

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, March 1, 2006
Room 270

Members present: Ed Rutledge (Vice Chair), Norm Andreen, Virginia Bruce, Malek Hall, JC Kizak, Jamie Magdovitz, Erin Miller, Kate Warren, Skip White

Members excused: Christine Roth (Chair), Kathy Henton, Scott Seibert

Also present: Ray Bowman, Beaverton CCI, Jeff McCombs, CPO 4, Councilor Carl Hosticka, Adam Davis, Metro staff Gina Whitehill-Baziuk, Cheryl Grant

Call to order

Vice Chair Rutledge called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was rearranged to have Councilor Hosticka first, then Mr. Davis for his polling report. The Nature in Neighborhoods report was postponed. The Office of Citizen Involvement report will move to the 6:25 time. The rest of the agenda will be presented in order.

Councilor update

Councilor Hosticka reported that the council is looking at adding urban reserves, which they anticipate would be urbanized in the next 10 years or so. Discussion topics include farm reserves, which wouldn't be used for long time or never, and hard edges, which are not to be crossed. He said there is ongoing discussion about who will pay for the growth. He said this work would take about a year. The bond measure is currently consuming most of the councilors' time. Norm Andreen commented that there will be a different audience with financial issues involved and that could require different methods of engaging people. Councilor Hosticka added that they are also considering the planning elements. Some local jurisdictions are saying land from the last measure is not being developed because there isn't money to do it. The council is contemplating an excise tax to help with that. He said the council will be deciding on whether to take the bond measure to the voters at their March 9 meeting.

OCI report

- New Look research briefing

Adam Davis from Davis, Hibbitts and Midghall presented a PowerPoint of the research project his firm had done regarding regional attitudes toward population growth and land use issues.

- Update/next steps on bond measure

Ken Ray distributed information regarding the bond measure. He explained the target areas and talked about the total bond package, \$220 million. There have been many open houses and public forums and the councilors have been out to their districts talking about local share.

- Review NEPA/fed PIP standards, and best practices and how Metro applies different strategies across projects

Gina Whitehill-Baziuk distributed handouts for inclusion in the MCCI member handbooks regarding various methods used by Metro and others regarding public involvement practices. She explained different tools and methods used in different projects.

Nature in Neighborhoods grants update

None.

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Chair report

None.

Approval of Feb. 1, 2006 minutes

Hearing no objections, Vice Chair Ruttledge declared the minutes of the Feb. 1, 2006 meeting approved as amended (typo found).

Best practice project discussion

This discussion was included in the agenda item regarding NEPA review and federal PIP standards. Representatives from the county CCIs have been contacted and invited to the April MCCI meeting. There is a possibility of 6 guests at the April meeting.

Public comment/roundtable

None.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Vice Chair Ruttledge adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl grant

MCCI staff