



METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shusheela Jayapal
Carmen Rubio
Vince Jones-Dixon
Terri Preeg Riggsby
Denyse McGriff
Pam Treece
Ed Gronke
Gordon Hovies

Luis Nava
Kirsten Green
Diana Perez
Omar Qutub
Mary Nolan
Christine Lewis
Thomas Kim
Peter Truax
Nadia Hasan

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Portland
City of Gresham, Second Largest City in Multnomah County
Special Districts in Multnomah County
City of Oregon City, Second Largest City in Clackamas County
Washington County
Citizen of Clackamas County
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Special Districts in Washington County
Citizen of Washington County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
City of Vancouver
Citizen of Multnomah County
Metro Council
Metro Council
TriMet
City of Forest Grove, Other Cities in Washington County
City of Beaverton, Second Largest City in Washington County

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ted Wheeler
Mark Shull
Brian Cooper
James Fage
Mark Watson

Steve Callaway
Temple Lentz
Brian Hodson
Gerritt Rosenthal
Brett Sherman
Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Clackamas County
City of Fairview, Other Cities in Multnomah County
City of North Plains, City in Washington County outside UGB
Hillsboro School District Board of Directors, Governing Body of a School District
City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County
Clark County
City of Canby, City in Clackamas County outside UGB
Metro Council
City of Happy Valley, Other Cities in Clackamas County
Port of Portland

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Anthony Martin
Laura Kelly
Jules Walters

AFFILIATION

City of Hillsboro, Largest City in Washington County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
West Linn, Other Cities in Clackamas County

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Monberg, Brian Schimmel, Carol Johnson, Chris Deffebach, Dora Lopez, Erin Doyle, Evelyn Orr, Jean Senechal Biggs, Jeff Gudman, Kristy Kottkey, Megan Mckibben, Mona Schwartz, Monique, Rachel Verdick, Schuyler Warren, Tara O’Brien, Zach Lindahl, Charles Smith, Dioscelin Sanchez, Mirabai, Stacy Borke, Maria Bazante.

STAFF: Carrie MacLaren, Connor Ayers, Dana Lucero, Elissa Gertler, Kim Ellis, Jaye Cromwell, Nui Bezaire, Ramona Perrault, Robyn Stowers, Stellan Roberts.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS

MPAC Chair Joe Buck (he/him) called the virtual Zoom meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Metro Staff Connor Ayers (he/him) called the role. Chair Buck declared a quorum.

Chair Buck called for a moment of silence to show recognition and pay honor to recent incidences of gun violence across the country.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Mary Nolan (they/them) described the recently approved roadmap to guide land acquisition purchases under the 2019 parks and nature bond measure. Councilor Nolan also explained that trail grants are out for consideration, there were 29 projects submitted for consideration. Councilor Nolan updated MPAC on the I-5 Bridge Replacement Project, the I-205 Abernathy Bridge project, Metro’s affordable housing bond measure, and Metro Council election results.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Buck asked MPAC members if they would be interested in doing a committee site visit to a Metro park. MPAC members responded affirmatively.

Mayor Peter Truax mentioned that Forest Grove's five year operating levy was updated by voters in the recent election.

Kirstin Green (she/her) updated MPAC members on the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities rules, explaining that temporary rules were adopted by the commission last week. Kirstin followed up by putting the following link in the chat:
<https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/LAR/Pages/CFEC.aspx>.

5. **CONSTENT AGENDA**

5.1 Consideration of the April 27, 2022 MPAC Minutes

Chair Buck noted that Councilor Hasan was marked as present for the previous but was absent for last month's MPAC meeting.

Connor Ayers informed members that this will be changed before the minutes are published.

MOTION: Commissioner Pam Treece (she/her) moved to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Truax seconded.

ACTION: Councilor Hasan abstained, with all else in favor, the consent agenda passed.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 Placemaking Grant Update

Chair Buck introduced Councilor Christine Lewis (she/her) to present to MPAC and introduce today's guests.

Councilor Lewis voiced support for the work being done with this project and introduced Dana Lucero (she/her), Metro staff, to present.

Key elements of the presentation included:

Dana briefly introduced two community lead organizations that will be presenting to MPAC later today, these are: Black Food Sovereignty Coalition and Guelaguetza en Oregon. Dana introduced the Community Placemking grants program, the amount of funding that has gone to grantees, and highlighted the four objectives for the group program, these are, placemaking, equity, partnerships, and leadership. Dana explained that Metro is focused on preserving and transforming community driven visions and detailed the grant cycle. Dana went on to detail the 2022 grant cycle, highlight the 2022 grantees and provide a timeline for the 2023 grant cycle.

Councilor Hasan (she/her) asked if groups do not receive a grant from Metro are they

connected with the cities and counties that they live in.

Dana responded by explaining how she works with applicants who do not receive a grant and voiced that she would like to work to continue to build a network of funders that they she can connect organizations with.

Maria Bazante, Dioscelin Sanchez and Dora Lopez with Guelaguetza en Oregon presented to MPAC. They showed pictures of past Guelaguetza events, described La Guelaguetza, provided information on the Ñuu Savi Community in Washington County.

Charles Smith and Mirabai Collins with Black Food Sovereignty Coalition (BFSC) were introduced to present to MPAC.

Mirabai described BFSC, discussed the power of healing spaces, and highlighted where Metro grant funding will go.

Dana put the following link in the chat: www.oregonmetro.gov/placemaking.

Member discussion included:

Chair Buck asked staff if Metro has the plan to increase the scope these grants.

Elissa and Dana described that the need far exceeds the funding available.

Councilor Lewis discussed creative ways to team up with other funding organizations who are also doing this work to help provide grants to community led organizations.

Luis Nava asked how small organizations who don't have the resources to apply for these grants can get support to apply.

Dana responded by explaining that they will have more opportunities to do face to face outreach and other community connections which should help smaller organizations with the grant application process.

Luis responded by expressing the need to reach community members in Washington and Clackamas counties.

Councilor Hasan thanked presenters and expressed the need to better streamline the grant application process as they require a lot of effort and labor from community members, especially if they are expected to make multiple applications.

6.2 Addressing Barriers to shelter siting / Working towards winter 2022-2023

Chair buck introduced Councilor Lewis (she/her) to begin the discussion.

Key elements of the presentation and member discussion included:

Councilor Lewis discussed the need for all jurisdictions to increase shelter capacity and laid the groundwork for the upcoming discussion and introduced Commissioner Carmen Rubio (she/her).

Commissioner Rubio introduced Chariti Montez (she/they) to discuss the City of Portland's Safe Rest Villages Initiative to MPAC.

Chariti described Safe Rest Villages' service priorities and noted where shelters and Safe Rest Villages are located in Multnomah County. Chariti discussed barriers to shelter siting and the City of Portland's strategies for success.

Ed Gronke asked for the difference between an alternative shelter and a Safe Rest Village.

Chariti explained that an alternative shelter is an outdoor shelter and Safe Rest Villages is a program that creates alternative shelters.

Ed followed up by asking if when siting shelters they run into problems with people who do not want shelters near where they live.

Chariti expressed that there are concerns from property owners and neighbors, Chariti mentioned that there is a misconception around what an outdoor shelters is and described that staff does a lot of explaining about the differences between managed outdoor shelters and unsanctioned camping. Chariti explained that in order to address these concerns the City of Portland hosts and attends a number of community meetings.

In the chat Councilor Perez asked: "Are there any accountability or standards for the clients staying in the shelter? Do you have any pushback or concern from Housing First providers?"

Chariti described that there is a code of conduct that everyone who is participating in the shelter agrees to. Chariti responded to Councilor Perez's second question by explaining that the point of Safe Rest Villages is to get people to stop sleeping on the street and transition them into housing.

In the chat Chariti put the following links: <https://www.pdx.edu/homelessness/news/new-psu-study-examines-effectiveness-tiny-pod-villages-alternative-shelter-people-experiencing> and <https://www.pdx.edu/homelessness/evaluation-best-practices-village-model>.

Chariti also shared that you can learn about the City of Portland's Shelter to Housing Continuum zoning code amendments here: <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/s2hc>

And the City of Portland's Temporary Outdoor Shelters Program Guide can be found here: <https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2022/temporary-outdoor-shelters-program-guide-2022-02-11.pdf>.

Councilor Lewis introduced Brian Schimmel from Centro Cultural to present to MPAC.

Brian Schimmel described key tenets for shelter siting, highlighted Project Turnkey, the housing continuum, and siting guidelines. Brian then described shelter location characteristics and guiding principles.

Chair Buck asked Brian what the target number of shelter beds is in Washington County compared to how many shelter beds there are currently in the County.

Mayor Truax expressed appreciation for Brian and Centro Cultural's work.

Ed Gronke asked both presenters if they have homeless individuals on their committees.

Commissioner Treece expressed that Washington County and cities within the county work collaboratively on these issues.

Councilor Lewis introduced Stacey Borke (she/her) with Transition Projects.

Stacey provided background information on Transition Projects and broke down tactics for both temporary and permanent shelter siting. Stacy provided information on the Laurelwood Center and considerations as communities and the Metro region moves forward. Stacy stressed that shelters do not end homeless but are a part of an effective crisis response system.

Commissioner Treece answered Chair Buck's question from earlier in the discussion, explaining that Washington County is at 102 year-round shelter beds and is committed to getting to 250 year-round shelter beds.

Mayor Truax explained an instance of Centro Cultural working with local businesses to help them understand what a safe shelter might look like.

7. **ADJOURN**

Chair Buck adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stellan Roberts

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Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 25, 2022

| ITEM | DOCUMENT TYPE | DATE | DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION | DOCUMENT NO. |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---|---------------------|
| 6.1 | Presentation | 05/25/2022 | Community Placemaking Grants Slides | 05252022-01 |
| 6.1 | Presentation | 05/25/2022 | Black Food Sovereignty Coalition Slides | 05252022-02 |
| 6.1 | Presentation | 05/25/2022 | Black Food Sovereignty Coalition Program Logic Model Overview | 05252022-03 |
| 6.1 | Presentation | 05/25/2022 | Guelaguetza en Oregon Slides | 05252022-04 |
| 6.1 | Presentation | 05/25/2022 | Guelaguetza Flyer 2022 | 05252022-05 |
| 6.2 | Presentation | 05/25/2022 | Safe Rest Villages Initiative - Chariti Montez Slides | 05252022-06 |
| 6.2 | Presentation | 05/25/2022 | Safe Rest Villages Initiative - Chariti Montez Slides | 05252022-07 |
| 6.2 | Presentation | 05/25/2022 | Shelter Siting + Success - Stacy Borke Slides | 05252022-08 |