

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

August 27, 1991
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Jim Gardner (Chair), Richard Devlin
(Vice Chair), Susan McLain

Committee Members Absent: Lawrence Bauer, George Van Bergen

Chair Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. Ordinance No. 91-418, An Ordinance Repealing the Columbia Region Association of Governments Land Use Goals and Objectives and Adopting the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives

Ethan Seltzer, Land Use Supervisor, presented the staff report. He explained the land use goals and objectives are required under Metro's enabling legislation. He said as the result of a 1988 periodic review of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), the Columbia Region Association of Governments goals, under which Metro had been operating, were outdated. He said the proposed Goals and Objectives are intended to provide a policy framework for evaluating alternatives for urban growth in the region. He said they address the manner in which Metro will carry out its planning authority in cooperation with local jurisdictions. He said they also provide building blocks and concepts for development of functional plans to address substantive issues.

Mr. Seltzer described the process through which the draft Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives (RUGGOs) were developed, including review by local elected officials and citizens who served on the Urban Growth Management Policy Advisory Committee (UGMPAC), supplemented by a series of public meetings. He noted the Goals and Objectives establish a Regional Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC) to assist the Metro Council in addressing growth management and other regional issues.

Chair Gardner opened the public hearing.

Robert Liberty, Attorney, stated he agreed with the substance of the RUGGOs and commended Metro on its work. He discussed areas he felt were weak and advised the committee that he would be submitting suggested amendments to the ordinance. He stated Metro was not using the power granted to the agency through legislation. He said Metro needed to require local jurisdictions to adopt functional plans.

Allan Fletcher, representing Clairmont Water District and the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO), distributed a handout of his testimony, a copy of which is filed with the record of this meeting. He also said the SDAO should be included on the RPAC committee.

John Miller, citizen representative on the UGMPAC, testified in support of the proposed Goals and Objectives. He said the proposed RPAC

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composition is very fair, given practical difficulties in selecting a citizen committee.

Douglas Klotz, citizen, distributed a copy of his testimony, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. He addressed issues of residential planning and accessibility of alternative modes of transportation, specifically walking and bicycling.

Charlie Hales, Staff Vice President for Governmental Affairs, Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland, testified in support of the RUGGOs and urged adoption by the Council. He expressed some concerns about implementation and said local zoning changes would be needed to accomplish the goals of the region.

Howard Holt, representative of Mill Park Neighborhood Association, testified in support of development of new parks in the region. He said several areas designated for parks have been underdeveloped. Chair Gardner noted the parks issue was addressed in the RUGGOs under the "Regional System of Open Areas included" section.

Peter Seto, citizen, compared the rapid development of the region to that of Santa Clara and Sacramento, California, which resulted in congestion. He stated open areas needed to be preserved now. He said pedestrian and bicycle routes needed to be expanded.

John Ayre, citizen of Clackamas County, expressed doubts about the RUGGOs. He said they did not particularly apply to Clackamas County because that area was not experiencing the development problems of other areas in the region.

Greg Malinouski, farmer, spoke to concerns about urban reserve designation in the region. He said urban reserves were lands designated for future expansion. He said lands designated as urban reserves were too costly to purchase for agricultural purposes. He said designation of urban reserves resulted in diminished agricultural resources in the region and significant increases in property costs. Chair Gardner agreed with Mr. Malinouski's statements but noted that primary agricultural lands were the last areas considered by the State for designation as urban reserves.

Earl Grove, representing Forest Park Neighborhood Association, questioned how the neighborhood associations could get involved. Chair Gardner said attending meetings and providing testimony was helpful. He also noted the RPAC would have citizen seats.

No other citizens appeared to testify. Chair Gardner closed the public hearing. He thanked those who testified. He noted the Committee would hear further testimony at the September 10, 1991 Transportation and Planning Committee meeting and at the September 26, 1991 Council

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meeting. He said written testimony would be accepted for consideration and distributed to the Council.

2. Resolution No. 91-1489, A Resolution Adopting By-Laws for the Regional Policy Advisory Committee

Chair Gardner stated it would be inappropriate to act on the resolution until all testimony had been considered on Ordinance 91-418.

Motion: Councilor Devlin moved to postpone consideration of Resolution No. 91-1489 until the September 10, 1991 meeting.

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

Chair Gardner recessed the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Chair Gardner reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

3. Environmental Baseline Report

Pat Lee, Regional Planning Supervisor, introduced Matthew Udziela, Intern. Mr. Udziela gave the staff report. He said the Environmental Baseline Report was a compilation of information of the environmental status of the region. He noted there were limitations to the report and indicated it was not a public policy document. He said the report addressed air quality, water quality, and solid waste issues.

Karla Forsythe, Council Analyst, asked staff to refer to the list of questions in her August 23, 1991 memorandum. Mr. Lee stated no determination has been made on how often the report would be updated. He said there would be grammatical and technical corrections prior to the formal release of the report. Councilor Devlin said the report would be a long term historical record and might also be useful to orient new employees to the functions Metro performs.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Gardner adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Susan Lee
Committee Clerk