

MPAC/MPAC JOINT MEETING

Wednesday, May 12, 1993

Meeting Summary

Members in attendance: Jim Gardner, Chair; Gussie McRobert, Chair; Jerry Arnold, Richard Devlin, Judith Fessler, Gary Hansen, Darlene Hooley, Richard Kidd, Bob Liddell, Peggy Lynch, Susan McLain, Rob Mitchell, Linda Peters, Chuck Petersen, Arnold Polk, John Reeves, Alice Schlenker, Sandra Suran, Bruce Thompson, Loren Wyss and Jim Zehren.

Others in attendance included: Bob Belcher, Gail Cervany, Greg Chew, Maggie Collins, Andy Cotugno, George Crandall, Barbara Duncan, Christine Ervin, John Fregonese, Ken Gervais, Susan Lee, Mike McKeever, Alf Siddall, Ben Small, Stuart Todd, Mark Turpel, and Mary Weber.

REGIONAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Called to order by Chairperson Gardner at 5:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of April 14th meeting unainmously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Called to order by Chair McRobert at 5:12 p.m.

Introductions and Recognition

Gail Cervany, a Committee for Citizen Involvement representative was introduced, she invited contact between the CCI and MPAC.

Andy Cotugno introduced the Metro staff present.

Chair McRobert reported that she had attended a Washington County Cities meeting where there was a lot of interest in MPAC and its activities.

Approval of Minutes of April 14, 1993 meeting.

Arnold Polk moved for adoption, seconded by Commissioner Hooley, unanimously adopted.

Descriptive Indicators Questionnaire

John Fregonese stated that the results of the questionnaire will be available at the MPAC workshop meeting, May 26th.

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Mary Weber gave a presentation on descriptive indicators and described the results of recent surveys, the Region 2040 surveys and the Oregon Business Council's values survey, that indicate items of importance and concern to citizens.

Responses to the Region 2040 telephone surveys were categorized as follows:

Transportation - efficient, multi-modal, emphasis on transit

Environmental Quality - preserve greenspaces, protect farm and forest land, air and water quality

Livability Issues - community identity, density and design, public safety, convenient access

Other - infrastructure cost, carrying capacity, availability of jobs

The responses to the Oregon Business Council's Values Survey raised similar concerns; more investment in transportation, keeping growth inside cities and concerns about how growth will effect livability.

Councilor Fessler asked about the size and scope of the surveys.

Mary Weber responded that the 2040 telephone survey reached 450 people, the Oregon Business Council was a personal interview, with a Portland sub-sample of 360 people.

Mayor Schlenker asked if the survey was conducted just within the Urban Growth Boundary?

Mary Weber responded that no, it was a survey of all three counties, in and out of the UGB.

John Fregonese stated that detailed data on the Region 2040 phone survey is available from the department as well as the Oregon Business Council's survey results.

Chair McRobert asked that due to the interest of the members in the results of these surveys, we arrange a presentation from the Oregon Business Council for the next meeting.

John Fregonese stated that the purpose of the presentation tonight was to get people thinking about what factors are important to the citizens, and to try to meet a wide range of public opinion. He stated that the questionnaires could be turned in tonight or by May 19th.

Livable Communities Presentation

Christine Ervin from the Department of Energy gave a slideshow presentation on the Progress Board. She stated that Progress Board was created by the governor to track the state's performance in several key areas: 1) people, 2) livable communities/quality of life, and 3) the economy.

Christine Ervin stated that recent surveys show people are very concerned about growth. The top five responses to the question "My biggest fear for Oregon is.." were 1)

overpopulation, 2) becoming like California 3) environmental destruction 4) loss of forest and 5) uncontrolled growth. Modes of transportation for work-home commute were discussed, and how those have changed over time. Housing types and costs, sources of air pollution and demographic changes were also discussed.

Councilor Devlin asked about the Benchmarks in relation to open spaces.

Christine Ervin stated that the Progress Board had looked at carefully at parks. She stated that the board identified two urgent goals for the Portland area: mobility and air quality.

Jerry Arnold asked about accountability.

Chair McRobert stated that the governor assigns the benchmarks to specific agencies and departments.

Mayor Liddell asked why is it never stated that some of the Benchmarks are not achievable under certain population levels.

Christine Ervin that one of the next things to focus on would be the true costs of development.

Jim Zehren asked about the problem of distinguishing between state, regional and local governments responsibilities.

Christine Ervin stated that there was interest in bringing the Benchmarks down to a local level. The Progress Board is now looking at that.

Chair McRobert stated that Gresham, Portland, Baker City and Deschutes County and others already have local progress boards.

Mayor Schlenker stated the infrastructure costs to meet the needs of today and tomorrow, for repair and improvements are great and involve hard tax dollars.

Christine Ervin stated that a separate group had looked at infrastructure. She stated that the line between government responsibilities will be discovered in dialogue.

Regional Alternatives Planning Process (RAPP)

George Crandall introduced Bob Belcher, President of the Architectural Foundation of Oregon (AFO), Mike McKeever of McKeever/Morris consultants and Maggie Collins, with the APA.

Bob Belcher stated that AFO is a ten year old, non-profit organization whos goal is to educate the public to seek appropriate design and development. They sponsor educational programs in schools, lecture series, etc.

George Crandall stated that RAPP's mission was to design a process for creating an effective regional plan. The participants came from 1000 Friends, Metro, APA, AFO and the Homebuilders Association. The group has completed an inventory of local regional plans.

George Crandall stated that there are three key features to developing a plan 1) public involvement, 2) assembly of information and 3) management of the process. He explained the steps in the process. George Crandall stated that he believed Metro needs to adopt RAPP as part of the Charter.

Councilor Gardner asked if there was a time line on the process?

George Crandall responded two years.

John Fregonese stated that incorporating issues such as public safety and educational needs in long term planning goes beyond traditional planning procedures.

Mike McKeever stated that Portland's Albina Plan is a good example, because they brought public safety and education representatives in on the process from the beginning.

George Crandall stated that these elements are also touched on in the "What If" phase of the RAPP.

Councilor McLain stated that she sees the RAPP as a good resource for Future Vision, but not as something that would be adopted in full by the Council.

George Crandall stated that Metro needs a process so that everyone can work together on, if not, we will go nowhere. AFO is offering RAPP as model that has a lot of time, effort and expertise behind it.

Mayor Schlenker stated that adding the economic elements, that RAPP suggests, to long term planning makes a more complete process than what is currently happening. Adding to this the infrastructure needs...this is to be a two year process?

George Crandall stated that yes, it can be done in two years if properly staffed. He stated that with a staff of four or five it is not possible, a consultant would likely have twenty people assigned to this project, including loaned staff.

Mayor Schlenker stated that education is often considered a quality of life issue, and will need to be addressed as such, along with safety.

Loren Wyss stated that long term plans need incentives for partners to participate; a demand by voters at the ballot box, a financial incentive for partners from the legislature and inspire private institutions who have a lot at stake to participate.

George Crandall agreed and stated that one of phases of plan development, identifying the problem, would be very understandable to business.

Chair McRobert asked members if they wanted to continue the meeting longer than 6:30. Members agreed. She asked if George Crandall and Christine Ervin should be asked back to the next meeting, as well as the Oregon Business Council survey presentation.

Mayor Liddell stated that yes, a panel would be a good idea.

Councilor Devlin asked that the slides from the RAPP presentation be reproduced as handouts.

Chair McRobert stated she would be interested in what changes have been made by Metro to coordinate with the RAPP process.

Jim Zehren asked what was the estimated cost for a regional plan.

George Crandall stated it would be in the millions for a plan for the whole region.

Jim Zehren stated that staff was constrained in a discussion of funding. He stated that a no nonsense discussion of finances was needed, including where funding will come from.

Procedures and By-Laws

Mayor Liddell stated that he, Judith Fessler, John Fregonese and Arnold Polk met to discuss rules and procedures, materials are in the packet.

John Fregonese stated that for a subcommittee to be formed, the By-Laws require an amendment, with 30 days written notice to all interested parties.

Bruce Thompson asked about the added sentence amending Article IV, regarding subcommittees not being chaired by the Chair of MPAC or an MPAC member.

Chair McRobert stated that she had requested that because a citizen committee should be chaired by a citizen. She stated that the MPAC members should be liaison positions on a subcommittee and should be nonvoting.

Mayor Schlenker asked for clarification on the wording "subcommittee" or "citizen subcommittee".

Chair McRobert responded that the amendment was referring to an outside citizen group, not an MPAC subcommittee.

John Fregonese stated that the amendment could go back to General Counsel for

clarification.

Commissioner Peters stated that the problem is with the word "subcommittee", should be called a "citizen committee".

Chair McRobert asked if members felt the MPAC members on the citizen committee should be non-voting.

Arnold Polk agreed, an outside group is for outside opinion. He asked about the change: "~~The Chair~~ MPAC shall appoint (the committees)...".

Chair McRobert asked if appointments should be made by the Chair and then ratified by MPAC?

Mayor Schlenker stated yes, appointments should be ratified by MPAC.

Members agreed.

John Fregonese stated that RTAC was in the RPAC By-Laws but are not in the MPAC By-Laws. By-Law amendments will be drafted and notice sent out with 30 days notice so that it may be acted on next meeting.

Mayor Liddell moved for adoption of rules and procedures.

Seconded by Mayor Schlenker.

Councilor Gardner asked about item II (A) of the rules and procedures regarding who may place items on the agenda.

Mayor Liddell stated that the intent was for items to be placed on the agenda by the Councilors.

Councilor Gardner suggested changing the wording from "~~the Metro Council~~" to "the Council liaison delegates".

The rules and procedures were unanimously passed.

Commissioner Peters asked about changing the language to specify that MPAC members be non-voting on citizen committees.

Arnold Polk moved that for citizen committees:

A) there will be one or more MPAC liaison positions, who are not the chair of the committee and are non-voting.

- B) The MPAC Chair will appoint those citizen committees with the consent of MPAC.
- C) The MPAC Chair shall not chair a citizen committee.

The motion was seconded by Bruce Thompson, and passed unanimously.

Clark County Participation on MPAC

Andy Cotugno stated that the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) had sent letters to MPAC, copies of which were distributed. The RTC requests two membership seats on MPAC, one to represent Vancouver and one to represent the rural interests of Clark County.

Chair McRobert stated that the request was for two voting positions, and discussion was needed.

Arnold Polk asked if the Charter allowed MPAC to go into another state.

Councilor Gardner stated that voting positions would be no problem in the advisory items of MPAC, however, in MPACs main function, making decisions, there would be legal questions.

Councilor McLain stated that the Governor of Washington is appointing a member to the Future Vision Committee, and perhaps MPAC go ahead on membership but carry over the discussion on voting or non-voting.

Mayor Schlenker stated that it is very important to have Vancouver and Clark County's input at the table, but non-voting. The Charter was passed by our voters.

Rob Mitchell stated that he agreed with Mayor Schlenker, we need to consider that Clark County is not part of Metro.

Judith Fessler agreed with the importance of their input, but should be non-voting. She asked if Clark County should have two positions when Tri-Met has one.

Councilor Devlin stated we need a close working relationship with Clark County as they will likely represent 30-35% of the population of the region in the future. He stated, however, that one of MPACs main products, the Future Vision Plan, will be a regulatory document, but will regulate only those jurisdictions in Metro's boundaries.

Bruce Thompson agreed, we need their advice but the positions should be non-voting.

Chuck Petersen stated that the response should be clearly worded that we value their participation, but are unable to have them as voting members.

Chair McRobert asked about one versus two liaison positions.

Members stated two positions are fine.

Andy Cotugno stated that it is premature to act tonight, but Chair McRobert should meet with RTC to discuss the request.

Jim Zehren stated that the membership cannot be changed without a Council vote anyway.

John Fregonese stated that it cannot be acted on tonight because it needs 30 days notice. The action tonight would be the manner of communication to respond to Clark County.

Chair McRobert agreed to meet with RTC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Duncan.

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