

MINUTES OF THE METRO COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT
REGULAR COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 21, 2004
Room 370A-B

Members Present: Elizabeth Tucker (Chair), Norm Andreen, Kathy Everett, Dresden Skees Gregory, Kathy Henton,, Dick Jones, Jim Kimball, Moji Momeni, Ed Rutledge, Kate Schiele, Lori Waldo, Skip White

Members Absent: Darren Pennington, Christine Roth, Scott Seibert, Don Warner

Also Present: Kate Marx, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, Cheryl Grant, Office of Citizen Involvement, Sue Gemmell, Metro Webmaster

Call to Order/Introductions/Welcome

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed Ed Rutledge to the committee.

Approval of Agenda

The Auditor's report was removed from the agenda.

Approval of December 17, 2003 minutes

The approval of the minutes was set over to the February 4, 2004 meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Chair Report

Chair Tucker introduced Ed Rutledge and welcomed him to the committee. She reported that she and others had attended the January 15 Council meeting to relay the results of the UGB survey and other concerns of the committee. The Council had some questions for the committee, the answers to which Chair Tucker will take back to the January 29th Council meeting.

Web Calendar

Sue Gemmell's web calendar presentation was moved to the February 4th meeting. She responded to a few of the committee's questions regarding calendar content.

Draft proposal for restructuring MCCI subcommittees

The committee continued their discussion regarding the pros and cons of changing the subcommittee structure.

Motion: Dick Jones moved, with a second from Moji Momeni, to change the MCCI regular meeting time to the third Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m., and the Steering Committee meeting to the first Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

Vote: The vote was 4 aye/8 nay/0 abstain. The motion failed. Norm Andreen, Kathy Henton, Kathy Everett, Ed Ruttledge, Elizabeth Tucker, Lori Waldo, Dresden Skees Gregory and Skip White voted nay.

Motion: Norm Andreen moved, with a second from Ed Ruttledge, to disband the subcommittees, to meet with the full committee on the first and third Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., and the Steering Committee on the first Wednesday from 8 to 9 with a review of the schedule in 6 months.

Vote: The vote was 8 aye/4 nay/0 abstain. The motion passed. Dick Jones, Kate Schiele, Jim Kimball and Moji Momeni voted nay.

Moji Momeni, Dick Jones, Dresden Skees Gregory and Jim Kimball asked that their absences from the additional meeting be excused as they have prior commitments. The request was approved by acclamation.

Subcommittee Reports

Lori Waldo reported that the Community Planning subcommittee had an update on Centers and the Beaverton pilot program, which is to be finished in the Fall which is to develop a strategy for Town Centers. She added that Beaverton would do the public involvement part of it. She asked Moji to keep an eye on it since it is in his area. He agreed. She said the focus group's report from the Ag Symposium would be on the website. She reported that they had discussed Metro's use of cable networks and ways to get tapes of Metro run programs for library loan.

Norm Andreen reported that the Solid Waste and Recycling subcommittee meeting had been cancelled due to weather.

Christine Roth was not present for the Parks report.

Office of Citizen Involvement report

Kate Marx reviewed proposed plans for the Office of Citizen Involvement. The office would house public involvement staff as well as be a home for MCCI. The committee felt it was a great proposal and suggested having a library of Metro documents and other publications of interest to citizens. They felt a physical office was important for credibility. They commented they have wanted to do something like this for a while and asked to see an organizational chart of the office staff.

Ms. Marx talked about the Council organizing resolution, that a Councilor liaison had not been assigned to MCCI this year in favor of communicating with the full council. Discussion revealed that the committee feels it is important to have a liaison to the committee even if it was on a rotating schedule instead of assigning one Councilor.

Ms. Marx announced that Metro's main switchboard number, (503) 797-1700, has recorded messages about weather closures and meeting cancellations and is the best way to find out information.

Round Table

Jim Kimball reported that he had heard a comment from Commissioner Brian that after visiting other areas he felt 90 percent of our land use planning is resolved and we are arguing about the last 10 percent.

Moji Momeni said they are putting final touches on a handbook for planning in the City of Beaverton to help citizens to understand the process. It will be sent neighborhood association presidents and he will bring a copy for the new Office of Citizen Involvement library.

Dick Jones said they are starting conversations about governance in the Oak Grove area. He said letters have gone out asking people to be on the committee. He said Clackamas County has a committee monitoring surface water issues.

Norm Andreen said they are still working on defining and creating a hamlet of Beaver creek. They meet again February 19.

Kathy Henton reported that the Port issue in Troutdale and saving the Buttes are hot issues in her area, and that a Springwater group is currently gathering information. She commented that it would be informative to have additional time for sharing with other committee members to learn about issues in other districts since there wasn't a retreat.

Chair Tucker asked Subcommittee Chairs to e-mail their items for the next meeting agenda.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Tucker adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Grant
Office of Citizen Involvement