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Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Council work session

This meeting will be held electronically and in person at the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber. You can join the meeting on your computer or other device by using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/NerNLeRJc-M?feature=share>

10:30

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Council President Lynn Peterson, Council Deputy Christine Lewis, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Ashton Simpson, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Duncan Hwang

Excused: Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzales

Parks and Nature bond large scale community visions program pilot: update and next steps

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet.pdf](#)

Council President Lynn Peterson introduced Jon Blasher & MG Devereux

Staff pulled up the Parks and Nature bond large scale community visions program pilot to present to Council.

Summary of Presentation:

The presentation is meant to give an update to council and receive input and guidance from council.

The presentation gave an update on how the \$30M fund will address jobs, nature uplift, housing & transportation. Furthermore, the presentation aimed for requesting funds on Trust for Public Land/OSU - Forest acquisition \$3.5M. OMSI/CRITFC - Waterfront Education Park - \$10M, Albina Vision Trust - Acquisition/Development \$5M.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal asked a question however the audio cut off.

COO Marissa Madrigal explained that she does not have more information about the investment being done on Albina however since there is no public partner identified or property in possession, Metro

would need to do more work with them to fund them.

Council President Lynn Peterson explained she would like Metro to invest within Albina Vison Trust.

Councilor Duncan Hwang asked what kind of outreach was done for potential partners and if there were projects that were not ready and how are they identifying equity within the applicants.

MG Devereux explained they had a lot of conversations with potential partners and explained that there were some barriers that did not align with them. He also explained there was a couple projects that did not fulfill requirements. He also explained that the local shared program got the most developed work within equity and community engagement.

Councilor Ashton Simpson expressed how good of a partner Albina Vison Trust has been for Metro and expressed his support for the project.

Councilor Mary Nolan asked where the location for 'Trust for Public Land Project' is located.

MG Devereux explained it is in the Tualatin Mountains.

Councilor Mary Nolan then asked if there is a proposal that would improve a racial equity impact.

MG Devereux explained that more work needs to be done in order to get a better answer.

Councilor Mary Nolan asked what the 'unknown' meant under the Albina Vison Trust chart.

MG Devereux explained that it has to do with the fact that they don't have a capital asset defined.

Councilor Mary Nolan asked if Metro had interest in being a public partner.

Jon Blasher explained that Metro not being a public partner would allow for more funds and flexibility and there might be a possibility however he also explained that Council expressed that they do not want be a public partner.

Council Deputy Christine Lewis explained that they are open to more projects from this part of the region.

Council President Lynn Peterson asked COO Marissa Madrigal to explain the risks associated with being a holder of a property.

COO Marissa Madrigal explained that the general risks are contamination on the site, and on going maintenance, then went on to explain she will come back with more specific answers once a specific property is identified.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal asked if there was a potential owner for the OMSI Site.

MG Devereux explained that the city of Portland might be a public partner however they have a public agency that is willing to participate.

President Lynn Peterson asked to take this to the next step and come back with more specific answers.

COO Marissa Madrigal asked President Lynn Peterson to clarify what metro wants to do with the Albina Vison Trust.

President Lynn Peterson explained that they just needed more information.

Councilor Mary Nolan asked what the impact would look like from a delay of 6 months to 1 year on Albina Vison Trust would be.

MG Devereux explained they have not had a conversation about that.

End of Presentation:

Presentations

11:15 **Housing Department Budget Presentation**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Councilor President Lynn Peterson introduced Patricia Rojas (she/her),

Staff pulled up the Housing Department Budget Presentation to present to Council.

Summary of Presentation:

This presentation goes over the FY24 Housing Work Plan which consists of building internal capacity, policy development, oversight function, regional programming, integration of ABS, SHS, TCPB directed activities, Program infrastructure, accountability to public, job fairs and conferences, and technical assistance to service providers.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Mary Nolan asked for a better explanation about the \$191M contingency.

Patricia Rojas explained that this will take up to four years and will not happen quickly.

Councilor Mary Nolan asked about the investments in home ownership programs.

Patricia Rojas explained that certain jurisdictions have prioritized that however she explained staff will provide a better follow up about it.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal asked if the primary work is to deal with the housing authority and then followed up with a second question asking if there is a specific lead standard to apply to the housing that Metro subsidized.

Liam Frost explained that the analysis will be part of the work to develop policy and provide recommendations.

Council Deputy Christine Lewis asked what the capacity is for the budget long term is then followed up with a second question, who on the staff can work with the counties and cities.

Liam Frost answered the second question that they are very limited to work with the cities as they work more with the counties to build out the infrastructure.

Patricia Rojas answered the first question and explained it will require

additional general funds and a broader planning need as they do not have that yet.

End of Presentation:

12:15

P'5 Budget Presentation

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Councilor President Lynn Peterson introduced Robyn Williams

Staff pulled up the P'5 Budget Presentation to present to Council.

Summary of Presentation:

The presentation goes over the budget overview, equity metrics, budget modifications, investments in target areas & then feedback from council. The budget includes rebuilding parts of the theaters, adding more security and building better community equity.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal asked Ruby White if there is anything in the budget that will stimulate coordination for diverse arts within the system.

Ruby White explained that it is something they will look more into but she also went on to explain that there is room for it & they do work with the community but it will just take more time to start.

Councilor Duncan Hwang asked where P5 see's themselves in the arts ecosystem within the under-representative communities.

Ruby White explained that she see's P5 as a "firestone" and explained she is trying to get more community guidance on how to better help the under-represented people to commute better to the city and experience the theaters.

Councilor Ashton Simpson asked how to get local shows to the underrepresented people.

Ruby White explained that is part of the community art program that will provide help with that. She went on to explain she needs more resources to gain more access to these spaces.

Deputy Council Christine Lewis asked for Robyn Williams to speak more about the P5 foundation budget.

Robyn Williams explained that the money that came from the naming rights of the building will be able to fund the education program for at least 1 to 2 years but they are struggling with fund raising.

Council Deputy Christen Lewis explained that she will have a follow up with Robyn Williams.

End of council Discussion:

1:15 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Will be deferred to Thursday council meeting.

1:20 Councilor Communication

Will be deferred to Thursday council meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Lewis adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 1:01pm

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Respectfully submitted,