



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
June 02, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: None

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:02 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett updated the Council on the following items:

- Ms. Bennett announced that in order to sustainably manage land in the St. Johns landfill, Metro released 1,038 goats to eradicate weeds on the property.
- There will be a joint work session with MERC on Wednesday, June 3rd including an unconscious bias training to help build capacity on Metro's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work.
- Thursday, June 4th will have the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC) budget hearing.
- Tuesday, June 9th will have the budget work session.

2. WILLAMETTE FALLS LEGACY PROJECT UPDATE

- Councilor Carlotta Collette provided the introduction to the Willamette Falls Legacy Project update. The purpose of the update is to provide Council with information regarding the organization of the partners, governance, the selected riverwalk design team, and the next phase of the project.
- Ms. Kathryn Krygier of Metro stated that while the Willamette Falls Heritage area is focused on the actual waterfall, the area reaches out from Champoeg Park to Lake Oswego. This will be Oregon's first heritage area.
- Ms. Christina Robertson-Gardiner, from the City of Oregon City, represented Mr. Tony Konkol, Oregon City Community Development Director, and provided a site overview. There are four public partners:
 - Metro
 - State of Oregon
 - Clackamas County
 - City of Oregon City

The land use planning and public visioning of the area includes four values:

- Public Access
- Historical and Cultural Interpretation
- Economic Redevelopment
- Healthy Habitat
- Ms. Krygier announced that the schematic design team will be comprised of the three architectural firms of Mayer/Reed, Snøhetta, and DIALOG.
- Ms. Robertson-Gardiner spoke about the importance of integrating the riverwalk, infrastructure planning, and economic development components of the project. The riverwalk implementation funding will cost roughly \$30 million and together, with the needed public infrastructure, will cost \$70 to \$100 million. The project will need to receive a significant amount of private funding for the project to be a success.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Kathryn Harrington requested that staff decide what sort of contract this project will abide to and suggested a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) or an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).
- Councilor Sam Chase noted the importance that the riverwalk will have in the economic development strategy.
- Ms. Bennett stressed the importance of integrative decision making, especially when investing very large amounts of money.
- Councilor Shirley Craddick inquired about the involvement of Native Americans in the project planning process, especially because of the cultural significance they hold to Willamette Falls.
 - Mr. Noah Siegel of Metro answered that they are involved in the process and the State of Oregon has been the liaison to the tribes.
- Councilor Craig Dirksen expressed that it is refreshing to see multiple government agencies, private stakeholders, and the public all be supportive of this project.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION.

- Councilor Dirksen attended a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program workshop on Friday, May 29th.
- Councilor Harrington announced that New Partners for Smart Growth will be in Portland from February 11th-13th, 2016.
- Councilor Craddick announced that there was a Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Steering Committee meeting that occurred Monday, June 1st.
 - Councilor Stacey added that they made a decision to approve moving into the project design phase and there was a good turnout of people.
 - Councilor Collette had a follow up statement acknowledging the successful public outreach that has been done on the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project.
- Council President Hughes discussed important Senate bills in the 2015 Oregon Legislative Session with councilors.

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Council work session at 3:39 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Botond Kovacs". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Botond Kovacs, Council Policy Assistant