

Metro Policy Advisory Committee

July 14, 1993 - Meeting Summary

Members present: Gussie McRobert, Chair; Richard Devlin, Bud Farm, Judith Fessler, Jim Gardner, Charlie Hales, Judie Hammerstad, Bonnie Hays, Gretchen Kafoury, Susan McLain, Rob Mitchell, Terry Moore, Bruce Thompson, Chuck Petersen, Arnold Polk, John Reeves, Jean Schreiber and Jim Zehren.

Others in attendance included: Gail Cerveney, Greg Chew, Andy Cotugno, Lisa Creel, Barbara Duncan, John Fregonese, Dean Lookingbill, Sherry Oeser, Stuart Todd, Mark Turpel, Merrie Waylett and Mary Weber.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair McRobert and a quorum was declared.

I. Introductions

II. Visitors Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Gail Cerveney from Metro's Committee for Citizen Involvement was introduced and invited interaction between MPAC and the CCI.

III. Approval of Minutes of June 23, 1993

Motion: Councilor Fessler moved for approval of the minutes, Arnold Polk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Proposed By-Law Changes

Jim Zehren stated that changes that were discussed at the June 9th MPAC meeting were still not included. On page 4 of the By-Laws, Article IV, Section c, the third line should read:

~~"The full membership of MPAC at a regularly scheduled meeting shall approve..."~~

Also in Article IV, Section c, an addition to line 7:

"..upon the agreement of a majority of the advisory committee membership."

Language also needs to be added that the Metro Council Liaison positions are to be non-voting.

Motion: Commissioner Hays moved for approval of the By-Law amendments. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

V. Wilsonville Transfer Station

Chair McRobert stated another committee has looked at this in great detail, and the MPAC agenda committee had hesitated to bring this item before MPAC.

Merrie Waylett stated that Rena Cusma had discussed the issue with most of the mayors and local officials in the region and felt she should not take the committee's time as many members may have already heard the discussion.

Chair McRobert stated that it was late for that decision, and there may not have been a need for this meeting if this item will not be discussed.

Commissioner Hays stated that if there will be a presentation on this matter at a later date, the Washington County Solid Waste Committee would like an opportunity to speak.

Chair McRobert asked if the matter would be voted on before then?

Commissioner Hays stated a proposal will be presented to the Metro Solid Waste Committee on the 20th. They may take action at that time or not.

Chair McRobert stated that there are growth management issues about the transfer station that MPAC should address, but presentations should be limited to that aspect, ten minutes each for Metro and the County, to be heard at the August 11th meeting.

Councilor Devlin agreed. It is on the Solid Waste Committee's agenda for next week. After the amount of time spent, a reversal of direction at this point is unlikely.

Commissioner Hammerstad stated that the recommendation is leaning towards no growth at the Wilsonville site. She requested there be an effort by the Metro Council to secure that site for future growth management.

Chair McRobert asked if members felt they could wait a month to hear the issue?

Commissioner Hays stated yes, and stated the Metro Executive and the Solid Waste Committee could frame comments specifically on growth management and send them out with the agenda.

Councilor McLain agreed with focusing on growth management impacts of the site but cautioned limiting too much to see the connections to technical aspects.

Councilor Devlin asked if MPAC would communicate to the Solid Waste Committee its desire to comment on this issue?

Councilor Fessler stated that Tigard City Council has drafted a letter stating the need to keep on track on this issue.

VI. Regional Design Images

John Fregonese stated that greater detail about local impacts of land use decisions is needed in order to decide on Concept A, B, C or X (the base case). The Design Images project is a "zoom lens" to see what an area near you would look like under different plans and densities. The images will show realistic detail regarding transportation, parking, sewer, water and office space needs.

John Fregonese stated that the Regional Design Images project will cost approximately \$25,000 per design. We are looking for redevelopment opportunity sites, and want to spread the sites around the region. He stated that the North/South Corridor is an area where we want to integrate Region 2040 and transit corridor planning. We should look at sites along the corridor, perhaps in Milwaukie, North Portland and Vancouver. John Fregonese stated that if we have four sites for each the Westside Light Rail corridor and the North South transit corridor, and four other sites around the region, we will have 12 sites which will give us a very good picture of what the regional growth concepts could mean. Local governments should submit Site (Area) Nomination forms. Sites will be picked in mid-August for this four month project.

Councilor Fessler asked if the nominating jurisdiction would need to decide which concept would be used for the site? Also how much staff time would be needed?

John Fregonese responded that the three concepts and the base case will be applied to each site. For staff time, probably 20 hours a month for 6 months.

Jim Zehren agreed with the need to "show" people how alternative methods of development will look. He

asked about the Regional Design Images Request for Proposal (RFP) on page 2, the third paragraph re: "quality of life" is primarily about parks. Will the images show residential areas or commercial hubs?

John Fregonese stated that each site is different, but will show a multi-use, multi-modal development 50 years from now.

Jim Zehren stated that in addition to the very important open space, we should add public plazas and squares. He asked what has happened to the lists we were making on criteria?

John Fregonese stated that the input on criteria was incorporated into the RFP. From the descriptive indicator surveys we developed a listing of priorities.

Chair McRobert asked if members could receive the results of those surveys.

John Fregonese stated yes, that will be sent back.

Chair McRobert asked if the Future Vision Commission (FVC) had seen our list, did they agree with it?

Councilor McLain stated that the FVC had met for the first time and in a brain storm session developed a list very similar to MPAC's priority list.

Commissioner Hays asked if there will be an opportunity to look at the impacts to the area outside the project site, such as citing of schools, hospitals and other services.

John Fregonese stated that those impacts will be measured on the regional level, but agreed that is something we should add.

Andy Cotugno stated that we must be careful not to do local planning for the whole region, such as siting schools and hospitals.

Commissioner Hays stated that for each scenario it should be clear if there are other consequences not shown in the design image.

Andy Cotugno agreed.

John Fregonese stated that there would be a formal mailing of the Area Nomination form to the mayors and planning directors in the region.

VII. Annual Agenda

A draft of agenda items for MPAC meetings through April 1994 was distributed.

Andy Cotugno stated that JPACT (Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation) expressed interest in being involved with the Region 2040 process, and had suggested joint work sessions with MPAC for key points in the process.

Chair McRobert stated we should ask JPACT which meetings they would like to attend.

Commissioner Hammerstad asked if we would have reports from the South/North Corridor Committee,

Greenspaces and other committees.

VIII. Other

Future Vision Commission

Councilor Devlin stated that the Future Vision Commission is now up and running. They decided to appoint alternates. He suggested that MPAC should appoint an alternate for its two members, and that the appointment could address the geographical area that is under represented on the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Hammerstad moved to nominate Commissioner Kim Katsion of Washington County to the Future Vision Commission. The motion was seconded by Commission Hays and passed unanimously.

Proceedures Correction

Councilor Gardner gave an update on the Planning program budget. After a compromise, 1 FTE was added for land use and transit corridor planning and RUGGO work. He thanked the members for their efforts.

Commissioner Kafoury stated we also need to thank Jim Zehren for his persistence.

Councilor Gardner stated that another item which had been discussed but was left out of the By-Laws was that Council Liaison members be able to place items on the agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Kafoury moved to include the above in the By-Laws. Councilor Schreiber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Parks Merger Update

Commissioner Hammerstad asked about the status of the Multnomah County Parks merger.

Merrie Waylett responded that there wasn't anything ready yet for MPAC to look at.

Commissioner Hammerstad asked that financial information also be given to MPAC.

Councilor Devlin stated that financial information has been prepared and can be included.

Chair McRobert adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Duncan.

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