

# Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Minutes

Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014

Development Service Building  
150 Beaver Creek Road – Auditorium

Attendance

**Members: Clackamas County:** Paul Savas (Co-chair); John Ludlow; **Canby:** Brian Hodson; Traci Hensley (Alt.); **CPOs:** Laurie Freeman Swanson; Marjorie Stewart (Alt.); **Fire Districts:** John Blanton; **Hamlets:** Tammy Stevens; Rick Cook (Alt.); **Happy Valley:** Lori DeRemer (Co-chair); **Lake Oswego:** Donna Jordan; Jeff Gudman (Alt.); **Molalla:** Glen Boreth; **MPACCitizen Rep:** Wilda Parks; **Oregon City:** Betty Mumm; Doug Neeley (Alt.); **Sandy:** Jeremy Pietzold; **Transit Agencies:** Julie Stephens (Rural); **Wilsonville:** Tim Knapp

**Staff:** Gary Schmidt (PGA); Chris Lyons (PGA); Karen Buehrig (DTD)

**Guests:** Mark Ottenad (Wilsonville); Jason Tuck (Happy Valley); Jaimie Lorenzini (Happy Valley); Warren Jones (Mulino); John Lewis (Oregon City); Sean Pollack (Clackamas Community College); Seth Atkinson (Sandy); Michael Wagner (Mulino); Norm Andreen (Hamlet of Beaver Creek); Pat Sharp (Mt. Hood Villages); Kelly Brooks (ODOT); Dan Holladay (Oregon City); Craig Dirksen (Metro Council)

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order and chaired by Co-chairs Paul Savas and Lori DeRemer. Self introductions made. 12 of 23 voting members present. Quorum established.

3. Housekeeping

## Approval of October 2014 C4 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from October 2014 C4 meeting approved without change.

## Jan. 1st C4 Meeting Cancelled

4. Transportation Coordination Task Force (ACT Task Force) Discussion

Commissioner Savas asked that the members of the ACT Task Force and the REACT group raise their hands. He stated that the task before C4 is to discuss membership representation of the overall ACT, as the Task Force is seeking feedback on the current proposal. Commissioner Savas provided a background and history on the ACT Task Force. He also noted that the Board of County Commissioners will be discussing the proposal on Wednesday of next week. He highlighted that a big question is if a 51% majority of ACT members will be the threshold for making decisions or if it will be a higher threshold.

Mayor Knapp stated that the county split of 8-6-6-4 for ACT members seems to make sense, but it's difficult to say without talking about the specific makeup of those members.

Mayor Hodson agreed with a 1 ACT solution but agreed that more discussion is needed on the composition of the members.

Laurie Swanson noted that all of this work started because of rural interests, and she does not feel that their request is reflected in the proposal. She also stated that commerce should be a factor in the makeup of the members.

Mayor Neeley noted that the proposal states "selected by C4" but that a question is whether the members should be nominated or selected by C4. He also felt that there needs to be a rural rep. specifically in the proposal, and expressed that Clackamas County needs to do a better job of getting the cities & county to work together.

Chair Ludlow expressed concern that the rural voice would be outnumbered in this current proposal.

Glen Boreth noted his support for the proposal.

Warren Jones stated that quite a few of the ACTs work on a consensus basis, while others prepare majority & minority reports.

Chair Ludlow stated that it is up to C4 on how they appoint members, but it might make sense to specifically designate 2 of the seats as rural.

Mayor Neeley noted that the business seat could be represented by a rural voice, such as agribusiness.

Councilor Jordan was a member of the 4-person STIP Committee and she felt that rural interests got a lot in that process. The current proposal increases Clackamas County's seats, and she could also support the Mayor's proposal that divvies those seats up to specific members.

Karen Buehrig noted that the regional rural transit seat would benefit Clackamas County, as that person would most likely come from Clackamas County.

Julie Stephens felt that Multnomah County/Portland made a good case for having more representation since they have a much greater population and more road miles. She believes this proposal is good and gets us much closer to equity.

John Blanton thinks that membership should be more equitably distributed since we have so many road miles in the County.

Mike Wagner believes this proposal is very unequal for the rural areas.

Glen Boreth would prefer equal representation so that everyone is thinking of the system as a whole.

Mayor Neeley believes that the Mayor's proposal would give better representation to rural areas.

Mayor Knapp noted that equal distribution across counties would result in Hood River County getting the same amount of members as the other counties. He also suggested that perhaps Multnomah County have a freight representative as part of their 8 members so that this member would be looking more broadly at the region. He believes that the 8-6-6-4 distribution makes sense. He thought that Clackamas County's 6 members could be divided up as 3 urban and 3 rural.

Chair Ludlow noted that the discussion raises the question as to which body (BCC or C4) nominates/elects the members.

Karen Buehrig clarified for the group that C4's task is to weigh in on whether there should be 1 or 2 ACTs and what the general composition should look like.

Mayor Neeley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jordan, to accept the 8-6-6-4 membership composition, and that the group should use the consensus model for decisionmaking. Kelly Brooks noted that consensus is the goal, but there is a secondary threshold triggered if the group cannot get to consensus such as a supermajority (~75%) with majority/minority reports. The motion passed in a vote of 8 to 5.

Mayor Knapp gave a background on the Mayor's proposal for how to divvy up Clackamas County's 6 seats. Mayor Neeley added that the proposal outlines a selection process by C4.

Chair Ludlow stated his preference to have the business stakeholder recommended to the Board of County Commissioners by the County's Economic Development Commission (EDC).

Councilor Jordan cautioned that the Mayor's proposal may exceed the number of electeds allowed by the OTC's ACT requirements.

Wilda Parks noted that it may not be a good idea for a stakeholder to be selected by the C4 Metro Subcommittee, and instead that this person should be selected by the full C4 group.

Tammy Stevens asked what the term limits would be for members. Kelly Brooks stated that ODOT is seeking input on this, to which Tammy noted that depending on how the term limits are structured would impact how this group would work in the long-run.

Commissioner Savas brought a new proposal to the C4 group (Proposal C.2). Mayor Knapp responded that the new proposal lacks sufficient (50%) electeds.

Tammy Stevens noted that rural stakeholders meet regularly so they would not have a problem with selecting members.

Mayor Neeley expressed that he would be open to making the "Stakeholder" seat from the Mayor's proposal specifically a rural stakeholder.

Councilor Jordan noted that special district reps also are elected officials who could be part of the ACT membership.

Commissioner Savas noted that the members of the ACT need to have a background on transportation so they understand the issues.

Mayor Knapp stated that a feeling exists that the Board of County Commissioners have neglected the opinions of C4, so the Board may not do anything if C4 made their recommendations to the Board. He also did not agree that the EDC would be a good group to nominate the business stakeholder.

Chair Ludlow noted that no C4 recommendations have come to the Board of County Commissioners in writing.

Commissioner Savas agreed with Mayor Knapp.

Mayor-elect Holladay stated that 2 Metro City reps is a must on the ACT.

Commissioner Savas clarified that STIP funding is the only funding opportunity for rural areas.

Tammy Stevens motioned, and Mayor Neeley seconded, to accept the Mayor's original proposal but change the stakeholder seat to a rural stakeholder seat selected by the Community Leaders group. This proposal reads as follows:

- 1 County Commissioner selected by BCC
- 2 Metro City Reps (elected) selected by Metro cities mayors
- 1 Rural City Rep (elected) selected by Rural cities mayors
- 1 Rural Stakeholder selected by the Community Leaders group
- 1 Business Stakeholder selected by C4

Commissioner Savas expressed concern that the proposal excludes representation for urban unincorporated areas.

The motion passed in a vote of 9 to 3 with 1 abstention.

John Lewis asked if C4 should recommend that Multnomah County designate one of their seats as a freight-specific seat. Mayor Knapp responded that this may not work, as C4 would not accept a similar request from Multnomah County if asked.

#### 5. Climate Smart Communities Update

There will be a joint MPAC/JPACT meeting tomorrow, where members will continue discussing and vote on the Climate Smart proposal. Commissioner Savas noted that there is concern that the language of the proposal does not reflect what has been discussed/requested by members.

#### 6. 2015 Legislative Session Priorities

This agenda item was postponed to a future meeting to allow for more time to discuss the ACT Task Force proposal.

#### 7. JPACT/MPAC Update

None.

#### 8. Pressing Updates

None.

9. Adjourn