

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, August 2, 2006
Council Chamber

Members present: Kate Warren (Chair), Norm Andreen, Virginia Bruce, Malek Hall, JC Kizak, Erin Miller, Christine Roth Scott Siebert, Skip White

Members absent: Jamie Magdovitz

Also present: Scott Berry, Clackamas High School, potential members Lee Dayfield, Hal Ballard, Gerritt Rosenthal and Mark Knudsen, Metro staff Kate Marx, Cheryl Grant.

Call to order

Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. The committee introduced themselves for the benefit of the potential new members.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was changed

- The blog proposal was removed from the agenda and will be put back on next month.
- New Chair initiatives/organization of time was postponed to the next meeting.

Approval of July 12, 2006 meeting minutes

Hearing no objections, Chair Warren declared the minutes of the July 12, 2006 meeting approved as presented.

Ethanol presentation

Scott Berry, Clackamas High School student, presented his class project about making people more aware of ethanol as an alternative fuel. Scott is a senior and presenting his project to a community group is part of the requirements for graduation. The MCCI suggested ways to improve the presentation before he takes it to the Metro Council.

Outreach to religious organizations, continued discussion

Scott Siebert distributed information for the committee to review for the next meeting. He suggested talking with and inviting business folks, and religious and other groups to talk about outreach needs. Outreach methods should be the same for all groups, no matter their affiliation. He suggested working on this as part of a larger initiative rather than specifically targeting religious organizations.

There was committee discussion. Vice Chair Miller suggested taking the document home to review and digest, and to come back next meeting prepared to craft a recommendation to forward to the Council. Mr. Seibert added he would like the Council to know that the committee understands the need to leverage groups who already gather and find ways to reach different people. He suggested identifying 4-5 classes/organizations that may need to be looked at differently.

Chair Warren appointed Mr. Seibert to lead the writing of the proposal to council. Erin Miller volunteered to work on it as well.

Blog proposal

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

Chair Report

Chair Warren appointed the Steering Committee: Chair Warren, Vice Chair Miller, Scott Seibert, Christine Roth. One other appointment to the Steering Committee will be made in the near future.

Public comment/roundtable

Scott Seibert is chairing a City Club study committee. Oregonians in Action have proposed Ballot Measure 39, the Government Can't Steal My Property And Give It To A Developer Act on condemnation and eminent domain for economic development. He said people have come to talk to the committee who oppose the measure, but they don't want their names used so they won't be politically "out there". The study committee is trying to get someone organized in opposition so they can say they have talked to opponents as well as supporters. The report will be published, sent to legislators and newspapers, and posted on the City Club website after the Friday forum.

Norm Andreen reported on an Andy Parker article from last Monday's Oregonian about the Clackamas process for hamlets and villages, the voting process and how many participated. He said those affected households have been notified about dates and times for meetings and how to participate. The implication in the article was that there weren't a lot of people participating. Mr. Andreen was displeased with Councilor Newman's quotes in the article, which was basically that if a community, i.e. Boring who was going for village concept, started acting like a city by creating a tax base, he would be more inclined to bring them into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Mr. Andreen felt that statement prejudiced Councilor Newman's position and hurt the process. Christine Roth agreed that there were unnecessary and ill-informed statements in the article, but that Andy Parker is always trying to make an issue and doesn't write very many positive articles. She added that as a public official, you should be aware of that and know how to parse your words.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl grant
MCCI staff