region by providing flexibility in planning. She called for neighborhood planning of communities. She noted in her neighborhood secondary dwellings were allowed on current properties to allow for parents, children or rental income opportunities. She advocated negative population growth. She called for addressing the needs of an aging population.

Bill Atherton recapped his summary of the meeting proceedings. He noted most people felt the area was going to be worse. He said traffic would increase and air quality decrease. He called for a more detailed and serious discussion about reaching the limits and carrying capacity.

Councilor McLain discussed the adoption process of the Future Vision Statement. Commission members gave closing comments.

Susan McLain adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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