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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, July 25, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**2. Safety Briefing**

Council President Peterson called on Councilor Dirksen to provide a safety briefing. Councilor Dirksen provided a safety briefing for the meeting including information on the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and automated external defibrillators.

**3. Public Communication**

Katie Larsell, City of Portland: Ms. Larsell, of the East Portland Action Plan (EPAP), shared her personal experience living in and advocating for her community East Portland. She discussed the destabilizing impacts of residential infill on low income communities in East Portland. Ms. Larsell highlighted the East Portland equitable infill grant request and stated her objection to the grant request not being funded as part of the current 2040 Planning and Development grant cycle.

John Mulvey, City of Portland: Mr. Mulvey, housing committee co-chair of the EPAP, shared some of the rapid changes taking place in East Portland including rising housing costs, increased disparity in economic resilience and the availability of fewer social services. He highlighted anticipated impacts of the residential infill project and stated his disappointment that Metro was not funding the East Portland equitable infill grant proposal. (Mr. Mulvey

submitted written documents as part of his testimony; see the July 25 meeting materials.)

Peg Malloy, City of Portland: Ms. Malloy, of the Portland Housing Center, discussed the East Portland equitable infill grant proposal, explaining that it would generate wealth creation for low income home owners in outer Southeast Portland. She highlighted the opportunities that accessory dwelling units could provide to homeowners and encouraged Metro to consider the infill grant proposal.

Robert Liberty, City of Portland: Mr. Liberty, of Portland State University, explained his work on an accessory dwelling unit strategy to increase housing supply and achieve equity goals through wealth creation and affordability. He stated the importance of anti-displacement measures and discussed opportunities to experiment and innovate at the neighborhood level. (Mr. Liberty submitted written documents as part of his testimony; see the July 25 meeting materials.)

Art Lewellan, City of Portland: Mr. Lewellan expressed his concern for the Southwest Corridor light rail project and advocated for a bus rapid transit system as an alternative transit proposal for Barbur Boulevard. He discussed the space saving benefits of bus rapid transit and urged Metro to authorize an independent study of bus rapid transit for the Southwest Corridor. (Mr. Lewellan submitted written documents as part of his testimony; see the July 25 meeting materials.)

#### 4. Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Stacey, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

- 4.1 Resolution No. 19-5004, For the Purpose of Confirming the Reappointment of Dañel Malán to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission
- 4.2 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2019

## 5. Resolutions

- 5.1 Resolution No. 19-5002, For the Purpose of Approving Fiscal Year 2019-20 Funding for 2040 Planning and Development Grants Funded with Construction Excise Tax

Council President Peterson called on Ms. Elissa Gertler, Metro Planning and Development Director, Ms. Lisa Miles, Metro Principal Project Manager, and Mr. Damien Hall, Chair of the 2040 Planning and Development Grant Screening Committee, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution.

Ms. Miles introduced the resolution, noting that this was the seventh cycle of 2040 Planning and Development grant awards. She stated that the grants were funded through the construction excise tax and explained that the screening committee's recommended projects were those that most clearly aligned with the program's central mission. Ms. Miles reviewed the grant program mission, noting that successful proposals in the equitable development category must demonstrate a primary emphasis on advancing equity. She shared that the program received ten applications from five local governments and one private organization and noted that this was the first year private organizations were eligible to apply with the endorsement of a local government partner. Ms. Miles stated the screening committee was recommending seven projects for a funding total of \$2.428 million.

Mr. Hall provided a high level overview of the committee's recommendation in each of the following three categories: equitable development, development within the urban growth boundary and new urban areas. Mr. Hall shared highlights from the projects including the depth of equitable development proposals from Albina Vision Trust and Propser Portland, the recommendation to Clackamas County to narrow their proposal to one corridor and the project funding for master planning to newly expanded urban areas. He reviewed additional recommendations from the screening committee for future grant cycles to include specific evaluation criteria for each funding category, cultivation of applications from community entities and Metro's Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) consideration of future program changes.

Ms. Gertler thanked the committee for their hard work and discussed next steps for incorporating the committee's additional recommendations into the grant program.

*Council Discussion:*

Councilor Lewis asked about the committee's process in evaluating applications. Mr. Hall discussed the committee's process for reviewing and discussing applications. Councilor Lewis asked Ms. Gertler whether it would be appropriate to ask the screening committee to review proposed policy changes after consideration by CORE. Councilor Craddick discussed the maturity of the 2040 Planning and Development grant program, noting this was a good opportunity to review the achievements of the funded projects in creating change for the impacted communities.

Councilor Chase thanked Mr. Hall for his service on the committee and discussed program connections to the

Housing Oversight Committee. He emphasized the importance of residential infill and anti-displacement, stating he looked forward to future proposals that addressed these issues. Council President Peterson discussed the need to develop tools that address displacement and wealth generation as a region.

A motion was made by Councilor Dirksen, and seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, to approve Resolution No. 19-5002.

A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, and seconded by Councilor Lewis, to substitute Resolution No. 19-5002A for the resolution.

Councilor Stacey thanked staff and the committee for its work. He emphasized the importance of achieving the \$1 million goal for equitable development funding and expressed a need to address displacement in East Portland. Councilor Stacey stated his support for providing staff resources to assist and advise applicants seeking to address displacement in future grant cycles. He outlined the substance of the revisions in Resolution No. 19-5002A.

Councilor Dirksen proposed a small modification to the language of the resolution in the fourteenth whereas statement to read “the urgent need for tools to create equity and prevent and mitigate involuntary displacement.” The motion to substitute Resolution No. 19-5002A as amended passed.

Councilor Lewis discussed the connection between the work required for residential infill and Metro’s programs. She stated her support for the resolution and highlighted Clackamas County’s corridor project and the new urban areas planning projects. Councilor Dirksen responded to the

public testimony on the East Portland equitable infill project, explaining that Council was supportive of the concepts in the proposal. Councilor Gonzalez highlighted the opportunities for transformation through the funding recommendations and noted the importance of investments in Albina Vision and key regional centers in Washington County. He noted that coordination with jurisdictions implementing House Bill 2001 was needed to ensure equity remained a core value. Council President Peterson discussed the importance of community led development and stated her support for the funding recommendations.

**A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Dirksen, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Stacey, Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Gonzalez

#### **6. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Mr. Andrew Scott provided an update on the following events or items: the opportunity to serve on Metro's Regional Waste Advisory Committee.

#### **7. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events: the Oregon Zoo hosted elected officials coffee and tour, the Low-income Fare Task Force first annual celebration and the Housing Oversight Committee meeting.

Councilor Gonzalez shared his involvement in media engagements on the MAX tunnel study. Council President Peterson shared that Mr. Andre Bealer would be joining the Council office staff as the President's policy advisor.

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 3:22 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on August 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara Farrokhzadian, Legislative and Engagement  
Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 25, 2019**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	7/25/19	Written Testimony submitted by John Mulvey	072519c-01
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	7/25/19	East Portland Equitable Infill Proposal: Challenge, Implementer Roles & Outcomes submitted by Robert Liberty	072519c-02
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	7/25/19	Demographic and Income Profile for East Portland submitted by Robert Liberty	072519c-03
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	7/25/19	City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Gentrification and Displacement Assessment submitted by Robert Liberty	072519c-04
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	7/25/19	Notes on Naito Parkway MAX Subway Plan and Barbur Boulevard Light Rail Concerns submitted by Art Lewellan	072519c-05
<b>3.0</b>	Handout	7/25/19	Portland Light Rail Map with Proposed Changes submitted by Art Lewellan	072519c-06
<b>5.1</b>	Powerpoint	7/25/19	2040 Planning and Development Grants	072519c-07