

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, June 7, 2006
Room 270

Members present: Christine Roth (Chair), Erin Miller, Skip White, JC Kizak, Virginia Bruce

Members excused: Jamie Magdovitz, Scott Seibert, Norm Andreen, Kate Warren, Malek Hall

Also present: Chris Smith, Ray Bowman, Beaverton CCI, Roger Meyer, Gresham, Metro Councilors Susan McLain, Rex Burkholder and Rod Park, Metro staff Teri Dressler, Kim Ellis, Pat Emmerson, Cheryl Grant, Ken Ray, Kathryn Sofich, Jeff Tucker, Karen Withrow.

Call to order

Chair Roth called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. A quorum was not present.

Approval of agenda

Due to lack of a quorum, action items were moved to the July agenda. The July meeting was postponed a week to July 12 as the date was so close to the holiday.

Approval of May 3, 2006 meeting minutes

The minutes were not considered due to lack of a quorum.

Councilor Communication

Councilor Susan McLain reported on New Look activities, the Metro paint facility's new location and recycling issues. She talked about the Zoo Master Plan and Metro success stories. She talked about upcoming county fairs and asked for volunteers from the committee to help man the booths. She talked about the Drive Less Save More campaign and Metro's commitment to diversity in the workforce.

Chair report

None.

Draft Regional Transportation Plan PIP

Councilor Rex Burkholder talked about the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and public outreach plans. He noted they would be asking JPACT approval the next day, and Council would have it the following week. He gave a broad overview of the timeline and public participation plan and distributed an RTP update. He described the process and noted that they are trying to target underrepresented folks, i.e., traditionally underpolled, non-English speaking people. He added that both Spanish and English versions of the survey are being presented. Targeted people will be reached through their organizations in order to build on networks already out there. Kim Ellis, regional transportation, responded to questions from the committee. She said once the work program has been approved, they will have a consultant help figure out how to populate the focus groups. What they learn through the focus groups will feed into the technical work they have to do. Committee members suggested the group should also represent economically challenged folks who rely on public transportation only; those who can't volunteer because they can afford a babysitter. Councilor McLain commented that people won't take the time to try to understand the whole issue, and that handouts in other languages need to be very simple and to the point. The committee suggested other resources staff might consider, including the Oregon Marine Board, using drive-time spots on the radio, the bicycle community.

Lake Oswego to Portland Transit and Trail Alternatives Analysis project

Karen Withrow updated the committee on the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit and Trail Alternative Analysis project. She noted that Chair Roth is on the advisory committee for this project. She distributed fact sheets of all the alternatives considered and maps related to those alternatives. She noted that the contact period ends this month and urged people to comment. She said the mailers had been sent to property and business owners along the route. The next step is for the recommendation to go to the affected jurisdictions and then back to Metro for final approval in July.

Golf Learning Center at Blue Lake Park

Ken Ray introduced Jeff Tucker, finance manager, and Teri Dressler, natural areas manager from the Parks department to review and report on plans in the works for the Golf Learning Center at Blue Lake Park which is currently in the feasibility and analysis phase. They are working with others, i.e., grass growers and the Audubon Society, to develop a model of how to manage a golf facility in the most organic, natural way possible and use as many native grasses and plant materials as possible. A goal of the Golf Learning Center is to entice family groups who might be intimidated to learn to golf because of experienced golfers on regular courses. Rental gear will be available and the cost for 9 holes will be kept at affordable rates. The learning center supports the 2001 Blue Lake Park Master Plan in terms of revenue creating potential. Public meetings at Fairview city hall will report and update on the study and present draft plans. There will also be a virtual open house. The center is probably 3 years away from opening.

Staff distributed information about the Blue Lake shuttle which departs from the Gresham Central Transit Center every 2 minutes in the summer. They noted it was a great way to get to the park to watch the fireworks.

Election of Officers

Due to lack of a quorum, election of new officers was postponed to the July meeting.

Public comment/roundtable

None.

Agenda setting for July 12, 2006

Since the steering committee will not meet tonight due to absence of members, the agenda for the July meeting was set at the regular meeting.

The July agenda will include, in addition to the regular items and in some order:

- a discussion of possible use of blogs to communicate with committee members
- communication with the faith based community
- election of officers

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl grant
MCCI staff