

Minutes of the Metro Council Planning Committee
December 14, 1993
Metro Regional Center
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: none

Other Councilors Present: Sandi Hansen, Susan McLain

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

1. Consideration of the November 9, 1993 Planning Committee Minutes

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to approve the minutes.

Vote: Councilors Devlin, Gates, Kvistad, and Van Bergen votes aye. Councilors Monroe and Moore were absent. The vote was 4/0 and the motion passed.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1872, Amend the Greenspaces Master Plan and Map of Natural Areas, Trails and Greenways of Regional Significance by Adding the Peninsula Crossing Trail in North Portland

Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Chair Van Bergen asked if there were any right of way issues in the area. Pam Arden, President Kenton Neighborhood Association, stated at this time she did not anticipate any easement problems. Ms. Arden discussed the history of the project including how the project would connect with other trailways.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to recommend Council adoption of the Resolution.

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

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1866, Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to Begin the Burlington Northern Rails to Trails Feasibility Study

Mr. Huie presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. Pete Bond, Oregon State Parks, explained the history of the rails to trails program and the specific route for the proposed trail. He explained the resolution would allow for a feasibility study of the proposed trail.

In response to Councilor Kvistad, Mr. Bond stated Burlington Northern had filed for possible abandonment. He stated the abandonment might take place within one year of the filing of intent. In response to Councilor Kvistad, Mr. Huie indicated the Multnomah County Parks funding portion would be included in the transfer agreement.

In response to Councilor Moore, Mr. Bond stated the funding level was expected to be adequate to complete the study. Councilor Moore asked about the level of funding from Washington County. Mr. Bond said Washington County had also made a commitment to provide staff assistance.

Councilor Devlin questioned the number of Councilors assigned to serve on the advisory committee.

Chair Van Bergen asked Mr. Bond to examine liability issues related to rail tunnels.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to recommend Council adoption of the Resolution.

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

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1874, Amending the Transportation Improvement Program so that Tri-Met can Apply for Section 3 Funds in the Redirected Project Break-Even Account

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to recommend Council adoption of the Resolution.

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

5. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1873, Adopting and Implementing the FY 1994-99 Water Resources Work Plan

Rosemary Furfey, Water Resources Planner, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She emphasized that Metro would not be duplicating the work of other jurisdictions. Chair Van Bergen complimented Ms. Furfey on her presentation.

Councilor Moore advocated addressing non-point source water pollution issues related to transportation projects in the work plan. She suggested Fanno Creek as a stream with significant impact and need for water quality improvement projects.

Councilor McLain spoke to the importance of water in planning issues. She stated she did not desire to see the program eliminated in the budget process.

Councilor Kvistad asked if other jurisdictions recognized Metro's role in regional water resource supply planning. Ms. Furfey discussed Metro's role in participating in supply studies. She noted it was recognized that Metro was capable of adopting a regional water supply plan. Councilor Kvistad advocated stronger language to indicate Metro's ability to provide water supply and source planning.

Councilor Devlin concurred with Councilor Kvistad. He noted that Metro did not have a financial stake in the plan.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to recommend Council adoption of the Resolution noting that Ms. Furfey would provide an amendment prior to Council consideration that would strengthen Metro's role in water supply and source planning.

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

10. South/North Light Rail Transit Study Scoping Alternative - Briefing

Richard Brandman, Assistant Planning Director, distributed and summarized handouts related to the S/N Transit Corridor, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. He summarized issues identified in two

memorandums from Andy Cotugno to the Steering Committee and from the Citizen Advisory Committee to the Steering Committee, copies of both memorandums are included in the record of this meeting.

Councilor Monroe discussed his support of the Citizen Advisory Committee's recommendation to retain the option to allow future consideration of the eastside connector.

Barrow Emerson, Portland Department of Transportation, discussed the Central Eastside Trolley Project.

6. Regional Alternatives Planning Process - Presentation

Maggie Crandall and George Crandall appeared to present the Architectural Foundation of Oregon's Regional Alternatives Planning Process (RAPP). They distributed and summarized the RAPP plan, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Mr. Cotugno discussed the timeline for the Region 2040 Study and how it might relate to the work proposed by the RAPP group.

Mr. Crandall noted the funding RAPP sought was from sources that would not provide grants to government agencies and therefore Metro and RAPP would not be competing for funding. He also stated Metro would not be obligated to follow the process defined by RAPP.

7. Requesting Approval of Revised George Crandall Letter (Architectural Foundation of Oregon) Regarding Regional Alternatives Planning Process (RAPP)

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to approve forwarding the draft letter to George Crandall to the Council for approval.

Vote: Councilors Devlin, Monroe, Moore, Kvistad, and Van Bergen voted aye. Councilor Gates voted nay. The vote was 5/1 and the motion passed.

Chair Van Bergen recessed the meeting at 5:40. Vice Chair Kvistad reconvened the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

8. Region 2040 Public Involvement Plan -Briefing

Sherry Oeser, Senior Public Involvement Specialist, presented the Region 2040 Public Involvement Plan, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

John Fregonese, Growth Management Manager, responded to questions posed by council staff.

The committee discussed issues in the Region 2040 Public Involvement Plan.

9. Request for Proposals: Region 2040 Public Involvement Plan

Motion: Councilor Kvistad moved to release the RFP.

Councilor Kvistad asked why this project could not be completed in-house. Mr. Fregonese noted some of the activities required a survey type activity. He said that the Planning Department only had 1.0 FTE for public involvement and Public Affairs had allocated .50 FTE. He said not enough staff was available in Public Affairs to complete the tasks. Lisa Creel, Associate Public Affairs Specialist, confirmed Mr. Fregonese's comments related to staffing levels. Councilor Kvistad advocated examining opportunities for public affairs to perform these types of activities.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, Devlin, Gates, Moore, and Van Bergen voted aye. Councilor Monroe was absent. The vote was 5/0 and the motion passed.

11. Northwest Subarea Study

Chair Van Bergen deferred item 11 due to staff illness.

Councilor Moore noted she attended the Northwest Subarea Study meeting December 13, 1993.

12. Planning Department - First Quarter Report

Mr. Cotugno presented the Planning Committee First Quarter Report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He presented highlights of the report of particular interest to the Committee.

13. Councilor Communications

Councilor Moore discussed concerns about the ODOT funding cuts and lack of process to allow Councilor comments. Councilor McLain shared Councilor Moore's concerns.

Councilors Devlin and Kvistad spoke to the issue of the City of Portland proposing alternative transportation projects in light of their recent elimination of the Water Street I-5 exit. Mr. Cotugno noted the funds were allocated to the region, not specifically the City of Portland.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Van Bergen adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 1-6-94