

Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Minutes

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Development Service Building
150 Beaver Creek Road – Auditorium

Attendance

Members: Clackamas County: Paul Savas (Co-chair); John Ludlow; **Canby:** Brian Hodson (Co-Chair); **CPOs:** Laurie Freeman Swanson; Marjorie Stewart (Alt.); **Gladstone:** Dominic Jacobellis; **Hamlets:** Rick Cook (Alt.); **Happy Valley:** Markley Drake; **Lake Oswego:** Jeff Gudman; **Metro:** Carlotta Collette **Milwaukie:** Mark Gamba; Wilda Parks (Alt.); **MPAC Citizen Rep:** Ed Gronke; **Oregon City:** Dan Holladay; **Sandy:** Carl Exner (Alt); **Transit Agencies:**

Stephan Lashbrook (Urban); Julie Wehling (Rural Alt.); **Water Districts:** Dick Jones (Alt.);

West Linn: Jenni Tan; **Wilsonville:** Tim Knapp

Staff: Gary Schmidt (PGA); Trent Wilson (PGA); Karen Buehrig (DTD)

Guests: Brenda Perry (West Linn, Council); Mark Ottenad (Wilsonville); Jaimie Lorenzini (Happy Valley); Rich Watanabe (ODOT); Seth Atkinson (Sandy); Annette Mattson (PGE); Katie Gauthier (Sen. Merkley); Bob Reeves (Villages Citizen)

APPROVED MINUTES

1. 6:45 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome & Introductions

Commissioner Paul Savas & Mayor Brian Hodson, Co-Chairs

Housekeeping

- Approval of March 5, 2015 C4 Minutes
 - *Approved*
- Member Contact Information

- Trent Wilson: Explains history – Request in January from members to have member contact information shared. In March we sent a list with mostly emails, at the request of the citizen members we removed phone numbers and asked that if a member wanted a phone number they could send it to me for the final list. If you have correction, please email me before the next meeting and I can email out a new master list.
2. 6:55 p.m. College Savings Plan
- Be College Ready - Pilot Project in Clackamas County *Presented by John Valley (JV)*
 - Ed Gronke: Makes suggestion to have the interest rates in the report better reflect more realistic current interest rates. Also, concerned that the language "be College Ready" may be confusing for to parents/kids with interest in trade schools.
 - JV: We have wrestled with that for some time, not knowing how best to rebrand/describe post-secondary education. This is nationwide problem and a program that extends across states. If you have suggestions, we would be willing to hear them.
 - Laurie Swanson (LS): Is there a locking mechanism to lower the risk of investments?
 - JV: Explains there is a "principle based" option – a very conservative program that guarantees at least 1% growth every year.
 - TW: What happens when someone enrolled in the program leaves the state?
 - JV: Every state has a 529 program that you can roll over an account into. Someone from a different state can also pay into an account from a different state to reap better tax benefits.
3. 7:10 p.m. ACT Nominations
- Urban and Rural Cities and Rural Stakeholders Caucus
 - Karen Buehrig: Explains the history of the R1ACT Process and events that led to this evening. There will be 1 County Commissioner, 2 urban city stakeholders, 1 rural city stakeholder, 1 rural communities stakeholder, and 1 business representative from Clackamas County.
 - Commissioner Savas (PS): Tonight we will divide into separate caucuses, an urban caucus, a rural caucus, a rural communities caucus, and everyone else can mingle.
 - *10 minutes for caucus*

- Review of Business Stakeholder Applications
 - Rural Stakeholders: We have chosen to nominate Bill Merchant
 - Rural Stakeholder: We have nominated Mayor Brian Hodson
 - Urban Stakeholder: We have nominated Mayor Lori DeRemer and Councilor Jeff Gudman
 - *Dan Holladay moves to approve nominations, Markley drakesseconds. Approved.*
 - PS: Recommends we discuss each of the candidates before making a decision.
 - Gary Schmidt (GS): Introduces the candidates

Blane Meier

- Mark Gamba (MG): Has known Blane for a long time, recognizes his knowledge of transportation is strong, he would be good choice.
- Dan Holladay (DH): I have also known Blane for a few years, explains we are trying to consider a business rep for this seat and that Blane has as much experiences as any starting successful businesses. DH is very supportive of Blane for his business experience, but also for his experience with bike/ped transportation plans.

Bill Avison

- John Ludlow, BCC Chair (JL): Knows Bill Avison, he would be an excellent candidate and he is extremely knowledgeable about freight.
- Wilda Parks (WP): Yes, he deals with freight, but also is on the EDC, he has a good connection with the business community
- KB: He also served on the committee to help form the ACT
- Brian Hodson (BH): Affirmed KB's comment about the ACT
- (LS): Bill's business is in a rural area, not an urban, so that may mean something. He is very involved in the community.

Mike Stewart

- JL: He is very smart, and he is active on the CCBA
- WP: He is on the CCBA, yes, but I am not sure he has the depth of knowledge on transportation matters.

- Rick Cook (RC): He was a chief petitioner of the Stafford hamlet.
- WP: Yes, very knowledgeable and tenacious.

Karl Wescott

- WP: He is a small business owner; he has a lot of experience with businesses.

JD Pavek

- WP: Well, I don't know him.
- PS: I don't know him either, but the freight/rail experience should be worth noting. Acknowledges that there will be another seat on the R1ACT for this.
- JL: Can KB please explain the freight component that PS just mentioned?
- KB: Outside of the stakeholders that represent the county seats, the R1ACT members will get to choose an "at-large" freight rep that will represent the whole R1ACT region.
- MG: So it sounds like while the freight knowledge is important, the business experience remains the more important element here.
- CC: Well, that will be for C4 to decide.
- DH: Business is key, but I think the choice we make should be well rounded. I think we have 2 good choices.
- CC: Do we want to pick someone who not just knows business communities, but also communicates back to business communities, like the urban and rural reps will do with their cities and C4.
- (all): Agreement around.
- PS: Bill Avison is active in that capacity.
- LS: As well as knowledgeable in Timber.
- DH: So how should we make the decision?
- PS/GS: We will take tallies. Mark your choices on the page in your packet, rank your decisions and staff will tally.
- KB: The results of the nomination elections were:
 1. **Bill Avison**
 2. **Blane Meier**

3. **Karl Pavek**

4. **JD Pavek**

5. **Mike Stewart**

- *JL: Move to approve (Dan Holladay 2nd) – Approved*
- KB: Also note that Julie Wehling was chosen as the nominee for the rural transit stakeholder.
- GS: And just so everyone is aware, if you didn't already know, Commissioner Savas was chosen as the BCC representative.

4. 7:50 p.m. C4 Retreat

- Agenda: Discuss outcomes from March brainstorm
 - Group agreed to use top 5 votes as topics for the C4 Retreat
 - GS: We will discuss this with the Executive Committee and submit a draft agenda soon.
- RSVP Process
 - GS: Explained the application process to apply, and notified that the County would support one (1) rep from the Hamlets, one (1) from the CPOs, and one (1) from the Villages. There is an overnight stay option, and an option that does not include overnight stay.

5. 8 p.m. Clackamas Cities and County Summit Update

- WP: This was a good practice, why was it not done at C4? I expected to leave with a project or a next step, but that did not happen.
- MG: Was a good start to the conversation, but only a start. This needs to be an ongoing conversation, the topics need to be narrowed in the future; there is a lot of opportunity in the County to do good work. We should maximize these opportunities.
- Markley Drake (MD): How can the cities and county work together to build on economic development? This was a good first step, but I want to know what is next.
- CE: Good start. There was a lot conversation left unsaid, but there is certainly more to go. I was glad to hear there were a lot of similarities with regard to the problems we face.
- TK: I left frustrated. Where were we trying to go? And where did we end? What was the intent of this meeting? Were we trying to discuss the need for employment lands? Whatever happens next, there needs to be clearer direction for future meetings.
- BH: Felt the summit was great, and wished there were more representatives from the cities who would have joined. He found it very

informative, and wanted to hear more perspectives from the local jurisdictions. The biggest takeaway was that CC appears to have an identity crisis, and he hopes to hear more dialogue about that in the future.

- JL: Just to reply to [a previous] comment, there was no set agenda for the county to host that meeting. We wanted to be there and to listen to what everyone had to say. I did note a conspicuous absence from Oregon City. It would have been good to hear what they are working on and how they want to grow. As for the identity crisis, keep in mind that 52% of our county is owned by the federal forest; that, in and of itself, is part of the identity challenge, especially since the mills have slowed down.
- DH: Oregon City made a conscious decision to not attend. We have a lot of economic development projects taking place and didn't feel like we needed distractions to add to them.
- Brenda Perry (BP): The main theme I heard was transportation; everyone had funny problems, from urban cities wanting their highways to speed up and rural cities wanting their highways to slow down.
- WP: Is it possible to get the information that was put on the easel that everyone shared? I liked someone's idea of starting to work together on some of those issues as a group. I think that could help unify our county on some of the goals.

6. 8:10 p.m. JPACT/MPAC Update

Mayor Tim Knapp, Wilsonville & Councilor Mark Gamba, Milwaukie

- TK: Listed items of interest from JPACT:
 - Discussed upcoming trip to JPACT trip to Washington D.C. (PS and JL also noted they would be attending)
 - Unified planning work program
 - MTIP/Regional Flex Funds (in process to discuss for 2018/2021)
 - Expecting an update report on Climate Smart Communities
- MG: Explained the last MPAC meeting was cancelled, but noted a few items of interest:
 - Solid Waste Road Map
 - Comp Plan Development Grants
 - Next Steps for the UGB
- MG: Raised the issue of the federal grants process taking twice as long as other grants and therefore costing more money. Wants to begin a

conversation about to advocate reducing those time frames. It makes sense to begin other conversations about addressing how our area approaches grant processes, but especially federal grants.

- PS: I brought this up with Congressman Kurt Schrader last year, so I will follow up on that conversation. Also, we discussed this a bit last month at C4 Metro Subcommittee when we learned that we (cities and orgs in Clackamas County) are receiving less dollars than Washington and Multnomah counties when competing for grants.
 - TK: I would like it if groups as valuable as MPAC did not cancel, but chose rather to always convene and allow short agendas to make way for elected officials to brainstorm on other issues they would like to raise. Some groups have such few meetings that cancelling a meeting, even with a short agenda, can be less productive than if a meeting continued – MPAC and JPACT fall in that category. C4 would too.
 - CC: Now that I have transferred to MPAC, I have raised this issue. I want to see the MPAC meetings become more of a dialogue and less of a staff relay of information. The meetings are boring.
 - EG: Agreed, MPAC meetings seem to be carefully orchestrated, and very staff directed. It is frustrating.
 - CC: I would also like to see the Mayors and Chairs meeting happen again. I know that something like this does happen, but the way it used to be was much bigger, much better attended, and I felt much more useful. These can be expensive, but I think they are worth it.
 - BH: I attended my first MPAC meeting recently and agree that it was very boring, very staff directed. It felt like I was being spoken at, and I much prefer a dialogue. At the same time, though, I also appreciated the tenure of staff and their institutional knowledge.
 - JG: Something I have noticed is that we worship on the altar of fairness. I think it would be better to have longer rotations for the chairs. They are presently one year terms rotating through the county jurisdictions, but I think longer terms would keep up the momentum of projects.
 - EG: In my opinion, staff should serve as the institutional memory. It is dangerous when staff become the guides and decision makers.
7. 8:20 p.m. Pressing Updates
- Legislative Update (*not addressed, meeting ran late*)
8. 8:30 p.m. Adjourn - 8:45 p.m.