

## Metro Policy Advisory Committee

### September 22, 1993 - Meeting Summary

Members present: Gussie McRobert, Chair; Richard Benner, Richard Devlin, Bud Farm, Judith Fessler, Charlie Hales, Judie Hammerstad, Gary Hansen, Bonnie Hays, Darlene Hooley, Gretchen Kafoury, Susan McLain, Rob Mitchell, Terry Moore, Chuck Petersen, Arnold Polk, Alice Schlenker, Jean Schreiber, Sandra Suran and Jim Zehren.

Others in attendance included: Andy Cotugno, Barbara Duncan, John Fregonese, Rosemary Furfey, Richard Garfinkle, Gail Ryder, Mark Turpel, Sherry Oeser, Norm Scott, Alf Siddall, Sumner Sharp, Doug Terrill, Terry Vanderkooy, Merrie Waylett, Katherina Woodward and Clark Worth.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04p.m. by Chair McRobert and a quorum was declared.

#### I. Roll Call and Introductions

#### II. Visitors Comments - None

#### III. Approval of Minutes of September 8, 1993

Motion: Mayor Schlenker moved for approval of the minutes, the motion was seconded by Councilor Fessler and unanimously approved.

#### IV. Descriptive Indicators

John Fregonese stated that descriptive indicators are to help us prioritize which issues are more important and which are less important. The staff has recommended dividing the list into a hierarchy. The "A" list would include:

- employment
- housing
- transportation
- security
- water quality and quantity
- air quality.

John stated that the "B" list, items which can effect other issues but may be less important than those basic issues on the A list:

- land use
- open space
- schools
- sense of place/community
- seismic safety

The "C" list includes issues which may be harder to measure and of less importance in this context:

- human services
- rural resource land
- energy costs
- solid waste

Jim Zehren stated his concerns were that MPAC have a discussion like tonight's and that members are clear on how the indicators were arrived at as they may have to be defended later. Jim stated that MPAC's decisions should be in the context of the physical environment and land use, while other issues regarding future planning are important but beyond 2040's scope. Definitions should be clear, ie: does "schools" refer to land set aside for schools or education quality.

Chair McRobert suggested that the board think about MPAC's meeting schedule, as discussed last time. With two meetings a month, it is difficult to get all the information to members ahead of time. MPAC's rules of procedure require that decisions not be made on information distributed at the meeting.

John Fregonese stated that there is no decision needed tonight, the issue could be carried over. The staff is requesting prioritized A B C lists from the members.

Commissioner Hales stated that exception lands may need to be a separate issue from the rural resource lands category.

John Fregonese stated that exception lands was intended but not specified and it should be.

Richard Benner stated that the Oregon Progress Board had developed a method for measuring sense of place by looking at the number of households within a given distance of certain uses. If people can walk to community facilities or gathering places, that may enhance their quality of life.

Mayor Schlenker requested copies of the Progress Board's criteria.

There was discussion on schools and what projections are used, do they take into account possible future changes (such expansion of year round schooling)? Schools may not have a big impact in the context of the growth concepts. Members agreed that schools should not be moved to the "A" list.

## **VI. Regional Design Images**

John Fregonese distributed "Summary Site Recommendations and Comments" (graph, 9/20/93) and stated the site nominations had attracted a lot of attention in the region. The summary listed site recommendations from MTAC, CMAQ and the 2040 Management Committee. At the next Metro Planning Committee meeting, staff will ask for their recommendations. John stated that the timeline has been very tight on this project in order to start work on the sites so that information will be available by the end of January 2040 date. Staff and Calthorpe Associates have agreed to split the project into two phases for manageability. Phase one will be from now to January. Phase two from January to July will involve seven sites, mostly along the South/North corridor alignments and Westside sites. (For funding details and complete site list, see 9/22 agenda packet item 6.2)

Members agreed to approve the Clackamas Town Center, Central Gresham, Downtown Beaverton and Orenco/Hawthorne Park sites. Recommendations were requested from MPAC on four other sites: a main street site, a satellite city site, a UGB expansion site and a strip mall site.

### UGB Expansion Site

Motion: Commissioner Hammerstad moved that the area South of Cornelius be nominated as the UGB expansion site. Rob Mitchell seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hales asked why south of Cornelius as opposed to Stafford Basin?

Commissioner Hammerstad stated that Stafford Basin has been in the task force for the past two years and does not want it, Cornelius does. Stafford would be controversial, the project needs to be a success.

Chair McRobert stated that a lot of interest was expressed by Cornelius at a Washington County Cities meeting.

Commissioner Hales stated that he would not argue the validity of a project in Cornelius, but stated concern that as opportunities pass by, more five acre house sites are sold in these areas making them more difficult

to change.

Arnold Polk asked if the decision should be based on what will work or what should be?

John Fregonese stated the most illustrative site is preferred, so people can see what Concept A, B or C will look like. It helps to have enthusiastic people in the area.

Mayor Schlenker stated that the Stafford Basin task force has been meeting regularly and has come up with recommendations that have been approved by city councils. The task force is moving along with their own plans for the areas. Mayor Schlenker strongly suggested the Cornelius area.

Commissioner Hays stated that water quality/quantity is a major problem in the Cornelius area.

Commissioner Hammerstad stated that her motion had been made on the assumption that these were feasible sites. The motion for Cornelius was withdrawn.

Motion: Commissioner Hammerstad moved that an area in Washington County (to be determined later) be nominated for the UGB expansion site. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### Satellite City Site

Motion: Commissioner Hammerstad moved for Sandy to be nominated as the satellite city site. The motion was seconded by Rob Mitchell.

Councilor Moore asked what about North Plains?

John Fregonese stated that there was a good deal of interest from Sandy, but to date not much contact had occurred with North Plains.

Vote: the motion for Sandy as the satellite site passed unanimously.

#### Strip Mall Redevelopment Site

Motion: Commissioner Hales nominated Hillsdale for the strip mall site. The site was brought forward by a citizen group and has abundant access by transit. Jim Zehren seconded the motion.

Councilor Moore stated that Downtown Tigard and Hillsdale are not in the same category and asked that Tigard be taken off the strip mall list.

Jim Zehren stated he supported the Hillsdale nomination as an example of an older 50's style area, with support from the community. The results could be duplicated in similar areas around the region.

Councilor Devlin stated that Councilors from the Tigard area had expressed interest in having the area along Highway 99 as a strip mall redevelopment site.

Vote: The motion to nominate Hillsdale as the strip mall redevelopment site passed unanimously.

#### Main Street Site

Mayor Schlenker stated that Lake Oswego was not nominated but would be interested in the future in being a project site.

Councilor Fessler stated that Downtown Tigard merchants are motivated about this project.

Chair McRobert stated that since Troutdale is not represented tonight, she would speak for them. Chair McRobert stated that her understanding from a Councilor and the chamber of commerce is that the site they

have proposed is dependant on a new freeway interchange being built. That does not fit with what we are trying to do here.

Vote: The recommendation for Tigard as the main street site was unanimously endorsed.

John Fregonese stated that a press conference will be scheduled during the Metro Regional Growth Conference on October 4th to announce the Executive Officer's selections.

#### **VII. Wastewater Management Planning**

Chair McRobert stated that this item is informational only and asked for comments from members. Members stated that a lot of excellent work had gone into the plan.

#### **VIII. Growth Conference Update**

John Fregonese stated that registrations are ahead of last year. Henry Cisneros, secretary of HUD is not able to attend.

#### **IX. Report Format**

Chair McRobert stated that the parks issue had illustrated that there was not a report format that allowed MPAC to evaluate matters. Chair McRobert and Commissioner Hammerstad had developed a sample format and distributed a revised copy of the report format for comment.

Commissioner Hansen asked if this was to be used as an evaluation form for MPAC or for Metro...?

Chair McRobert stated that MPAC can only decide for itself. By not addressing the criteria of "metropolitan concern", the Council is in violation of the Charter.

Councilor Fessler stated concern about definitions of "metropolitan concern". Definition and criteria on the pioneer cemeteries is needed. This should be looked at in the context of fitting Multnomah County into Metro rather than vice versa.

Chair McRobert stated that we are discussing the format tonight, not the content.

Commissioner Hammerstad stated that they are asking if members feel this is a useful way for staff to bring information or recommendations to MPAC.

Discussion followed, it was suggested that the attorneys who worked on the Charter Committee look at this report format. Minutes from the Charter Committee addressing their intent on parks were requested.

Councilor Devlin stated that the format was helpful. The item will be on the Council agenda on October 14th. Councilor Devlin asked what is anticipated at this point? The Council referred the issue to MPAC for comment and intends to act on it at the first October meeting.

Chair McRobert stated that their contention is that they may be in violation of the Charter. There are some areas where MPAC has no authority, and recognizes that. In some areas, there is disagreement. Chair McRobert stated that she urged the Council to consider carefully how they proceed.

Commissioner Hammerstad stated that last meetings minutes reflect that when the questions in Clackamas County's memo were answered, the matter would be referred back to MPAC. The packet distributed last time does not contain the answers. Metropolitan concern and the economic impact are the primary concerns. MPAC can respond when they have that information.

Chair McRobert stated that the issue will be on MPAC's October 13th agenda and it is hoped the financial information will be provided in a timely manner.

Discussion followed on definitions for fiscal responsibility.

Mayor Schlenker stated that "Points of Consideration", item 2, should read "revenue consequences based upon financial analysis by Metro".

Motion: Commissioner Hooley moved that MPAC adopt the report format with Mayor Schlenker's suggested addition. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fessler.

Jim Zehren asked if revenue consequences meant full financial impact on Metro?

It was agreed the motion would be changed: "revenue consequences based upon full financial impact analysis by Metro". Vote: ayes, nay-Commissioner Hansen, the motion passed.

#### **X. Other Business**

A memo dated September 14th to MPAC from Chair McRobert, Vice-Chairs Hammerstad and Mitchell, and Commissioner Hooley re: "Approval of Request for Audit....." was distributed.

Chair McRobert stated that due to dissatisfaction with answers on financial questions, there have been suggestions that MPAC request Metro have an independent financial audit. Chair McRobert stated that the rules of procedure, item 2-G, reads "MPAC may choose to add additional items to the agenda at the meeting upon a majority vote of the membership", seven votes are needed to get this on the agenda and vote on it.

Motion: Rob Mitchell moved that the request for an audit be placed on the agenda. Commissioner Hammerstad seconded the motion.

Discussion followed on whether "majority of the membership" meant membership present or full membership. Agreement was reached that the full membership was intended.

Chair McRobert stated that full (voting) membership is 19 members and 10 is a quorum, 12 are now present.

Commissioner Hansen asked if the vote to approve something placed on the agenda at the meeting requires the majority of those present or a majority of the membership.

Arnold Polk stated that the By-Laws require a majority of those present for approval once an item is on the agenda.

Commissioner Hansen stated that many members had left, are we taking their voice away from them.

Chair McRobert stated that the requirements of the rules and procedures have been met.

Arnold Polk stated the reason for the difference in number of votes necessary to place an item on the agenda at the last minute and the number of votes to carry a motion that is on the agenda is to give all members knowledge of what will be discussed. Arnold Polk stated it would be appropriate to have this issue as a regular agenda item. A third of the members could adopt something that was unannounced to the public and to all MPAC members. As a citizen, that doesn't sound right, it would be inappropriate to go forward. Arnold Polk stated that we lose the input of at least nine of the members and lose a lot in the eyes of the citizens.

Vote: To place the item on the agenda for discussion. Ten members voted aye. Commissioner Hansen, Arnold Polk voted nay. The motion passed.

Chair McRobert stated that the concern is that there are unclear numbers. For example, Multnomah County's budget lists 30 FTE (Full Time Employee), Metro's budget lists 50 FTEs for two regional parks and the pioneer cemeteries, why the discrepancy?

Jim Zehren asked if "audit" was the appropriate language?

Chair McRobert responded yes.

Discussion followed on the "scope of work" listed in the memo.

Councilor Devlin stated he could easily clarify the question on the number of FTEs. There are approximately 35 FTEs assigned to parks, 15-16 of those are FTE equivalencies (part time), and eight FTE for Greenspaces, Expo and Parks Planning.

Discussion followed on the suggested audit. It was agreed that a "special purpose" audit is more appropriate, and that audits and analysis already performed be made use of to limit expenses.

Sandra Suran agreed to chair a sub-committee with Commissioner Hammerstad and Arnold Polk to look at the audit issue.

Commissioner Hansen offered assistance in obtaining any information needed and stated it may be a problem of format not that the information does not exist.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Duncan.