

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, May 3, 2006
Room 501

Members present: Christine Roth (Chair), Norm Andreen, Malek Hall, JC Kizak, Kate Warren, Skip White

Members excused: Virginia Bruce, Erin Miller

Members absent: Jamie Magdovitz

Also present: Ray Bowman, Beaverton CCI, Roger Meyer, Gresham, Metro staff Ken Ray, Pat Emmerson, Ted Leybold, Karen Blauer, Cheryl Grant

Call to order

Chair Roth called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the deletion of the golf learning center item.

Approval of April 5, 2006 meeting minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

Waste reduction plan survey

Karen Blauer, solid waste and recycling, reviewed the process for updating the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP), currently in the second year of a 10 year plan defining the roles of the industry, local governments and residents affected by services provided by the system. The first phase was outreach to small groups to identify key issues and narrow the focus of what the plan will address. The second phase engages folks from different civic organizations and neighborhood associations in small group discussions. The participants in this phase came from working with local governments to identify interested parties.

She noted that the online survey the committee had been asked to comment on in its draft phase was now online along with a discussion guide. She encouraged the committee members to take the survey and report to her what they think of it as a tool as well as give their responses. Ms. Blauer said they are really excited about the survey, which will be available through June 5. Once adopted, the RSWMP will be blueprint to guide the region for the next 10 years.

Norm Andreen commented that this is a very good process. He noted, however, that the committee has not received a formalized PIP so they can respond to the process and procedures used at the end of it. Ms. Blauer said one had been produced about 2 years ago. She will send a revised one along with a document she has regarding what is not being recycled. There was additional discussion about recycling plastics and computers and about educating new residents to area recycling.

MTIP update

Ted Leybold, program manager for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) talked about how federal MTIP money is allocated to the region through Metro to agencies including TriMet, SMART, and ODOT.

He reviewed the draft public involvement plans for funding of regional transportation priorities talked about how transportation projects come into being. He said the MTIP is updated every two years; the first step is allocation of regional flexible funds, which are federal monies Metro is designated to allocate to agencies for their projects. Part of that process is figuring out which projects could best compete for the federal funds, figuring out how much they will cost and prioritizing the list. A list of recommended projects is drafted based on a technical evaluation scale and the list is taken out for public comment.

The committee commented that the handout would be more informative if approximate completion dates were added to the list of projects. It was also suggested that clarification of whether a project is in a study phase or a preliminary phase. They also felt it would be beneficial to list opportunities for public participation on the handout for each project

Nominations for June election of officers

The nominating committee, Norm Andreen and Scott Seibert, both agreed that Kate Warren would be an excellent candidate for Chair of the committee and that Erin Miller would make a good Vice Chair. He said that is the recommendation of the nominating committee. Ms. Warren agreed to run for Chair. Ms. Miller will have to be contacted about taking the Vice Chair. Nominations will be open until next meeting and will also be taken from the floor.

Chair report

None

Public comment/roundtable

Kate Warren reported that the City of Portland's Bureau Innovation Process (BIP) 9 will evaluate other neighborhood associations' and CCI's public involvement processes and try to create tools necessary for good citizen involvement. She said they are looking at a modified IAP2 public involvement spectrum to define different types of involvement and are looking at creating a tool to define levels of involvement. They are interested in collaborating with MCCI on an evaluation process for public involvement and to review some of their public involvement tools.

Scott Seibert said the City of Portland is considering using the old Sauvie Island bridge for a bike/pedestrian crossing over Interstate 405 at NW Flanders.

Skip White added that Native American artifacts have been found in the access area between the dike and the river and are causing some problems for the new bridge construction.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Roth adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl grant
MCCI staff