

**Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement  
Regular Committee**

Wednesday, February 7, 2007  
Room 270

Members present: Kate Warren (Chair), Norm Andreen, Chory Ferguson, Malek Hall, JC Kizak, Mark Knudsen, Erin Miller, Gerritt Rosenthal, Christine Roth, Skip White, Karen Wolfgang

Members absent:

Members excused: Hal Ballard, Virginia Bruce, Scott Seibert

Also present: Segeni Mungai

**Call to order, review of agenda, approval of Jan 3, 2007 meeting minutes, introductions**

Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The McList briefing was removed from the agenda as the presenting staff person could not attend the meeting.

**Milwaukie Lightrail project briefing and draft PIP**

Phillip Kennedy-Wong gave an overview of the Milwaukie light rail project, which is now known as the South Corridor Project. The project is a partnership led by Metro with ODOT, TriMet, Clackamas and Multnomah counties and the cities of Portland, Milwaukie and Oregon City. He reviewed future plans from engineering design to construction. He showed the project alignment on a map and talked about the federal requirement for a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), which will take 12–19 months to do, starting in April and ending by August 2008. There will be many opportunities for public input throughout the SDEIS process. After that, with federal and local approvals, preliminary engineering and design will start and they will concurrently seek federal funds to help pay for part of it. All Metro jurisdictions would be included. They hope to get state funding of lottery dollars as well.

There was discussion of methods of public outreach, including neighborhood groups and other stakeholders. Mark Knudsen suggested comparing the original 14 points formed by Milwaukie to see how the new plan addresses those 14 points. He also suggested a presentation board showing all the stakeholders who had been contacted about the project. Mr. Kennedy-Wong agreed that was a good idea. He said they were not going to run from folks who have concerns and want to acknowledge and mitigate those concerns. He said there would be some hard decisions but staff is not here as an advocate for project. Their intent is to tell people how to be heard in the process and how the decisions are being made. There was discussion about how to convince people not affected in any way by the light rail line to vote for it. There will always be a lot more people living away from the line that will have to pay for it, but won't necessarily use it.

Mr. Kennedy-Wong said he and a project manager plan to have a PIP for MCCI in April before the kick-off. He said he would send an e-mail version to review for discussion at the April meeting.

**McList Briefing**

This item was held over to a future meeting.

**Diversity**

Karen Wolfgang led a discussion about how to attract a diverse membership and what diversity means to Metro committees.

Karen Wolfgang interviewed the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) clerk who said the committee was made up of experts in the field and was a thinking board. She said not everyone off the street could participate even if they wanted to. Committee members are planners and experts recruited from county citizen involvement committees in a yearly process. She said some seats are harder to fill for various reasons such as travel time to a meeting. This is a very technical group and they do a lot of work via e-mail.

There was continued discussion about how to reach a wider audience, the current ethnic and racial diversity of citizen representatives on Metro committees, the effectiveness of current recruiting methods and possible ways to improve those methods and document them.

Erin Miller reported on her interview with the Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC). They do not recruit because people swarm to them wanting to join the committee. They do put vacancies in the GreenScene magazine and word of mouth is a huge way people find out about committee vacancies. She said there is not much, if any, cultural, religious, racial or economic diversity on this committee.

Gerritt Rosenthal talked about his Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and Transportation Alternatives Advisory Committee (TPAC) interviews. JPACT has jurisdictional diversity only. It is made up of elected officials with no citizens. TPAC is made up of appointed representatives and alternates. They look for two kinds of diversity: geographical and expertise. They also look for people interested in bikes and mass transit, heavy rail, and/or commuter planes, or other modes of transportation.

He suggested identifying types of diversity (i.e., age, expertise, jurisdictional, gender, racial, economic level, professional, educational, age, geographic) and having Metro make a specific policy considering which of these are most important for any given process and why. Priorities for each committee could shift over time as projects come and go. It was also suggested including a check box on each committee application form asking if the applicant wants to be considered for membership on other boards could be a way to recruit more members to other committees.

Mark Knudsen talked about the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC). This committee is made up of 27 electeds and three citizens. One citizen is selected from each county. There is currently no diversity on the Metro Technical

He noted three issues that could be important to soliciting more interest in Metro committees: 1) Raising awareness to citizens that even though some agendas are tedious and boring, they do have an impact on area livability. Metro should figure out a way to make issues more interesting or help citizens understand the relevance to them. 2) Meeting times are hard for regular citizens. It might be good to hold meetings at times and places other than this building. 3) Most cities and counties have economic development and minority assistance offices. There should be more outreach to those places.

There was additional discussion about places to recruit for diversity. Suggestions included contacting Ecumenical Ministries and other non-profits, sending Metro committee representatives to community events or other group's meetings, producing brochures about MPAC, MCCI and others and placing them on a table at community events and public meetings. The committee suggested adding on when they can to already existing outreach. If there are people already focused on a specific issue, then any support we have to offer their existing efforts would be good. Outreach is where Metro needs to get started.

Christine Roth requested a discussion about what happens when citizen involvement goes bad before she is termed out of the committee in June.

**Motion:**

Gerritt Rosenthal moved, with a second by Erin Miller, that MCCI recommends to Council that an important way of strengthening Metro's diversity is by increasing outreach and exposure at community events throughout the Metro region.
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**Vote:**

The vote was 11 aye/0 nay/0 abstain, the motion passed unanimously.
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**Roundtable**

None.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl grant  
MCCI staff

NOTE: Attached to these minutes is a list the committee will prioritize for continued discussion at the next meeting.