

Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Development Service Building
150 Beaver Creek Road – Auditorium

Attendance

Members: Clackamas County: Paul Savas (Co-chair); John Ludlow; **CPOs:** Laurie Freeman Swanson; Marjorie Stewart (Alt.); **Damascus:** Bill Wehr (Alt.); **Estacada:** Brent Dodrill (Alt.); **Fire District:** John Blanton; **Gladstone:** Dominic Jacobellis; Len Nelson (Alt.); **Hamlets:** Tammy Stevens; Rick Cook (Alt.); **Happy Valley:** Markley Drake; **Lake Oswego:** Jeff Gudman; **Milwaukie:** Mark Gamba; Wilda Parks (Alt.); **Molalla:** Deborah Rogge (Alt); **MPAC Citizen Rep:** Ed Gronke; **Sandy:** Jeremy Pietzold; Carl Exner (Alt); **Sanitary District:** Terry Gibson; **Transit Agencies:** Stephan Lashbrook (Urban); Vanessa Vissar (Urban Alt); Julie Wehling (Rural Alt.); **Villages:** Bob Reeves; **Water Districts:** Hugh Kalani; **Wilsonville:** Tim Knapp

Staff: Gary Schmidt (PGA); Trent Wilson (PGA);

Guests: Don Mark Ottenad (Wilsonville); Jaimie Lorenzini (Happy Valley); Rich Watanabe (ODOT); Seth Atkinson (Sandy); Annette Mattson (PGE); Katie Gauthier (Sen. Merkley)

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Welcome & Introductions

Commissioner Paul Savas & (Mayor Brian Hodson – Absent:flu), Co-Chairs

Housekeeping

- Approval of February 5, 2015 C4 Minutes - Approved
- Discuss C4 Exec Committee decision on C4 Contact List
 - Commissioner Paul Savas (PS): relays decision by Exec Committee that because there are both citizens and public officials on the contact list, that staff will send out a confirmation

email to all verifying accurate email or the opportunity to decline if a private citizen. All agreed.

2. 6:55 p.m. ACT Update

- Deadline for nominations moved April 17
 - Gary Schmidt (GS): explained ODOT's intention to postpone a due date for nominations for the ACT. Provides brief history of Clackamas County involvement to get to this point.
 - GS: Identifies process for selecting the ACT nominees for the business stakeholder, that C4 will receive applications to discuss and rank the submissions at the April C4 meeting. The rankings will be forwarded to the BCC who will formalize the nominations before sending on to ODOT.
 - PS: Clarifies that April C4 meeting will also provide space for cities (urban and rural) to caucus for their city selected seats, and that the rural communities seat will also be identified at that time.
 - GS: Notes the enormous outreach that is taking place to ensure the Clackamas business community is aware: EDC, CCBA, Chambers, and County Department of Business and Community Services. Deadline for applications is March 19.
 - Brent Dodrill (BD): How often does this group meet
 - GS: That will be determined by the group once they are formed, but the current assumption is once per month.
 - Jeremy Pietzhold (JP): How and/or where is the rural caucus expected to convene?
 - PS: Caucuses for both the Rural and Urban cities will take place at the April C4 meeting. Of course, we certainly welcome you to meet and discuss before that, but space and time will be provided in April for this.
- Review application forms and discuss selection criteria (no questions/follow up).

3. 7:20 p.m. C4 Retreat

- Retreat date / Results of poll
 - Trent Wilson (TW): More than half of the C4 members and alternates participated in the doodle poll. The two date options were June 5/6 and June 12/13. The retreat will be held on June 12/13 at the Resort on the Mountain. No official times have been selected yet, but historically the retreat has started at 1pm on a Friday and ended before 5pm on the following Saturday.

- Bill Wehr (BW): Is there an RSVP set up yet?
 - TW: No, we hope to have that completed by the April meeting.
 - GS: Explains historical logistics, the county usually reserves a conference room and pays for the food. This is not a courtesy of the county, and your RSVP will be accompanied with a registration fee that helps to cover food and room costs.
 - Jeff Gudman: Just a quick reminder that we really appreciate staff for the very quick turnaround on setting up the poll to establish the dates. Obviously a place like Resort on the Mountain fills up quick in the summer for weddings and other outdoor events.
 - Brainstorm agenda topics
 - PS: Explains confusion about last year's agenda for the retreat that did not happen.
 - PS: Opens time for members to mark on handouts to provide recommendations for possible agenda items for the retreat.
 - Wilda Parks: Asks for explanation about one agenda recommendation on the form regarding "letter writing".
 - TW: Explains this is in response to the BCC asking C4 to begin identifying their recommendations and positions in a letter format. There currently isn't a letter format or process to approve that type of communication from C4, so it seemed like this retreat was a good place to have that discussion, unless the group feels it needs to be discussed sooner.
 - PS: Reinforces TW's comments by providing history on positions C4 has made, and also noted the expectation by the BCC to reciprocate the letter format with requests and acknowledgement letters to C4.
4. 7:45 p.m. Cities and County Summit: A Discussion about Our Growing Landscape
- *Gary Schmidt*
 - GS: The goal of the summit is to begin a conversation about the shared economic goals of the cities and county. We will be asking the question, "What do you need to succeed?" As I said, this could be the beginning of a longer question that could last 6

to 8 months. Other interested parties will be contacted later in the process, but we wanted to start the conversation with the cities first. Space is limited, so please RSVP with Trent.

- PS: The BCC is really excited about this. We believe it will be a great place for both big and small cities to have a seat at the same table and be able to see issues across the whole county and see other perspectives.
- Tim Knapp: The Metro Mayors Consortium met two months ago. An economist attended and provided a great presentation. There was some great data. Asking this guy to attend the Summit might be very helpful if the Summit is about economic interests within the city.
 - GS: Yes, we can check on his availability.
 - JG: If he can't attend the summit, perhaps he could attend the retreat?
 - GS: I can check in that too.
- Deborah Rogge (DR): What is the time and location?
 - GS: Thursday evening, March 12, from 6:30 to 8:30.

5. 7:55 p.m. JPACT/MPAC Update

Mayor Tim Knapp, Wilsonville & Councilor Mark Gamba, Milwaukie

- TK: JPACT has a full agenda, including the discussion about finding federal transportation dollars and discussion around the regional Transportation System and Management Operations (TSMO) projects.
 - Also, we will be having an update soon on Climate Smart and hopefully have recommendations from LCDC soon.
 - We continue to discuss the ACT
 - We also heard some interesting information this morning at the C4 metro Subcommittee meeting this morning about the RTO grants. TK asks Commissioner Savas to expand.
 - PS: We basically heard that more data is good data in competing for these grants. Asks within Clackamas County received a very small share of the RTO monies, and lost big dollars because other organizations/municipalities can provide huge dollar matches and also prove a greater pollution impact with dollar use. Clackamas County and its cities just don't have matching budgets to compete in those settings. I think it is worth greater conversation about how those dollars are

allotted, especially if we keep being asked to be a regional partner in big asks, but continue to receive next to nothing when regional dollars are on the table. Doesn't seem like partnership to me, and there is an inherent inability for Clackamas County to compete if allotments are based on population and match ability – ClackCo will lose every time. Meanwhile, we need to get more creative, collect more data, over-prove the detail and efficiency of our projects until this system is reevaluated, if ever.

- Carlotta Collette (CC): this reminds me that Metro will be hosting a Metro 101 meeting in Clackamas County for whoever is interested in attending. We don't have a meeting location designated just yet, but the meeting should be on April 6.
- DR: This feels a little off topic but somewhat related to these regional conversations, but does this body have any interest in discussing protections against predatory lawsuits?
 - John Ludlow (JL): Probably best to check with League of Oregon Cities, if you haven't already.
 - DR: We haven't yet, and will do.
- Mark Gamba (MG): Most of our work at MPAC has been discussing the Urban Growth Boundary/Report (UGB/UGR), and whether or not to push out decisions until later in the year.
 - CC: Right, stretching it out is not ideal, but it does allow for more conversations. Metro is also working on a system plan for the parks system – we will be looking for additional input.
 - JL: We (the BCC), received a letter from Metro President Tom Hughes that outlined 3 options: (1) Conclude the UGR in 2015; (2) Extend the UGR past 2015; (3) scrap the current UGR, but begin the process for the 2020 UGR. Of course, the main goal is to avoid lawsuits and have more appellate purgatory. We (the BCC) are hoping for something to happen, anything, that will allow CC to have some mobility usher in growth in the County.
 - TK: Perhaps MPAC is a great place to have the UGB discussion and whether or not the process is even working for them AND their partners.
 - PS: I have been advocating for a summit to discuss the value of the system.
 - TK: Even if it is just a brainstorming exercise, conceptualizing if there is room for improvements. Is MPAC a place for that discussion?

- CC: As you know, we are bound by state law to have this process, and the boundary is 30 years old. It doesn't always make sense. I think it would be great to have these conversations to learn what is working. The fact is that we are constrained, yet we have a city (Wilsonville) that has done everything right and is halted from moving forward.
- MG: This is a valuable tool that the region depends on, yet it gets slowed down by lawsuits. Is there a place where we can come together, look down the road, and recommend changes that benefit the system?
- PS: Provides some additional background from morning C4 Metro Subcommittee meeting: There are two problems: (1) Wilsonville can't continue with their plans until the appeal is resolved, and (2) Clackamas County still has a lack of employment lands. All of this to say that the system is the problem; it doesn't work well when one thing gets stymied.
- Ed Gronke (EG): I was a Metro Councilor when Metro considered the 2040 plan. This is not a new problem, and it is a conversation that occurs nearly every expansion. There once was an idea to divide the metro region into sub-regions to solve the problems faced by local issues, but I am not sure if that was ever passed or is legal.
 - CC: I don't believe that ever moved forward.
 - Mark Ottenad: Metro did try that, but the Court of Appeals said that wasn't allowed.
- CC: Well, right now we are caught up in the reserves decision. It's just an extra layer in the UGB process.
- PS: How does Damascus feel about all of these things?
- BW: Everything revolves around our Comp. Plans for us. Two were rejected last year. A new citizen's initiative is to be considered on Tuesday (3/10). Really, we just want to find a plan that people will vote on. We would love to see something happen in May. In Salem there are 3 bills that could also have an impact on what Damascus does.

6. 8 p.m. Pressing Updates

- Supporting C4 meeting calendar (updated) Page 8
- PS: We are actually quite early, let's go around the room and hear updates from everyone.
 - JG (Lake Oswego): Presently we are just awaiting the LUBA decision to find out what happens with Stafford area.

- CC (Metro): We are presently helping Happy Valley finalize some work with Hidden Falls. Metro will help purchase the site, and HV will help to maintain the site.
- MG (Milwaukie): Nothing happening right now. We are shuffling mayors these days.
- DR (Molalla): We are actually getting closer to stabilizing our city, so we are pretty excited. 10 new plaques will go into the Rodeo Walk of Fame. We are making tons of street improvements and working with ODOT on Phase 4 of development for 211.
- BD (Estacada): We are spending \$1.8 million on street-scaping. We are expecting many new homes being built and have about 100 acres in industrial lands ready to be built on.
- JB (Fire District): We are asking for a \$29M/15 yrs bond in an upcoming ballot for truck and seismic upgrades to the houses.
- Julie Wehling (Canby Transit): We are currently building a bus yard, should be done by the 1st of May.
- Rick Cook (Hamlets): Stafford is working on community vision plan to be considered next week.
- Bob Reeves (Villages): We are seeing 5000 rides on the Mt Hood bus. That is big for us up on the mountain.
- Wilda Parks (Milwaukie): For your calendars: Light rail opens in September and the Vietnam Memorial Wall replica comes to Milwaukie in July. We also passed a resolution to support the WF Locks at the last business meeting.
- Hugh Kalani (Clackamas River Water): We are waiting for the Carver Bridge to receive its H2O line. More happens after that.
- Ed Gronke (Citizens): 99E will be receiving light poles next year, we are pretty sure. It will be the first time 99E has had consistent street lighting since the road was paved. It has been a huge safety issue.
- Laurie Swanson (CPOs): The Molalla CPO area is seeing many new applications for buildings on farm residences; there is also a lot of work along the Molalla River relating to Tourism.
- Stephan Lashbrook (SMART): State is also looking at rulemaking for UGBs in rural cities. We are monitoring with a lot of interest.
- JP (Sandy): We are bringing high-speed cable fiber to the city and getting national attention. We are very excited about it and hoping it encourages a lot of growth.
- WB: We have our first hearing coming up for two businesses who are wishing to de-annex. One of the landowners is General

Distributors and the other is from the industrial designation areas.

- TK: We had our state of the city recently. We are 17 years in the Villebois development and have 60% of 2500 units built. We are trying to look ahead to see what is next. We are working to try and keep in town a company called TE Connectivity, they were looking to move their business to Mexico, but we have been in discussion and we think we are finding some resolution to help them stay. They currently have 400 jobs and are looking to add 50 to 60 more in the next few months. We have recently passed a resolution to support the Willamette Falls Heritage Area. Finally, the Tualatin Valley Water District is planning to complete a \$1 billion pipeline from Wilsonville to Hillsboro to support more development on the Westside, especially Intel and Nike.
- Terry Gibson (Sanitary District): We will have submitted a Metro NIN grant request for \$500k to acquire wetland property in Boardman Creek. We will be having a scrap-metal collection event in partnership with the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council (NCUWC) to raise seed money for the removal of Kellogg Creek Dam in Milwaukie, April 25.
- Dominick Jacobellis (Gladstone): We had a big turnover in leadership in January, we are doing a lot of housecleaning, reviewing logistics and policies, and we are really gaining momentum.
- Marjorie Stewart (CPOs): We [Firwood CPO] had a great visit from the County recently about the Road Ahead. I know much of that work came out of C4, so it is good to be hearing it in other places.

7. 8:05 p.m. Adjourn