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Minutes

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10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
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Council work session

This meeting will be held electronically and in person at the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber.

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10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Work Session to order at 10:32 a.m.

10:30 Work Session Topics:

10:30 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision: Next Steps

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Eryn Kehe and Ted Reid, Planning, Development and Research (PDR), proposed changes to urban growth management decision-making process.

Recommended Responsive Actions to Committee on Racial Equity (CORE)

Staff recommendations included collaboration, engagement, data justice, and DEI development.

Councilor Hwang highlighted that CORE's recommendations were agency-wide and not only for PDR.

Councilor Nolan asked staff to use data to support equitable outcomes for traditionally underserved communities.

Councilor Rosenthal urged staff to be mindful of how we engage with Indigenous communities and governments in our region.

Councilor Hwang emphasized the gap between urgent community priorities and long-range planning and the knowledge gap between residents and planners.

Councilor Nolan noted that residents can advise without planning expertise and advocated for a future process that requires concept plans demonstrate equitable outcomes for BIPOC communities.

Councilor Gonzalez asked Metro to consider implications of requiring more engagement in a planning process that historically resulted in inequitable outcomes.

President Peterson emphasized Metro's opportunity to work with communities before the regulatory process begins.

Concept Planning Requirements

Staff's recommended additions to Metro's concept planning requirements included racial equity, Tribal Consultation, engagement, and housing.

Councilor Rosenthal suggested workforce opportunities be a new requirement, and Councilor Lewis suggested adding housing and development costs.

Councilor Hwang asked to assess desired systemic changes before changing concept planning requirements.

President Peterson emphasized the need to address barriers to development in concert with planning decisions.

Councilor Gonzalez added that market realities must also guide planning to avoid unintended effects.

CORE Recommendations for Sherwood

Staff shared that efforts to ensure housing affordability and partnerships to support multi-lingual communications are underway. Community needs assessments and reparations will be considered in future discussions.

Vacant Industrial Land Development

Staff recommended additional collaboration with stakeholders and improving existing tool kits.

Councilor Rosenthal highlighted the needs for transportation access to employment centers.

Councilor Lewis asked for clarification about the methods for collaboration, Councilor Simpson noted the Committee on Economic Development will be a venue for collaboration, and Councilor Gonzalez emphasized Metro's role in leading those conversations. Councilor Rosenthal added that economic messages should be tailored to each community.

President Peterson reiterated the need for investment in readiness to support development. Councilor Rosenthal agreed that transportation investments need to be paired with employment centers and housing.

Housing Production in the Urban Growth Boundary

Staff reviewed the state-mandated Regional Housing Coordination Strategy.

Councilor Nolan asked about opportunities streamline housing development and emphasized the need for more unsubsidized units.

Regional Forecasts

Staff committed to external reviews and equitable use of data.

11:30 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Chief Operating Officer Madrigal submitted the Urban Growth Management Function Plan Annual Compliance

Report.

11:35 Councilor Communication

Councilor Hwang recognized Lunar New Year.

11:40 Adjourn

Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Work Session at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Buzzini".

Anne Buzzini, Legislative Advisor