



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

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

Councilors Excused: Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett introduced Ms. Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Metro Director of Parks and Nature, to update Council on the following items:

- Metro staff met with the board of Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery to discuss the One Stone at a Time restoration project and clarify Metro's roles.
- Clean up of the Tualatin River Boat Launch site has been completed, land use and grading permits have been filed with Washington County, and a staff report should be expected in the beginning of 2016.
- The Parks and Nature System Plan is accepting stakeholder feedback until December 17, 2015 and a revised draft will be presented at the January 19, 2016 Council work session.
- Ms. Brennan-Hunter introduced Ms. Amy Croover and Ms. Maiya Osife, Metro staff, to discuss networking with the Native American Community. Ms. Osife spoke to a possible Goddard Prairie project, a camas bulb harvesting community event, and building a cultural resource inventory toolbox for the Native community to access information about where plans and herbs can be gathered.
- Ms. Brennan-Hunter introduced Sheilagh Diez, Metro regional planner, to discuss Partners in Nature and the improvements to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) practices. Ms. Diez spoke to Metro hosting an event and open house for communities and organizations of color, focused on hearing ideas of how communities want to connect with natural areas and improve cultural respect and responsibility.

2. GREATER PORTLAND INC. UPDATE

Ms. Elissa Gertler, Metro Director of Planning and Development, and Ms. Kim Ellis, Metro transportation planner, provided Council with an update to the work plan and public engagement plan for the 2018 Regional Transportation plan (RTP), specifically the recommendations approved by the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) on October 28 and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) on November 12. Ms. Gertler highlighted requests received during the JPACT meeting, including a request for a more refined work plan to address funding

concerns and issues around the region and the desire to keep policy makers informed with the technical work. Ms. Gertler noted that JPACT recommended that Council approve the resolution and asked for a publically accessible summary version highlighting regional challenges through RTP, inadequate funding, and transportation changes that come with a growing region. Ms. Ellis noted that the resolution to approve the RTP work plan and public engagement plan will come before Council on December 3, 2015.

Council Discussion:

- Councilors spoke to the importance of making the materials easily accessible to the public and clarifying where funding is being allocated.
- Councilor Craddick inquired about whether the RTP can shape the Safe Routes to School program and if there is an easier way to determine how regional flexible funding is allocated. Additionally, Councilor Craddick expressed interest in a regional speaker series.
- Councilor Collette inquired about what additional funding will cover and recommended convening local partners and creating an overlay of active transportation priorities
- Councilor Stacey spoke to the opportunity of including Safe Routes to School in the decision criteria, the opportunity to layer transit decisions and objectives, and highlighting traffic congestion in the snapshot handout.
- Councilor Chase spoke to a cost benefit analysis and the importance of building transportation equity into the RTP timeline. Councilor Chase suggested reviewing transportation equity work completed in Minneapolis and St. Paul, as he would like to see national work brought to the region.
- Council President Hughes expressed interest in seeing information relating to Metro's Climate Smart Strategy on the RTP factsheet.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Dirksen distributed a handout containing average rents for cities around the country that are comparable to Portland. Councilor Stacey spoke to a Westside Economic Alliance breakfast forum on transportation, the optimistic view on transportation in our region, and the types of investments that will be needed to maintain the rail system. Councilor Craddick spoke to a discussion with Mr. Dan Moeller and Mr. Peter Guillozet, Metro staff, and the Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association regarding the location of a historically registered house located in the Ambleside Natural Area. Councilor Chase discussed a North Tualatin Mountain Natural Areas open house that will take place tomorrow.

4. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Giraud, Council Policy Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2015

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
3.0	Handout	11/17/15	Average Rents of Various U.S. Cities Comparable to Portland, OR	111715cw-01