

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2005
Room 270

Members present: Christine Roth (Chair), JC Kizak, Erin Miller, Kate Warren, Skip White,

Members excused: Norm Andreen, Kathy Henton, Jamie Magdovitz, Scott Seibert

Members absent: Kate Schiele, Ed Rutledge

Also present: Malek Hall, Karen Wolfgang, Metro staff Gina Whitehill-Baziuk, Cheryl Grant, Janelle Geddes

Erin is now in district 6

Call to order

Chair Roth called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Dec. 7, 2005 minutes

The approval of the December minutes was postponed to the February meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Councilor Rod Park dropped in to say hello and talk about District 1 representatives. He said he would try to help with the citizen meeting conflict in Gresham if he could as their meeting is on the same night as MCCI's.

Best practices interviews follow-up

Erin Miller reported that she had contacted representatives of some CPOs but as yet hadn't received much response. One Washington county representative was interested in knowing more about the project. He commented that the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) conference had also done some best practice work and he urged the MCCI to look into their templates for best practices to see if it could be used in our work. Gina Whitehill-Baziuk recommended every member should look at the IAP2 website as it contains a lot of useful information.

City of Portland Bureau Innovation Project (BIP) follow-up

Kate Warren said she found the BIP #9: Public Involvement work very interesting. She distributed a packet from their last monthly meeting and noted that they will have results in June. Ms. Warren will follow-up on a public involvement manual which the City had created and has been updating over the years to see if it had information useful to MCCI in their work. She reviewed the timeline the BIP committee is following.

Nature in Neighborhoods update

Gina Whitehill-Baziuk gave a brief history of how the Nature in Neighborhoods work has evolved to this point. She introduced Janelle Geddes to talk more about it. Ms. Geddes reported six areas included in the work and why they are important. The six areas include restoration, monitoring and assessment, habitat friendly development practices, conservation education, local jurisdiction work, and acquisition. She explained the grant program that will be available to everyone: private land owners, nonprofits, watershed councils, businesses, etc. There are some partnership requirements. Four

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applications have been submitted, but they expect a lot more by the deadline. Grants will be awarded in early May.

Parks bond update

Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk updated the committee on future acquisition plans and distributed the natural areas bond measure effort public involvement plan (PIP). She said the Blue Ribbon Committee recently gave their recommendation to the council and starting tonight, the councilors are going around to interested groups and folks talking about the objectives and a breakdown of how funds will be used if they are granted by the voters.

OCI report

- RTP consultant RFP

Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk reported that a Request for Proposals (RFP) has gone out for a consultant to help with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). She will report next month about who was hired and how they will move forward with the process.

- Economic development speaker series

Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk reported that this is Councilor Liberty's project and the council passed a resolution to start a 2006 Economic Development speaker series with national figures discussing global markets and looking at ways to develop a better regional economic strategy, not just tied to land use. The first speaker will be Michael Gallis from North Carolina. There will be a public presentation at Liberty Center pm January 19, with limited seating. Other speakers are being lined up. The series is funded by the New Look budget with an additional \$16,000 raised by sponsors.

- New Look scoping update

None

Chair report

Chair Roth reported that she had met with MCCI staff to discuss membership issues. She also noted that she will be out of town for the March meeting.

Public comment and roundtable

Karen Wolfgang reported she will be returning to Princeton where she will be working on a guide to sustainable foods. She plans to return and become a regular member of the committee.

JC Kizak talked about the Olmsted parks plans and a complex in Ohio that he had done. His vision is partly responsible for this region's good parks system.

Skip White reported the formal ground-breaking for the new Sauvie Island bridge had happened that morning. Councilor Burkholder was in attendance. He said the island is losing TriMet service until 2009. There was a little dismay about that as the bus turns around there but won't be picking anyone up. He is going to look into TriMet taxes and having them suspended until they get service restored. He said a discussion with Councilor Burkholder revealed that the councilor thinks Sauvie Island looks a lot like the Tualatin valley and should be part of Metro. Mr. White did not think the island residents would go for that.

Chair Roth said Clackamas County is going to another workshop. They have a series of three programs a year- two are trainings for CPO chairs and two are for the membership in general. They have started doing a forum each year as well. The first was in the fall and was about Measure 37.

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They said attendance at these forums is now at 60-70 people. They are getting wonderful results from the training.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Roth adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl grant
MCCI staff