



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vince Jones-Dixon (Chair)
Joe Buck
Ed Gronke
Gerritt Rosenthal
Alex Howard
Mary Nolan
Brett Sherman
Duncan Hwang
Mark Shull
Sherry French
Terri Preeg Rigsby
Nadia Hasan
Kirstin Greene
Pam Treece
Luis Nava
Tim Rosener
Thomas Kim
Glen Yung
Carmen Rubio
Steve Callaway
Gordon Hovies

AFFILIATION

City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County
Citizen of Clackamas County
Metro Council
Port of Portland
Metro Council
City of Happy Valley, Other Cities in Clackamas County
Metro Council
Clackamas County
Special Districts in Clackamas County
Special Districts in Multnomah County
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
Washington County
Citizen of Washington County
Other Cities in Washington County
TriMet
Clark County
City of Portland
Largest City in Washington County
Special Districts in Washington County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Kim Harless
Denyse McGriff
Sharon Meieran
Ted Wheeler
Omar Qutub
Brian Cooper
Brian Hodson
James Fage
Susan Greenberg

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Second Largest City in Clackamas County
Multnomah County
City of Portland
Citizen of Multnomah County
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB
Beaverton School Board, Governing Body of a School District

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Ty Stober
Rebecca Stavenjord
Laura Kelly

AFFILIATION

City of Vancouver
Other Cities in Clackamas County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and
Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Megan Beyer, Jessica Pelz, Peyton James, Anna Slatinsky, Jaimie Lorenzini, Jamie Stasny, Laura Petrie, Sarah Paulus, Tom Armstrong, Megan McKibben, Chris Deffebach, Colin Cooper

STAFF: Eryn Kehe, Malu Wilkinson, Ted Reid, Andy Shaw, Roger Alfred, Jaye Cromwell, Connor Ayers, Jeff Kain, Eduardo Ramos, Robyn Stowers, Anne Buzzini, Carrie MacLaren

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS

MPAC Chair Vince Jones-Dixon (he/him) called the virtual Zoom meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Metro Staff Connor Ayers (he/him) called the role.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No members of the public chose to provide testimony on agenda items.

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal (he/him) began with an update to the Supportive Housing Services tax, noting that both Multnomah County and Metro have agreed to waive the penalties and interest fees for the tax.

Councilor Rosenthal noted that the Oregon Zoo is entering a new phase of planning.

He then spoke to the development of the Expo Future project, noting that the project is focusing on retaining the cultural significance of Building A as well as renovating the other halls for further growth.

Lastly, Metro Councilor Hwang (he/him) remarked that the 82nd Avenue and TV Highway corridor projects are progressing through development.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Vice President Gordon Hovies commented that the Special Districts Association of Oregon had a conference, noting that six League of Oregon Cities members were in attendance.

Clackamas River Water President Sherry French also spoke about the Special Districts Association of Oregon conference.

City of Beaverton Councilor Nadia Hasan alerted the committee that the month of Ramadan is starting.

City of Sherwood Mayor Tim Rosener introduced himself to the committee, announcing his excitement to be apart of MPAC.

Councilor Rosenthal stated that the biking and draining districts along the Columbia River have consolidated and are collecting materials to apply for federal funding opportunities.

City of Vancouver Mayor Pro Tem Ty Stober (he/him) noted that Vancouver successfully passed its renewal of the Affordable Housing Levy.

TriMet Board Member Thomas Kim remarked that in the past month TriMet was awarded four congressionally directed spending earmarks. He then announced that TriMet is issuing a winter weather advisory warning that may affect transit travel over the following week.

Chair Jones-Dixon stated that the next MPAC meeting will be a hybrid meeting, held at the Metro Regional Center on March 22, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

5.1 **MPAC Consideration of MTAC Nominees**

5.2 **Consideration of the November 9th, 2022 MPAC Minutes**

5.3 **Consideration of the December 14th, 2022 MPAC Minutes**

MOTION: City of Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway moved to approve the consent agenda. Washington County Vice Chair Pam Treece seconded.

ACTION: With all in favor, the appointment was adopted.

6. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.1 **MPAC Overview**

Chair Jones-Dixon introduced Metro Staff Andy Shaw (he/him) and Malu Wilkinson (she/her).

Key elements of the presentation and member discussion included:

The presentation began with a briefing about the role Metro plays as a regional government, detailing what Metro does, the 2040 Vision, and key policies and programs. Shaw spoke in more depth about Metro programs related to equitable development and regional transportation planning, as these projects are the most central to the work done by the MPAC committee. Staff then overviewed what role the MPAC committee serves, detailing the duties of the committee and its by-laws. Wilkinson highlighted the 2023 Work Program Topics, the primary programs or issues that will be discussed by the

MPAC committee over the course of the year.

Clark County Councilor Glen Yung noted that the consent agenda contained minutes from November of 2022, questioning why it has taken so long to get these minutes approved.

Metro Staff Connor Ayers stated that this case is unusual, remarking that there was several technical issues that caused these minutes to be finished later than normal.

6.2 Growth Management Work Plan

Chair Jones-Dixon introduced Metro Staff Eryn Kehe (she/her) and Ted Reid (he/him).

Key elements of the presentation and member discussion included:

The presentation introduced the 2024 Urban Growth Management Decision, a state-mandated update to the region's growth, particularly in regards to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Kehe explained the process by which the State of Oregon determines whether additional land needs to be added to the UGB. Staff highlighted the importance of readiness in UGB decision making, noting that land readiness is strongly correlated with the efficient production of housing. Reid overviewed the different components included in Urban Growth Reports, primarily being employment and housing metrics. The presentation concluded with a detailed timeline of the process, as well as an overview of the decision-making process.

Mayor Rosener questioned how the City Readiness Advisory Group is involved in the decision-making process.

Kehe clarified that this group will likely be included in a larger committee that will serve as in an advisory role comprised of business and labor perspectives.

Mayor Rosener followed up his question by stating that the Oregon House Bill 2001 (HB2001), which includes mandates on housing density, has created difficulties for the City of Sherwood. He asked staff how density will be approached in the Urban Growth Management Decision under HB2001.

Reid noted that Metro has contracted Eco Northwest and Johnson Economics to help work create an efficient planning process. He added that middle-housing development is likely to be gradual. Kehe remarked that Metro Staff Glen Hamburg is leading concept plan discussions and is a good resource for further questions.

Commissioner Vice Chair Treece requested clarification on the anticipated changes to the Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG) group.

Kehe stated that they are considering expanding the time frame given to the CRAG group to review land management proposals, as well as potentially expanding the membership of the group to diversify the range of perspectives.

Commissioner Treece questioned if the CRAG group's membership expansion would draw from the

same type of members already in the group.

Kehe and Reid affirmed that the CRAG expansion would still draw members from commercial real estate development, affordable housing, and land use advocacy groups.

Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck asked what kind of advocacy work Metro is doing to ease the UGB expansion process and secure state funding and support for cities.

Shaw explained that Metro has been heavily involved in the semiconductor discussion at the state level, strongly advocating for resources for land readiness. He noted that Metro has also been working with the state to develop the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) process, moving beyond HB2001 to address zoning and housing concerns. Shaw commented that he is not aware of any legislation that would help to ease land use processes in the Metro region.

Mayor Buck expressed his concern over the how the region's housing shortage is disparately impacting low-income communities, stating that the current system is clearly not sufficient if housing production cannot rise to meet this demand.

Mayor Rosener questioned the role the committee will play in reviewing the assumptions behind Metro's job and housing analyses process.

Kehe remarked that the reason the land management team is consistently presenting to MPAC is so that the committee can view the development of the process over time, providing guidance and clarity to the project. She then noted that they will be producing and sharing range forecasts that will give additional perspective into the job and housing analyses.

Commissioner Treece followed up Mayor Buck's question, asking about the role the Housing Needs Analysis will play in the land use decision-making process.

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Deputy Director Kirstin Greene asked if MPAC members will be briefed on the Committee on Racial Equity's (CORE) recommendations for consideration.

Kehe noted that CORE provides their recommendations straight to the Council, but stated that discussing CORE's feedback in MPAC meetings may be useful to draw out additional perspectives.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about the potential of the semiconductor task force recommendations at disrupting the timeline of the Urban Growth Management Decision.

Shaw stated that there is an effort to take advantage of the Federal Chips Act in the short term, and that this effort is reflected in the land use plans.

6.3 Update on UGB Land Exchange

Chair Jones-Dixon introduced Metro Staff Andy Shaw (he/him), Roger Alfred (he/him), and Ted Reid (he/him).

Key elements of the presentation and member discussion included:

Shaw explained that the Metro Council recently adopted the proposed UGB exchange ordinance to remove lands in two areas, east of Oregon City and east of Happy Valley, from the UGB to add in land in Tigard.

Happy Valley Councilor Brett Sherman expressed his appreciation that the Metro Council considered the recommendations of MPAC and shifted the proposal to address concerns offered by the committee.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Jones-Dixon adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Kain
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2023

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
6.1	Presentation	02/22/2023	MPAC Overview Presentation	022223m-01
6.1	Presentation	02/22/2023	MPAC Growth Management Work Plan Presentation	022223m-02