

# MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

## BRIEFING

March 9, 1993

Council Chamber

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

Councilors Also Present: Ruth McFarland, Roger Buchanan, Ed Washington

Chair Van Bergen called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### 1. Concepts of Sustainable Growth

Ethan Seltzer, Director of the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies, presented a report on concepts of sustainable growth. He said the World Commission on Environment and Development defined sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own.

He said the concept linked the economy with the environment, a maintaining a balance between the community and the desires of individuals.

Mr. Seltzer discussed planning principles within the confines of the definition of sustainable growth and development, and noted such principles would encompass coordination, how to manage cooperation across boundaries, provide least cost, development pattern security and stability in meeting the needs of households.

Mr. Seltzer said the question was not one of economics versus the environment, but economics and the environment.

In response to Chair Van Bergen, Mr. Seltzer said he would develop a written summary of his presentation for the Committee.

### 2. Regional Coordination: RUGGO Conflict Resolution

Larry Shaw, Senior Assistant Counsel, referenced his memorandum dated February 11, 1993 regarding Regional Coordination: Ruggo Conflict Resolution. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record.

Mr. Shaw said conflict from reading two comprehensive plans might arise in the future, and his memorandum was an attempt to repeat the existing RUGGO conflict resolution process as stated in RUGGO

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Objective 5.3 in Goal 1. He outlined the process noting a hearing before the Council with a recommendation to take action or not to take action would occur in the future.

Mr. Shaw said if Metro was required to act, it would be demonstrable that all other avenues had been attempted. He indicated this was not necessarily the best process, but represented his attempt to address the request of Legal Counsel in the matter. Mr. Shaw said the Council might want to amend RUGGO or change the plan provision.

Robert Liberty, Attorney, said he believed the issue on the table was beneficial if the outcome was that local governments developed a pattern of coming before Metro Council for regional viewpoint.

The Committee as a whole discussed the concept of a regional framework plan.

In response to Councilor Kvistad, Mr. Shaw said regarding ex parte contacts, meaning how much you hear outside the hearing room, that it was a good idea not to get involved when you might be the decision maker, keep a record of them, declare and summarize them at time of hearing.

In response to Councilor Devlin, Mr. Shaw said the case involving Beaverton/Portland Urban Services Boundary conflict and their respective comprehensive plans was the first case of its kind, and suggested a policy base to resolve such matters would include the consideration of a RUGGO amendment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Geary-Symons  
Committee Recorder

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**APPROVED**  
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