

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 25, 1993
Metro Regional Center
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: George Van Bergen (Chair), Jon Kvistad (Vice Chair), Richard Devlin, Mike Gates, Rod Monroe, Terry Moore

Committee Members Absent: none

Other Councilors Present: Judy Wyers

Chair Van Bergen called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Moore presented an update on the Future Vision Commission selection process. She said twenty-one applicants were interviewed and nine were selected. She noted a non-referred resolution would be presented to the Council for adoption on May 27, 1993.

1. Consideration of the October 13, 1992 Transportation and Planning Committee minutes and the February 9, 1993 Planning Committee minutes

Motion: Councilor Moore moved adoption of the October 13, 1992 Transportation and Planning Committee Minutes.

Councilor Moore asked that no action be taken on the February 9, 1993 minutes at this time. Councilors Gates and Monroe and Chair Van Bergen noted they were not present at the October 13, 1992 meeting. Councilor Moore stated she was present and the minutes were accurate.

Vote: Councilors Moore, Van Bergen and Gates voted aye. Councilor Monroe abstained. Councilors Devlin and Kvistad were absent. The vote was 3/0 and the motion passed.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1805, Requesting to the U.S. Congress that Restrictions on Section 3 Funds be Amended so that such Funds can be Expanded for Transit-Related Projects in or near the City of Gresham

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the staff report. He discussed the history of the federal funding for a regional shopping center. He said the project was no longer viable and the funds were now proposed for other projects as discussed in the staff report, included in the record of this meeting.

Motion: Councilor Gates moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

The Committee discussed the history of the project.

Councilor Devlin and Mr. Cotugno discussed the allocation of Section 3 Funds.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Hillsboro Corridor - Status Report (Hillsboro Corridor Light Rail Extension Project)

Mr. Brandman distributed and summarized an updated version of the Hillsboro Corridor briefing book, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He discussed the Hillsboro alignment hearings.

Leon Skiles, Project Manager, discussed the Hillsboro Corridor project. He summarized the alternatives included in the draft on page two, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Mr. Brandman summarized the public hearing schedule on page eleven of the draft. He said the public was moving towards selection of the Washington Street alignment.

4. Regional Emergency Management Group - Discussion of Work Plan and Draft Intergovernmental Agreement

Mr. Cotugno noted this item was related to a budget amendment in the FY 1993-94 budget deliberations. He said the item was not specifically related to earthquake preparedness, but rather any emergency management. He noted an informal group of emergency managers had been meeting as the Regional Emergency Management Group (REMG). He said a request would be made to formally recognize the group and the draft work plan.

Chair Van Bergen noted the activity in this area commenced three years ago. He asked if any product had come out of the past three year's work. Mr. Cotugno noted the project was not funded and no formal work plan was developed to date.

Gerry Uba, Senior Management Analyst, presented the draft Emergency Management plan, included in the record of this meeting. He spoke to the composition of a policy advisory committee. He said the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) might serve in an advisory capacity to the REMG rather than creating another group.

Councilor Gates asked when smaller jurisdictions would be asked to participate. He also asked if all jurisdictions were in compliance. Mr. Uba said that Counties were the only jurisdiction required by law to have an emergency management plan. He said it was desirable to include smaller jurisdictions because the counties favored cooperating with them in the implementation of their plans. Councilor Gates and Mr. Uba discussed the current status of plan components.

Councilor Gates asked what components of the plan needed the most attention. Mr. Cotugno referred to pages ten and eleven as the preliminary approach. He said the draft agreement included in the packet provided for a sharing of the work responsibility. He said the .25 FTE designated for regional emergency management might serve as a liaison between jurisdictions.

The Committee discussed the alternatives for approaching implementation of the work plan. The consensus was to have staff prepare two alternatives for discussion at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Uba distributed an update related to grant application for USGS funds, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

5. Request for Proposal (RFP) Document for a Regional Design Images Proposal - Briefing

Mr. Cotugno presented the Request for Proposal for Regional Design Images for components of the Region 2040 Study, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

John Fregonese, Regional Planning Supervisor, noted a component of the RFP would provide comprehensive density analysis. He said three types of areas would be chosen for design imaging, an edge area, a rural area, and an urban area. He noted cost projections would be provided and the project had potential for demonstration grants. He noted the plan would be hypothetical, not site specific, but would be applicable to areas in the region.

Councilor Moore spoke to marketing the project and including local jurisdictions in the opportunity to cooperate in the project.

UNSCHEDULED ITEM

William White, 205 Berwick Rd., Lake Oswego, appeared to testify in support of including ferry boats in the transit options. A copy of his written testimony is included in the record of this meeting.

Mr. Cotugno explained ferry transportation would be discussed in the South/North Corridor project.

Councilor Moore noted the City of Portland's Central City Plan included water transit on the Willamette River as a goal. She recommended Mr. White contact other individuals interested in achieving ferry service.

6. Third Quarter Report - Planning Department

Mr. Cotugno distributed and summarized the Planning Department Third Quarter Report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

7. Councilor Comments

There were no Councilor comments.

Vice Chair Kvistad adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 6.22.93