



**METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
July 7, 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 2:00 p.m.

**1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Deputy Chief Operating Officer Scott Robinson updated Council on the following items:

- Mr. Robinson reminded Council that the July 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will take place off-site at Centro Cultural in Cornelius.
- The Oregon Zoo's official Facebook page has reached 207,000 followers. Mr. Robinson encouraged Council to spread the word and continue to update their Facebook pages.
- After two water test results confirmed low levels of bacteria, Blue Lake Regional Park will remain open over Fourth of July weekend and officials will continue to monitor water quality.
- Mr. Robinson invited Mr. Brian Vaughn, Metro natural resource scientist, to provide Council with an update on Metro's River Island natural area located on the Clackamas River. Mr. Vaughn discussed how Metro's 2013 regional parks and natural areas levy provided an opportunity to break ground on restoration efforts. The first phase of the project, focusing on the south side of river, included removing asphalt and concrete located in the Clackamas River and improving surrounding wildlife habitats. In the fall, replanting will occur on the north side of Clackamas River. An additional public meeting will be held to share progress made to date and provide an update on upcoming projects.
  - Councilor Harrington encouraged Mr. Vaughn to photograph each phase of the project because there is a story to tell throughout this restoration.

**2. MARINE DRIVE TRAIL EASEMENT AND KINSMAN ROAD EASEMENT UPDATES**

Mr. Dan Moeller, Metro natural areas land manager, presented the following proposed resolutions regarding the Marine Drive Trail Easement and Kinsman Road Easement to the Council:

- The Marine Drive Trail Easement is a proposed Natural Areas Program acquisition will require Council approval, as it involves granting an easement on Metro-owned property. The resolution will come before Council for vote at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. The

proposed trail easement will join two disconnected Marine Drive Trail sections along the 40-Mile Loop. This land is not publically owned but the current property owner will donate the proposed easement trail area to Metro. In return, the owner is asking to purchase land from Metro to relocate a driveway to NE Interlachen Lane in order to have access to the property. Metro has funding to build the section of trail and if constructed, the City of Gresham will manage and maintain it.

- The Kinsman Road Easement application from the City of Wilsonville has been processed by staff in accordance with Metro's easement policy after meeting all criteria. At the intersection of SW Kinsman Road and SW Boeckman Road, the City has planned and designed a single-lane roundabout that is expected to provide significant public benefit by improving the connectivity and capacity for all mode of transportation in southwest Wilsonville. The location of the roundabout requires an easement request since it is located on Metro owned property. If Council passes the resolution, the City of Wilsonville will pay for appraisal and value of the property.

***Council Discussion:***

Mr. Moeller and President Hughes invited the Councilors to discuss the Marine Drive Trail easement acquisition.

- Councilor Craddick opposed granting the property owner driveway access along NE Interlachen Lane, as this roadway is intended for residential access and not business access.
- Councilor Dirksen expressed that it is important to recognize that the City of Gresham approves of granting the easement and understands why the owner wants access at a different location, as the wetlands impede easy access. Councilor Dirksen added that Metro should be informed of the driveway's purpose and should be allowed to set restrictions on usage.
- Councilor Harrington spoke to having faith in the local procedure and noted that the property owner will need to go through process to determine how the land can be used (eg. industrial).
- Councilor Stacey noted that he did not want Metro to put unreasonable impediments on the property.
- Councilors had no objections to including Resolution 15-4630 on the content agenda for the upcoming July 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

Mr. Moeller and President Hughes invited the Councilors to discuss the Kinsman Road easement.

- Councilor Craddick inquired about how many easement requests have come before Metro Council in the past and expressed concern regarding precedence if other cities and entities consider submitting requests in the future.
- Councilor Chase noted that roundabouts can be both good and bad for active transportation. Mr. Moeller confirmed that the Kinsman Road roundabout will have cycling infrastructure built into the design.
- Councilor Harrington added that the roundabout easement area will connect with Metro's Ice Age Tonquin Trail.
- Councilors had no objections to including Resolution 15-4631 on the content agenda for the upcoming July 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

### **3. THE INTERTWINE ALLIANCE**

Mike Wetter from Intertwine Alliance updated Council on The Intertwine Alliance's progress and activities, presented the Intertwine Alliance's 2015 Annual Report, and discussed ways that the two organizations can strengthen their partnership. Mr. Wetter spoke to the \$1 million per year Urban Challenge Award presented to the Portland Metro region's urban wildlife refuges by the U.S. Department of Interior. The Intertwine Alliance worked closely with the region's urban refuges to develop proposal and will be key to implementation of the program. The Intertwine Alliance board of directors is currently in the midst of a strategic planning process and is considering three different paths forward, making sure to keep a focus on connecting nature with citizens in metropolitan areas. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Metro director of parks and nature, now sits on the board, which gives Metro representation at Intertwine Alliance and helps the Alliance best support Metro's goals.

#### ***Council Discussion:***

- Councilor Harrington spoke to the importance of having enough time to use the Intertwine togetherness model. In addition to annual reports, Councilor Harrington expressed interest in receiving further periodic performance reports. Councilor Harrington raised concerns about the bond measures and capital grants programs winding down and suggested that the Intertwine Alliance determine what effect it will have on the model.
- Councilor Craddick asked if there were expectations on the use of the Urban Challenge Award money. Councilor Craddick added that the Intertwine Alliance needs to strengthen the involvement of grassroots constituents and elected officials.
- Councilor Collette spoke to the importance of the relationship between the Intertwine Alliance and Metro and suggested a focus on a resource conservation strategy.
- Councilor Chase spoke to promoting more public and general engagement, rather than concentrating on the engaging elected officials in the region.
- Councilor Dirksen recommended the Intertwine Alliance use the "build a base" strategic planning process scenario, where the Alliance focuses on the fundamentals of connecting its partners together.
- Councilor Stacey discussed the need for a strategy that will maintain natural areas and parks. Councilor Stacey noted that these strategies can be local and community coordinated measures.
- President Hughes acknowledged that economic powers around the world are addressing the same problems as Portland, such water quality, habitat protection, and open spaces management. President Hughes added that the Intertwine Alliance and Metro have an opportunity to market how they can develop a strategy at a global level.

### **4. BROWNSFIELD IMPLEMENTATION**

Mr. Noah Siegel, Metro policy advisor, and Mr. Brian Harper, Metro associate regional planner, provided Council with an update on the Brownfield Coalition's legislative progress and discussed the potential for a future Regional Brownfield program. Brownfield Coalition staff is seeking funding from the Metro Council's Opportunity Fund to support a new regional Brownfield Assessment Program. The proposed program would focus on conducting a Regional Land Bank Study, continuing the coalition, supporting internal and external staff, and managing ongoing brownfield policy work. Staff will apply for a federal EPA Brownfield assessment grant and use Metro project dollars to match.

***Council Discussion:***

- While the Councilors are supportive of brownfield projects, they expressed their concern with funding considering the budget was recently finalized. Additionally, Councilors would like Metro to receive more recognition and funding assistance from the coalition.
- Councilor Harrington was pleased that Metro invested in the scoping project but wanted to see more dollars going into the 121 brownfield areas in the community. Councilor Harrington expressed concern with investing further and recommended clarifying the tools are that Metro needs to move forward.
- Councilor Craddick discussed the need to get elected officials involved and asked how Metro could bring cities into the coalition. Additionally, Councilor Craddick inquired about what role land owners play in remediation.
- Councilor Stacey shared his support for the objectives and noted that brownfield projects increases our capabilities in Salem and throughout the state.
- Councilor Dirksen noted that Metro should look into other funding options besides the opportunity fund.
- President Hughes added that the coalition has reached a critical point with brownfield projects and Metro needs to create a format and groundwork for a more involved, self sustaining coalition. President Hughes noted that cities are often unaware of the brownfield areas and mitigation in their jurisdiction. Additionally, President Hughes expressed interest in an opportunity for Metro to approach the state for a tax credit and develop a plan to get federal investment in brownfield areas.

**5. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Councilor Harrington spoke to an email she received at the end of June regarding the solid waste road map. Councilor Harrington added that she will send information by email relating to the Washington County Transportation Futures Study.

Councilor Dirksen reminded Council of an email invitation sent out welcoming Council staff to be part of the Tualatin River paddle race on August 1<sup>st</sup> and asked if anyone would join him in a boat.

President Hughes invited Mr. Randy Tucker, Metro policy advisor, to review outcomes from the 2015 Legislative Session. Mr. Tucker considered the outcomes in line with Metro's priorities to be ultimately successful and spoke to the recognition Metro received in Salem for convening a statewide coalition.

- Councilor Harrington inquired about the DEQ materials management program and requested clarification regarding future expectations of Metro.
- Councilor Craddick noted that she was interested in learning more about the clean fuels program and requested a description of what the program will do. Councilor Craddick added that she will share pieces of Mr. Tucker's legislative outcomes report when meeting with community members in her district.
- Councilors Collette and Stacey expressed interest in having materials at an Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting for discussion, as this is an opportunity to reinforce working together on the program.

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6. **ADIURN**

Seeing no further business, Council President Tom Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kate Giraud, Council Policy Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 7, 2015**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Map	07/07/15	River Island Natural Area Map	070715cw-01
<b>4.0</b>	Handout	06/26/15	Solid Waste Roadmap in July Email	070715cw-02