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Minutes

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10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
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Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Lewis called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: 5 - Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Duncan Hwang, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 2 - Council President Lynn Peterson, and Councilor Mary Nolan

2. Public Communication

Deputy Council President Lewis opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on non-agenda items.

Sarah Iannarone, Executive Director of The Street Trust: mentioned the feedback they received from their engagement with the community.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Lewis moved on to the next agenda item.

3. Consent Agenda**3.1 Consideration of the April 20, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [042023c Minutes](#)

3.2 Consideration of the May 25, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [052523c Minutes](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Simpson, to adopt items on the consent agenda.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Rosenthal, Hwang, and Simpson

Excused: 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Nolan

4. Other Business

4.1 Metro Supportive Housing Services FY22 Regional Annual Report

Presenter(s): Patricia Rojas, Regional Housing Director
Liam Frost, Assistant Director
Nui Bezaire, Supportive Housing Services Manager
Susan Emmons, Supportive Housing Services Oversight
Committee Co-Chair
Dr. Mandrill Taylor, Supportive Housing Services Oversight
Committee Co-Chair

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis introduced Patricia Rojas, Metro Regional Housing Director and others to present the Metro Supportive Housing Services FY22 Regional Annual Report

Staff pulled up the *Metro Regional Supportive Housing Services Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Rojas noted a few core values of SHS and the regional funding and goals, Nui Bezaire discussed the SHS Oversight Committee's role, the annual review process and the FY 22 regional performance on goals and revenue collection and distribution. Dr. Mandrill Taylor discussed key highlights and challenges. Susan Emmons and Dr. Mandrill Taylor explained the recommendations from the Committee and how people's lives have been transformed.

Council Discussion

Councilor Hwang asked about the resources needed to do the recommendations. He also asked about the interplay between these recommendations and the ones from Tri-County Planning Body.

Rojas mentioned that their budget request for more staff is to help support those areas and the counties. She noted that they started work on strategies, for example improving reporting structures.

Rojas noted that the Tri-County Planning Body will be moving forward with many of the Oversight Committee's initiatives. She added that staff is working to have all bodies communicate with each other.

Councilor Hwang asked how to make the work plan development more urgent.

Rojas mentioned that staff is working to address these areas currently. Staff can come back to Council about the work plan timelines.

Councilor Lewis asked Emmons to share her comments from a previous meeting.

Emmons mentioned that there are providers waiting for reimbursement from counties. She also mentioned that they will ask counties how they will address this problem in their next meeting.

Councilor Rosenthal asked how they can inform people about the complexity of the process. He also asked how they are changing racial or minority group disparities in the larger systems.

Emmons noted that some people do not know that there has been a decrease in affordable housing units over time. She added that it is important for people to know no other

region has done this and they are inventing it as they go along.

Dr. Taylor commented that individuals have specific needs that are not being met. Dr. Taylor noted that there is a difference between program reforms and structural reform needed to make the programs successful. Dr. Taylor raised concerns about people not understanding that this is an emergency.

Rojas explained that system alignment is needed to make progress. She mentioned that staff is trying coordinate with others about the Medicaid waiver to combine their resources together.

Councilor Gonzalez suggested thinking about transformational housing policies and an opportunity for rapid response. He commented on the need to make sure providers are paid and the possibility of using SHS funds to help cities to do this work.

Councilor Simpson asked who is getting eviction prevention services and where. He raised concerns about people relying of these funds that may not be available in the future.

Emmons mentioned organizations that do eviction prevention look at the situation of the household. She noted that there is information about those being served that can be given to Council.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff and the Oversight Committee for their work.

5. Resolutions

5.1 **Resolution No. 23-5342**, For the Purpose of Approving Initial Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher (he/him), Metro
Crista Gardner (she/her), Metro
Gabe Sheoships, Friends of Tryon

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5342](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Jon Blasher (he/him), Metro, Crista Gardner (she/her), Metro, and Gabe Sheoships, Friends of Tryon Creek to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the *Nature in Neighborhood Capital Grants Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Blasher gave an overview of the Parks and Nature Bond. Gardner explained the Nature in Neighborhood Capital Grants program. Sheoships explained the Tryon Creek project. Gardner discussed the review committee recommendation and each of the projects.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis thanked staff and Sheoships for the presentation.

Councilor Gonzalez thanked staff for their work.

Councilor Hwang asked how contracting, and workforce was considered. He also asked if they could support more workforce equity through the investments.

Blasher mentioned the goal of at least 20 percent of contracts to COBID firms. Staff has worked to inform their

local partners about Metro's C2P2 program.

Councilor Rosenthal asked if all the projects have plans for accessibility.

Blasher mentioned that they expect some projects to be more accessible, while some others are focused on doing acquisition for the future.

Gardner added that projects must be publicly owned and have some component of public accessibility. She noted that the kind of accessibility is project specific.

Blasher mentioned that staff is working on how people get to sites and how people with disabilities move around the site.

Gardner added that the Hoyt Arboretum project is to make an accessible trail.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff for their work.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosenthal, seconded by Councilor Simpson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Rosenthal, Hwang, and Simpson

Excused: 2 - Council President Peterson, and Councilor Nolan

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Deputy Council President Lewis moved on to the next agenda item.

5.2 **Resolution No. 23-5343**, For the Purpose of releasing the draft 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and project list for public review and policy discussion

Presenter(s): Kim Ellis (she/her), Metro

Tom Kloster (he/him), Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-5343](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Exhibit C](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Deputy Council President Lewis called on Kim Ellis (she/her), Metro and Tom Kloster (he/him), Metro to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the *2023 Regional Transportation Plan Update Powerpoint* to present to Council.

Ellis explained what the Resolution does, the 2021-23 engagement efforts, and the feedback they received from community. She discussed new and updated policies, a map of the draft list of projects, and the mixed progress toward RTP outcomes. Ellis mentioned opportunities to advance RTP goals by 2030, the 45-day comment period and next steps.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Gonzalez thanked staff for their work and suggested staff have an implementation plan for their goals with the RTP.

Councilor Lewis thanked staff and added that this needs to be finished by December 6th. She commented on the need to balance their relationship with the community with their relationship with the government.

A motion was made by Councilor Simpson, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Hwang, and Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Nolan, and Councilor Rosenthal

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Andrew Scott, Deputy Chief Operating Officer provided an update on the following events or items:

- Expo Future Sports Feasibility RFP submittal deadline
- New members of the Expo Future Committees
- Historical Significance Memorialization Community Engagement RFP

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- **Councilor Hwang** mentioned Community Cycling Center's trivia night and the MPAC meeting
- **Councilor Simpson** mentioned a roundtable with the Port of Portland on economic development in East County

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Lewis adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jemeshia Taylor, Legislative Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2023

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
1.0	Powerpoint	06/29/2023	Metro Regional Supportive Housing Services Presentation	062923c-01
2.0	Powerpoint	06/29/2023	Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Presentation	062923c -02
3.0	Powerpoint	06/29/2023	2023 Regional Transportation Plan Update Presentation	062923c -03
4.0	Testimony	06/29/2023	Friends of Cooper Mountain Nature Park Testimony	062923c -04
5.0	Testimony	06/29/2023	Martin Slapikas Testimony	062923c -05