



METRO COUNCIL RETREAT

Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2015
EXPO Center, Room

Councilors Present: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Bob Stacey, Sam Chase and Craig Dirksen

Councilors Excused: Carlotta Collette

Staff Present: Martha Bennett, Alison Kean, Ina Zucker, Amy Croover, Alexandra Eldridge, Ramona Perrault, Colin Deverell, Nikolai Ursin, Tim Collier, Teri Dresler, Scott Robinson, Elissa Gertler, Paul Slyman, Andy Cotugno, Kathy Rutkowski, Noah Siegel and Jill Schmidt

Council President Hughes noted a quorum was present and called the council retreat to order at 1:45 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an overview of the agenda, indicating that the retreat would be split into two areas: identifying key issues for the upcoming budget and confirming strategic areas. Ms. Bennett listed the strategic areas based on previous retreats: infrastructure, innovating planning, natural environment, role in regional economic development/job creation, changing demographics and build increased citizen support.

2. REVIEW MAJOR BUDGET DECISIONS FOR 2015-2016

Mr. Tim Collier provided a brief summary overview of the FY 2014-15 adopted budget compared to the FY 2015-16 base budgets and projected expenditures for solid waste, Oregon Zoo, MERC, general fund and any special appropriations. In response to council inquiry, Mr. Collier explained that he would be coming back to them to further discuss the Zoo budget and helping the Foundation to become more self-supporting.

Ms. Teri Dresler, Interim Director of the Oregon Zoo, and Ms. Elissa Gertler, Director of Planning and Development, provided brief presentations about budget modification requests for their respective departments and how these aligned with the Metro Council's initiatives and strategic goals.

3. BREAK

4. COUNCIL DIRECTED INITIATIVES

Ms. Bennett presented an updated version of the Metro Council Initiatives worksheet, which had been previously filled in at the November and December Council Retreats. She explained that the

purpose was to show them what she had heard at the last retreats and to ensure that they were all in agreement between what the Council is owning, paying attention to and just needing to be aware of. Ms. Bennett provided definitions of what each of the categories were:

- Council Ownership: Council is doing most of the work (policy and political) and will be making the decisions on that item
- Council Attention: Items will reflect on the Council, will require some policy work and will require significant action on the Council's part (potentially the last decision-maker on these items)
- Council Awareness: Other partners are doing the majority of the lifting, but Council does play a role in the decision-making process.

Council reviewed the worksheet, making some minor modifications to items in terms of which category they should be listed under. Council also added the following items to the worksheet: 2018 Regional Transportation Plan policy issues and work plan ideas, Region 1 ACT protocols, My Place in the Region Council outreach, and the Housing Choices work plan.

5. NEXT STEPS, DEBRIEF

The following items were identified and added to the bike rack/parking lot list as needing additional council discussion:

- Regional Readiness Report Card
- Definitions of infrastructure
- Strategy for Metro disaster preparedness.

6. ADJOURN

Seeing no further discussion, Council President Hughes adjourned the Council retreat at 4:40 p.m.

Prepared by,



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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JAN. 22, 2015

Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1.0	Handout	01/22/2015	Revised agenda	012215c-01
1.0	Handout	02/20/2015	Metro's Six Strategic Goals draft	012215c-02
1.0	Handout	01/30/2015	Council Initiatives draft	012215c-03
2.0	Handout	01/22/2015	Budget presentation handout	012215c-04
4.0	Handout	01/22/2015	My Place in the Region presentation handout	012215c-05