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## **METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)**

Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2020

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Susheela Jayapal  
Martha Schrader  
Christine Lewis  
Juan Carlos González  
Mark Watson

Rachel Lyles Smith  
Don Trotter

Dick Schouten  
Ed Gronke  
Theresa M. Kohlhoff  
Gordon Hovies  
Linda Glover  
Peter Truax  
Kathy Hyzy

### **AFFILIATION**

Multnomah County  
Clackamas County  
Metro Council  
Metro Council  
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of a School District  
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County  
Clackamas County Fire District #1, Special Districts in Clackamas County  
Washington County  
Citizen of Clackamas County  
City of Lake Oswego, Largest City in Clackamas County  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington County  
City of Vancouver  
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County  
City of Milwaukie, Other Cities in Clackamas County

### **MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Denny Dole  
Sam Chase  
Amanda Fritz  
Steve Callaway  
Jim Rue

### **AFFILIATION**

City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County  
Metro Council  
~~City of Portland~~  
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

### **ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Jeannine Rustad  
Kirstin Greene

### **AFFILIATION**

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District  
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Donnelly, Dick Schouten, Adam Barber, Sara Ryan, Terra Wilcoxson, Laura Weigel and Jeff Gudman

STAFF: Marlene Guzman, Nellie Papsdorf, Jes Larson and Andy Shaw

**1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Susheela Jayapal called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*There were none*

**3. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Chair Jayapal announced that MPAC was going to transition from using paper packets to digital packets on IPADs. She explained that Councilor Christine Lewis and Mayor Peter Truax were piloting two IPADs at the meeting.

Councilor Lewis explained that Ms. Marissa Madrigal was selected by the Metro Council President Lynn Peterson to be the next COO. She noted that Ms. Madrigal was previously the COO at Multnomah County and had served in county government for nearly 14 years.

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATION**

Mayor Truax honored the late Councilor Ronald Thompson and noted his commitment to the City of Forest Grove City Council. Councilor Thompson also served on the board of directors for Ride Connection, as well as the liaison to the Forest Grove Senior and Community Center Board of Directors. Mayor Truax noted that the City of Forest Grove extended its deepest sympathies to Ron's wife, Donna, and his family.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Mayor Peter Truax moved and Commissioner Dick Schouten seconded, to approve the consent agenda.

**ACTION:** With all in favor, motion passed

## 6. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Regional Barometer**

Councilor Jayapal announced the presenters Ms. Cary Stacey, Organizational Performance Improvement Manager and Mr. Jeff Frkonja, Research Center Director. She noted that Metro's Research Center and Metro's COO Office partnered to develop the Regional Barometer to show metrics relevant to the Six desired outcomes adopted by the Metro Council in 2008, including Vibrant Communities, Economic Competitiveness, Safe and Reliable Transportation, Leadership on Climate Change as well as Clean Air, Water and Equity.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

Mr. Frkonja explained that the Metro Council asked the Research Center and the Office of COO to create a communications tool and a data hub. He noted that the purpose was to help increase Metro's accountability and facilitate regional collaboration around data. Mr. Frkonja stated that the data was accessible to the community members and decision makers. He explained the process for which the data was selected and gathered.

Ms. Stacey she explained the scope of the project which included Metro's six desired outcomes. She emphasized that the website did not make a case for specific policies but does include some narrative to provide context. Ms. Stacey discussed the five topic areas, including Transportation, Economy, Environment, and Community. She shared that there are measures specific to racial equity. Ms. Stacey noted that phase 1 of the site was available on March 31<sup>st</sup>. She gave MPAC members a tour of the draft site and showed them how to navigate the site. Ms. Stacey shared that the site offered links to contextual stories and she worked with staff to provide more storytelling, including information about the impacts of redlining in neighborhoods.

*Key elements of the discussion included:*

- Commissioner Dick Schouten asked about the original Regional Equity Atlas site. Ms. Stacey noted that the original site was inactive due to resource constraints. Commissioner Schouten asked if the data from the original Regional Equity Atlas site was preserved. Ms. Elissa Gertler noted that the Regional Equity Atlas laid the ground work for Metro's Regional Barometer. She emphasized that Metro's Regional Barometer provides more up to date information and data resources. Commissioner Schouten noted that it was useful to have information about older data sets. Mr. Frkonja noted that Metro was providing data sheets with information that dated back to several years.
- Mr. Mark Watson expressed his appreciation for Metro's work on the Regional Barometer. Mr. Watson asked about how Metro verified the data. Ms. Stacey noted

- that Metro was working with state agencies to compile data.
- Councilor Theresa Kohlhoff discussed the link between redlining and climate change.
  - Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith expressed her appreciation for Metro's work on the Regional Barometer and raised concerns about maintaining the data hub in the future. She asked if Metro informed constituents each time a data set was updated. Commissioner Lyles Smith also asked how other MPAC members plan to use the site. Mr. Frkonja noted that the budget allocated to the project by the Metro Council allowed them annually update data. He expressed the importance of sharing resources in light of funding constraints.
  - Ms. Kirstin Green asked about how Metro accessed information on limited English proficiency. Mr. Frkonja noted that Metro worked with community partners to access accurate data.
  - Mayor Peter Truax discussed the importance of regional coordination. He also noted the importance of fulfilling basic needs, especially within the context of food insecurity.
  - Mr. Schouten urged MPAC members to consider the linkage between access to parks and equity concerns. He asked if Metro had considered charging subscription services for data hub in order to sustain the project in the long term. Ms. Gertler noted that Metro aimed to act as a data hub to the public. She noted it was important to consider the public sectors role in providing access to data resources.
  - Councilor Kathy Hyzy asked for Metro's support in figuring out how to address active transportation gaps in Clackamas County. She also discussed opportunities to promote active transportation connectivity by effectively coordinating funding sources. Mr. Frkonja noted the importance of building in feedback loops.
  - Mr. Juan Carlos González expressed his appreciation for Metro's work on the Regional Barometer. He expressed Metro's commitment to open data and to representing where funding was allocated.
  - Chair Jayapal noted that MPAC members discussed recommendations at a later meeting once the site was published.

## 6.2 Regional Supportive Housing Measure

Councilor Jayapal invited Councilor Lewis and Councilor González to present on the Regional Supportive Housing Measure. She noted that the Metro Council referred a measure that funded supportive housing services to people experiencing or at risk of houselessness, through an income tax on high earners and large businesses. Councilor Jayapal explained that the measure provided \$250 million per year for programs such as access to mental health care, addiction treatment, job training and rental assistance to keep people out of houselessness.

*Key elements of the presentation included:*

- Councilor González provided information about the funding mechanism for the measure. He noted that there were two taxes funding the measure, a high income earners tax and a one percent business tax on business making a gross income of \$5 million or more. Councilor González noted that the process for referring this bond was different than a typical Metro process of crafting a measure within a year or months. He stressed the HereTogether Coalitions efforts to prioritize this issue and to mobilize policy makers. He described Metro and HereTogether's efforts to engage community members during three community forums. Councilor González also noted HereTogether's community engagement work over a fourteen month period. He described this measure as a groundbreaking effort in addressing the Metro region's houseless crisis.
- Councilor Lewis noted that houselessness looked different in the core and outer edges of the region and therefore stressed the importance of regional collaboration. She expressed that houselessness disproportionately affected communities of color. Councilor Lewis noted the importance of community engagement in the implementation stages of the measure.
- Chair Jayapal addressed the criticism that the measure was rushed to the ballot, she explained that HereTogether had worked on the framework for two years prior to its referral by Metro Council.
- Councilor Kohlhoff asked about ECONorthwest's accounting of people in need of housing and services overtime. Councilor Lewis clarified and stated that data from ECONorthwest reflected several different groupings of homelessness, including the difference between HUD definition of houselessness and other definitions of homelessness. Councilor González noted that the measure aimed to service the 5,000 people who are chronically experiencing houselessness and preventing people from experiencing houselessness.
- Commissioner Lyles Smith raised concerns about the messaging of the measure and if the measure was going to be duplicative of the states work on middle housing. She

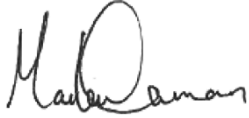
also asked about the distribution of monetary resources from the measure. Councilor Lewis noted that this measure prioritizes the Metro region. She noted that people move across the region to reach services in the core of the region. Chair Jayapal explained that the resources raised will remain where they were raised, allowing each part of the region to address their population's specific needs. Councilor González noted that the scale of the problem was congruent with the distribution of resources from the measure.

- Commissioner Schrader raised concerns about access to services for people outside of the urban growth boundary. Councilor González noted that the measure was a massive step to provide resources for people in the Metro service district. Ms. Gertler noted that people who experience homelessness do not have specific addresses and travel to services. Commissioner Schrader asked about what people get taxed and where. Mr. Andy Shaw noted that the income tax was applicable to residents of the region and those who earn income in the region. Commissioner Schrader asked about how Metro decided the funding mechanism for the measure. Chair Jayapal noted that EcoNorthwest developed several scenarios in order to determine the final funding mechanism for the measure.
- Mr. Ed Gronke expressed his concerns about the way the revenue base was structured. He noted that he would have preferred more people to be included in the revenue base.
- Commissioner Schouten expressed his appreciation for the measure.
- Mayor Truax expressed his appreciation for the measure and described the importance of economic sustainability.
- President Gordon Hovies asked if people drawing from pensions contributed to the funding source for the measure. Mr. Gertler noted that only residents with earned income considered as part of the funding source for the measure.

## **6.0 ADJOURN**

Chair Jayapal adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlene Guzman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marlene" and last name "Guzman" clearly distinguishable.

Marlene Guzman  
Recording Secretary

**THERE ARE NO ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR  
THE MEETING OF FEBURARY 26, 2020**