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METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vince Jones-Dixon

Keith Kudrna

Terri Preeg Riggsby

Omar Qutub

Denyse McGriff

Brett Sherman

Ed Gronke

Pam Treece

Tim Rosener

Miles Palacios

Luis Nava

JT Flowers

Kristin Greene

Dan Eisenbeis

Mary Nolan

Gerritt Rosenthal

Sherry French

Allison Tivnon

Beach Pace

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County

City of Fairview

Special Districts

Citizen of Multnomah County

Second Largest City in Clackamas County

Other Cities in Clackamas County

Citizen of Clackamas County

Washington County

Other Cities in Washington County

Special Districts Washington County

Citizen of Washington County

TriMet

Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development

Port of Portland

Metro Council

Metro Council

Clackamas County Special Districts

Second Largest City in Washington County

Largest City in Washington County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Joe Buck

Allison Tivnon

Glen Yung

Ty Stober

Brian Hodson

James Fage

Duncan Hwang

AFFILIATION

Largest City in Clackamas County

Second Largest City in Washington County

Clark County

City of Vancouver

City in Clackamas County Outside the UGB

City in Washington County Outside the UGB

Metro Council

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jef Dalin

Laura Kelly

AFFILIATION

Other Cities in Washington County

Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development

1. CALL TO ORDER

MPAC Chair Pam Treece called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Metro staff Georgia Langer (she/they) called the role.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

MPAC Chair Pam Treece read aloud the instructions for providing public testimony.

With no further discussion, Chair Pam Treece moved onto the next agenda item.

3. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

Councilor Mary Nolan provided an update on key Metro initiatives, including draft legislation to secure stable funding for homelessness services through expanded SHS taxes, a phased plan for sports and tourism development at the Expo Center, and the \$10 million Kellogg Creek restoration project. They also highlighted a \$4 million federal grant for community-led engagement along 82nd Avenue and TV Highway, the inaugural meeting of the newly restructured Regional Waste Advisory Committee, and upcoming implementation of state waste prevention laws, including mattress recycling and the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE

Luis Nava expressed concern over the federal administration cutting national DEI programs and the way it will impact our communities.

Chair Treece noted that Washington County will be making a statement about this.

Malu Wilkinson shared that the COO is convening an internal group to understand the implications of this policy change, and Chair Treece asked for an update on this analysis.

Mayor Tim Rosener reported that an executive order paused IJA grants as well.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal noted that he will be introducing a resolution that prohibits using Metro facilities for detention, and pointed out that federal actions could also impact our housing programs.

With no further discussion, Chair Pam Treece moved onto the next agenda item.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Treece noted that there was one item on the consent agenda: Consideration of the December 11, 2024 MPAC Minutes.

MOTION: Moved by Director Terri Preeg Riggsby and seconded by Miles Palacios.

ACTION: With all in favor, except one abstention by Mayor Beach Pace due to her absence at the previous meeting, the consent agenda passed.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Treece moved onto the next agenda item.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 MPAC Leadership Action

Chair Treece gave an overview of MPAC, MPAC's charge and MTAC. She noted that the recommended nominees are Councilor Brett Sherman for Chair, Mayor Keith Kudrna for Vice Chair, and Mayor Tim Rosener for Second Vice Chair.

MOTION: Chair Pam Treece moved to approve the nomination of Councilor Brett Sherman for Chair, seconded by Director Terri Preeg Riggsby.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

MOTION: Chair Pam Treece moved to approve the nomination of Mayor Tim Rosener for Second Vice Chair, seconded by Mayor Beach Pace.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

MOTION: Councilor Vince Jones-Dixon moved to approve the nomination of Mayor Keith Kudrna for Vice Chair, seconded by Director Terri Preeg Riggsby.

ACTION: With all in favor, the motion passed.

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Treece turned the meeting over to newly appointed Chair Brett Sherman. Chair Sherman moved onto the next agenda item

7. INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Cooling Corridors Introduction

Chair Sherman introduced Andre Lightsey-Walker, Transportation Planner, Metro, and Joe Gordon, Principal GIS Specialist, Metro, to present on the topic.

Presentation Summary

Presenters outlined the Cooling Corridors study project, including the project timeline, goals, and deliverables. Presenters sought feedback on who to engage in their work and how MPAC would like to be involved as the project moves forward.

MPAC Member Discussion

Chair Sherman noted that while Happy Valley has not been extensively involved in this work, they are interested in engaging and inquired whether rule-making would be involved. He also asked whether older trees provide greater benefits compared to newly planted trees, given that older-growth trees in

Happy Valley are often removed for development and replaced with new plantings. Metro staff responded.

Commissioner Treece highlighted Washington County's previous collaboration with Clackamas County and Multnomah County on a heat mapping campaign and suggested Metro utilize that work. She recommended working with Kathleen Johnson and Diamene Valente and requested that Washington County remain involved.

Commissioner Schrader inquired about the composition of the committees and expressed optimism about the initiative but raised concerns about potential fire hazards associated with increasing tree canopy. They asked whether fire mitigation strategies were being studied and Metro staff elaborated.

Vice Chair Rosener questioned whether staff would analyze the impact of rule-making on housing and construction costs, noting potential cost differences among various solutions.

Director JT Flowers emphasized the alignment of this work with Albina Vision, which encompasses one of the region's largest urban heat islands due to extensive highway infrastructure and surface parking. He noted that old-growth trees are significantly more effective at carbon capture, with newly planted trees requiring up to 60 years to reach comparable levels, and that older trees are more fire-resistant.

Councilor Rosenthal recommended consulting with the Disaster Preparedness Organization, as trees can pose risks during emergencies by causing power outages. He also noted that tree species selection is an important factor.

Eric Engstrom shared that Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has conducted research on this issue and will provide a report to Metro staff. Their findings indicate that challenges primarily stem from existing built development, and their approach has focused on incentivizing tree planting rather than imposing regulations on new development.

Deputy Director Kirstin Greene expressed enthusiasm for the project and highlighted available state resources, including climate team support, social vulnerability analyses, grants for green infrastructure, natural hazard planning efforts, and FEMA-funded social vulnerability assessments.

Seeing no further discussion, MPAC Chair Sherman moved onto the next agenda item

7.2 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision: next steps

Chair Sherman introduced Eryn Kehe (she/her), Urban Policy and Development Manager, Metro, and Ted Reid (he/him), Principal Regional Planner, Metro, to present on the topic.

Presentation summary

Presenters outlined the 2024 Urban Growth Management next steps, noting that every 6 years Metro must assess if there is a regional need to expand the UGB to ensure adequate room for 20 years of expected housing and job growth. Presenters explained that last year Metro decided on an expansion, and reported that their decision has been submitted to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development for review.

MPAC Member Discussion

Vice Chair Rosener thanked Metro staff for their hard work and provided details on the plan.

Commissioner Treece also expressed appreciation for Metro staff and noted that county staff are coordinating on infrastructure for the Sherwood West expansion.

Mayor McGriff voiced support for Goal One and emphasized the importance of resident engagement in the process.

Councilor Sherman inquired about the goals of the project and Metro staff detailed their goals.

Vice Chair Rosener explained that the city worked collaboratively with staff and councilors on conditions of approval, ultimately finding common ground, and expressed satisfaction with the outcome.

Councilor Tivnon, listening in during transit, thanked Chair Treece for her service and welcomed the new officers. They expressed enthusiasm for the Cooling Corridor work, noting its significant benefits for Beaverton and their interest in engaging. Metro staff responded.

Mayor McGriff requested that Metro staff contact her regarding the Cooling Corridor work, emphasizing the need for swift implementation.

Commissioner Jones-Dixon also expressed interest in connecting with staff on the Cooling Corridor work.

Seeing no further discussion, MPAC Chair Sherman moved onto the next agenda item

ADJOURN

Chair Sherman adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Hart

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Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF January 22, 2025

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
6.1	Presentation	1/22/2025	Cooling Corridors Introduction Presentation	012225m-01