

Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee

April 7, 2008 Meeting

General Meeting Notes / Action Items

Committee Chairman Tom Brian opened meeting at approximately 1:42 pm.

Public Comments: Approximately 5 members of the general public were in attendance – no comments were offered.

Project Updates: Brent Curtis provided updates on the following project elements:

- Work Program;
- Initial reserves study area;
- Planning Directors will provide technical review and support Committee activities:
 - Meetings schedule will allow flow of materials and recommendations to Planning Directors for review and recommendations to WCRCC;
 - WCRCC will forward recommendations on to Core-4 and Regional Steering Committee.

Kathryn Harrington: Called Committee's attention to the availability of a new "road map" – a Coordinated Reserves Work Program which outlines the five primary phases of the project. Noted that Phase 1 is now complete.

ACTION ITEM: By-laws: Tom Brian introduced review and recommendations for Committee By-laws.

Brent Curtis: noted that Planning Directors had reviewed proposed By-laws.

The Committee discussed urban services issues as they relate to the structure of the committee (as included in By-laws).

Keith Mays recommended removal of Clean Water Services and Special Districts from the membership list in the draft By-laws.

The committee discussed Mr. Mays recommendation and related issues:

- Andy Duyck: indicated that he would be willing to represent either CWS or the rural area of the county;
- Rob Drake: cited example of Barrows Rd. area in Beaverton where special service district (THPRD) provides important service that is of value to multiple jurisdictions;
- Desari Strader: noted that she represents large unincorporated area of Washington County that relies on services of special districts;
- Tom Brian; reminded committee that the "Urbanization Forum" would be addressing the urban services issues;
- Andy Duyck: noted that special districts could help share costs;
- Gretchen Buehner: Agreed with comments from city of Sherwood; special districts should not be included on the committee;

- Rob Drake: moved for adoption of By-laws including the service district representatives and noted that ‘one person – one vote, provides solid footing for the cities.
- Keith Mays: supported the addition of a representative for rural / agriculture areas but suggested that the motion be amended to require that special districts, CWS and Agriculture representatives be ex-officio / non-voting members;
- Andy Duyck seconded motion of Rob Drake;
- Jeff Dalin: recommended amending quorum to 8 voting members;
- Rob Drake: seconded motion;

Vote: motion passed 8 to 1; dissenting vote Gretchen Buehner.

- Pete Truax: commented on value of rural school and fire districts
- Keith Mays: moved to identify CWS and special districts representatives as ex-officio members;
- Gretchen Buehner: 2nd;

Vote: 4 aye, 4 nay - motion dies;

?? call for question –

Action on approval of By-laws with proposed amendment (8-member quorum);

Vote: motion passed 6 aye, 2 nay – dissenting votes: Keith Mays and Gretchen Buehner.

**** Copy of amended By-laws attached.**

Mike Dahlstrom (Washington County Public Involvement Coordinator): noted that Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette needed to leave soon; recommended deferral of discussion on draft Public Involvement Plan to allow time for her presentation;

Chair Brian accepted recommendation – introduced Councilor Collette;

Performance Based Growth Management (PBGM) - Carlotta Collette (distributed copies of “Performance Based Growth Management – Guiding Principles) noted that this program was designed to improve existing growth management program:

- o Referred to 2040 Growth Concept – urban areas are designated for growth;
- o PBGM would focus development in areas where growth is desired;
- o Working with cities to develop scenarios reflecting local goals;
- o New models are being developed to analyze relative values of alternative growth scenarios;
- o Timing of this program is good with 13 cities currently in or scheduled to begin Periodic Review;
- o Will analyze value of focusing investments to target areas;
- o Will be a regionally driven / collaborative process;
- o Focuses on communities not edge of Urban Growth Boundary.

Chris Barhyte: asked if the new models would force increased densities;

Chris Deffebach: responded that the program is designed to support local visioning process.

Carlotta Collette: noted that proposed PBGM would be reviewed through MTAC / MPAC process.

Ms. Collette recommended attendance at regional “Placemaking Summit” in July.

Desari Strader: noted that an important message from her constituents is that they are tired of infill growth.

Gretchen Buehner: agreed with comments relating to infill growth – asked if PBGM principles address placing residents where businesses are.

Carlotta Collette: recognizes need to put people close to their jobs – noted that RTP is one of four legs of regional program for ‘Creating the Greatest Place’ – these elements are interdependent.

Tom Brian: noted that having jobs in Washington County and housing in Clark County institutionalizes Traffic!

Jeff Dalin: raised concern that modeling process has a “duh” factor – e.g. flood areas south of Cornelius will always be farm land.

Kathryn Harrington: stated that modeling would be an ‘iterative’ process.

Gretchen Buehner: asked how “workforce housing” issue would be addressed.

Keith Mays: asked how “Big Look” folded into the Metro process.

Tom Brian: suggested opportunity to bring in “panels” for discussion of special interest issues.

Washington County Public Involvement Plan: Mike Dahlstrom briefly discussed the proposed plan for coordinated public involvement for the Urban and Rural Reserves program:

- Noted draft of regional “Coordinated Public Involvement Plan” had been distributed and discussed at last meeting;
- The Washington County Coordinated Plan utilizes the principles in the regional plan;
- County Coordinated Plan provides the next level of detail;
- Intended to extend outreach and channels for input;

Meeting adjourned at approx. 3:02 pm.