

**MINUTES OF THE METRO COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT
REGULAR COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 16, 2005
Room 270

Members Present: Scott Seibert (Chair), Norm Andreen (Vice Chair), Dresden Skees Gregory, Kathy Henton, Dick Jones, JC Kizak, Moji Momeni, David Posalski, Christine Roth, Kate Schiele, Elizabeth Tucker, Skip White

Members Excused: Angela Rysdam, Ed Rutledge

Members Absent:

Also Present: Metro staff Cheryl Grant, Bridget Wieghart, and Metro Carl Hosticka

Call to order/Introductions & Welcome/Appointment of Timekeeper

Chair Siebert called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Dresden Skees Gregory was appointed timekeeper.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the deletion of the Auditor report and the addition of a nominating committee discussion under the department liaison item.

Approval of January 19, 2005 minutes

Motion: Dick Jones moved, with a second from Moji Momeni, to approve the minutes as presented.

Vote: The vote to approve the minutes was 7 aye/0 nay/3 abstain. The motion passed. Elizabeth Tucker, David Posalski and Dresden Skees Gregory abstained. JC Kizak and Kate Schiele were absent from the vote.

Chair Report

Chair Seibert reported that he had attended an interesting meeting of an advisory committee to the Portland City Council who were also working on best practice issues. He was amused that they decided to form an advisory committee to the advisory committee, but said it reminded him that MCCI members are not alone in their frustration about communication issues. He announced that Ms. Skees Gregory had been nominated for the Bicycle Transportation Alliance's Alice B. Toeclips award. He congratulated her and added that former MCCI member Darren Pennington had also been nominated.

Councilor Communication

Councilor Hosticka talked about issues the Metro Council will be working on in the next few months. He is very active in the Highway 217 issue. He is also involved in the Nature in Neighborhoods (previously known as Goal 5 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection). He said the Council adopted a resolution last December giving direction to staff about what kind of program the Council would like to have and there should be a completed draft by the end of March if not sooner, then there will be a major public involvement effort with the intent of trying to adopt Framework Plan amendments in May.

He said Council is working on a strategic budget, which will have major implications for the direction Metro goes. Possible upcoming issues could be hard edges for the region, greenspaces and satellite cities, and the Centers program. Metro is gearing up for a possible ballot measure in 2006. Questions remain whether to go outside the UGB for natural parks, acquire easements in habitat or talk about affordable housing. Council will discuss these and other issues that could shape the ballot measure during the next 6

months. He added that TPAC is talking about those issues now. He reported that a task force has been formed to discuss the impacts of Measure 37 and what it means to Metro. He said it may be year or more before they figure it out. There was committee discussion regarding the ballot measure, Measure 37 impacts and annexation issues. The committee urged maintenance money in any open space bond.

OCI Report

Bridget Weighart, project manager for the Highway 217 project, reviewed recommendations and gave an overview of the project. She recommended the committee review additional information on the website. There was discussion about the study goals and recommendations. Ms. Weighart reviewed the study process and distributed copies of the Phase 1 draft corridor study.

Chair Seibert voiced concern from a public involvement perspective regarding the perception that it is really a study about which toll option works best. He urged expectation management around all of the options. Councilor Hosticka agreed it was a valid concern. Ms. Weighart said that was why it was called out in the recommendation for continued discussion.

Ms. Weighart noted that the Highway 217 Policy Advisory Committee has resisted directly addressing the I-5 south issue but staff has become very aware of those issues. Councilor Hosticka commented that one reason the committee had decided to go ahead with tolling was that it is an option they need to learn more about. He said it was not an effort to herd people into tolling but a realistic discussion of how to finance these things. There was additional discussion about toll lanes, pro and con. Chair Seibert said a Public Involvement Plan was needed around policy issues. Councilor Hosticka agreed there was a need for discussion about ways to get a larger regional reflection on the impacts of Highway 217.

Mission statement review

The committee discussed their mission statement. They agreed that Metro does a fairly good job with public involvement and they hope to come up with better ways to communicate with others in their communities. They agreed that the only way for that to happen is to ask jurisdictions to assist them in crafting minimum regional standards for citizen involvement. There was discussion regarding how to measure that as it is purely subjective and what may be sufficient for one may not be for another. Members felt Metro was falling down on producing Public Involvement Plans (PIPs) for this committee to review before projects begin.

Farewell to Elizabeth Tucker

Chair Seibert thanked Ms. Tucker for her service to the committee and her support of his Chairmanship. Ms. Tucker said she and her husband are moving to Connecticut where he has accepted a Coast Guard commission. She commented that the military support teams are very good at outreach as they have contacted her many times about the move, potential jobs for her, and social events.

Best Practices discussion

Chair Seibert suggested meeting every two weeks, starting two weeks from tonight's meeting, to plan the order of inviting the jurisdictions to discuss public involvement practices. He wanted to invite Michael Jordan to the next meeting to give his views and visions and then they would start inviting jurisdictions to the additional meetings for discussion.

Department Liaison reports

Mr. Momeni reported that he felt the committee was moving away from being involved in the development of public involvement plans (PIPs). He added that the Highway 217 PIP was without input from this group. Mr. Andreen asked how staff had involved Mr. Momeni with the process. Mr. Momeni said not at all. Mr. Andreen said that was part of what needs to be changed, that staff needs a better connection with the liaisons. Mr. Momeni said the I-5/99W corridor improvement is moving forward,

forming a policy advisory committee, etc., and this committee hasn't heard much about it. He said people need to be involved on the front side of a project, at the planning stage.

Ms. Tucker said the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) is currently in phase 3 and has had more than adequate public involvement because it was done before and there were a lot of people already in the process. She the next solid waste issue would be a possible rate change, and the next liaison needs to watch that closely.

Nominating Committee

Skip White, Christine Roth and Dick Jones volunteered to be the nominating committee to prepare for the upcoming election of officers.

Public comment/Roundtable

Ms. Tucker reported that the old Shriners' hospital on 82nd and Sandy Blvds. has been torn down and is being replaced with an assisted living complex. She said the neighbors had wanted to save the building but it was in such disrepair that even the McMennamins couldn't save it.

Mr. Andreen said he had been elected Chair of the Clackamas County Planning Commission. He commented that they had been looking at industrial site issues and had recommended staff categorize only to industrial sites in Clackamas and not county wide.

Ms. Schiele reported that Lake Oswego was still working to expand the trolley from Lake Oswego, through her neighborhood to the south waterfront. She said group that was looking at the system had decided not to include citizen members from her neighborhood, only from Lake Oswego.

Ms. Henton said she had nothing new to report about Gresham's citizen involvement commission. She said that issue is still outstanding as is the assessment on citizen involvement they have been promised for two years now. She reported that Gresham just celebrated their 100th birthday and shared an Outlook publication, "A Century of Community".

Ms. Skees Gregory said Washington County was in the midst of an annexation. She reported Jack Hoffman is the new Chair of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) and that committee currently is hard at work on the Centers program and Nature in Neighborhoods. She added that Washington County has the most Measure 37 claims now.

Mr. Momeni saod the big thing in his area is the next phase of the Beaverton Round. The new building going in is a seven-story parking garage, which will be tallest building in the city. It is necessary for revitalizing downtowns.

Mr. Jones said his CPO was planning to endorse a park project in their area but there were some who are upset about having a park at all. He said a former MCCI Chair, Ted Kyle, was talking about a sewer plant they want to close and move the sewage to Oregon City. He said they met with a moderator and the final vote was 85 to 15 to not close the sewer plant.

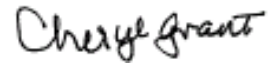
Ms. Roth said her CCI would be helping moderate an informational discussion between CPOs and CCIs regarding village hamlet for complete communities.

Mr. White reported that plans for the new bridge on Sauvie Island had to be modified because they are running short of money. He talked about the "raptor event" that was held on the island February 5 which was cosponsored by the Audubon Society, Metro and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. He said it was a success and they had about 600 visitors. It will become yearly affair.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Grant".

Cheryl Grant
MCCI staff