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## Minutes

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10:30 AM

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,  
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**Council work session**

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### 10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Lewis called the Metro Council Work Session Meeting to order at 10:30am

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

Commissioners: Daniel Malan, David Penilton, Damien Hall

Excused: Councilor Ashton Simpson, Excused Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzales

### 10:40 Resolutions

10:40 Cultural Planning Project Update

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson introduced Jeff Hawthorne to present on the Our Creative Future Project Report Presentation

Staff pulled up the Our Creative Future Project Report to present to Council.

Summary of presentation:

Create a new cultural plan & to assess the state of arts & culture, Identify opportunities & address inequities, and Develop a clear vision with goals & strategies to achieve that vision.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Rosenthal asked if they received any feedback from the Ukrainian community in Portland.

Jeff Hawthorne explained they have not requested any feedback from the Ukrainian community but asked Councilor Rosenthal that if he had any suggestions in how to do so they will listen.

Councilor Nolan suggested that they be more committed to smaller arts organizations

Daniel Malan explained that there could be more Latino's represented in the steering committee

Jeff Hawthorne explained more about the Latino representation & explained there will be more representation.

Councilor Hwang asked about the long term planning and usage about this planning process and how it will lead to more funding and how it will be scaled.

David Penilton explained that there might be a possibility of increasing the arts tax in order to fulfill funding & explained there will be a need for another plan to discuss more.

Councilor Hwang explained he would like to work more with other funders to grow the amount of money to fund applicants.

Council President Peterson asked David Penilton to give more background on other regional arts organizations on how they are framed and funded.

David Penilton explained they have been asked to look more into it and explained that they work with a non profit arts organization in Kansas City and they are funded by private and local arts dollars.

Council President Peterson asked for more of an explanation of how other arts organizations have set up their funding.

Jeff Hawthorne explained they will include that in a future study.

Council Deputy Lewis asked if they had any N.E.A insights then asked if they have a recommendation.

Jeff Hawthorne explained they will include more data in a future presentation.

End of presentation

**11:25 Venues Visioning Project Update**

Attachments: [20230427\\_venues\\_visioning\\_staff\\_report](#)

Commissioner Damien Hall introduced Steve Faultstick, Susan Hartnett to present on the Venues Visioning Project Update presentation.

Summary of presentation: Assess and address long term financial viability of Metros current venue portfolio, identify regional venue benefits, needs/gaps, opportunities and address inequities, revisit metro's role in supporting the venues ecosystem and create a shared vision

Council Discussion:

Councilor Nolan asked who the most enthusiastic partners are

Susan Hartnett explained they did not make any specific government outreach besides Metro.

Councilor Nolan explained that Metro should be the one adding more support.

Councilor Rosenthal asked how they will incorporate the project into what Metro does by supporting the venues.

Susan Hartnett explained they focus regionally within the venues however they will focus on venues that provide other opportunities such as sports & business.

End of Presentation:

**12:10 The Keller Feasibility Project Update**

Attachments: [20230427 Keller Feasibility Staff Report](#)

Commissioner Damien Hall introduced Steve Faultstick, Nancy Strening to present on The Keller Feasibility Project Update presentation.

Summary of presentation: The presentation went over the timeline of what has been done with the funds for the Keller Auditorium & the next steps to take such as; Consideration of alternate sites (permanent or temporary), validation of assumptions and assessments of risks in proposed themes, additional structure analysis, determination of Metros role in renovation/re-building the Keller Auditorium, conformation of the recourses from the city of Portland and Metro.

Council discussion:

Commissioner David penilton asked what is missing from the Keller.

Nancy Stening explained they need more funding.

Council President Peterson asked what the decision-making structure looks like within the city of Portland & to come back with what Metro's role is in another meeting.

David Penilton explained they will come back with more answers in another meeting.

Councilor Nolan explained they need a conversation within the region about the assets they provide for the region.

Councilor Rosenthal asked how they can find and activate "Keller hero's"

Steve Faultstick explained he does not have the answers today

Commissioner Malan expressed there should be a greater effort to bring users into this space

End of presentation

**12:15 Adjourn**