

**MINUTES OF THE METRO COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**  
**REGULAR COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, April 20, 2005  
Room 270

Members Present: Scott Seibert (Chair), Norm Andreen (Vice Chair), Dresden Skees Gregory, Kathy Henton, Dick Jones, JC Kizak, Christine Roth, Ed Ruttledge, Angela Rysdam, Skip White

Members Excused: David Posalski, Kate Schiele,

members absent: Moji Momeni

Also Present: Metro staff Gina Whitehill-Baziuk, Cheryl Grant, Skip Ormsby

**Call to order/Introductions & Welcome/Appointment of Timekeeper**

Chair Siebert called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. members introduced themselves. Norm Andreen was appointed timekeeper.

**Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved with the deletion of Jack Hoffman who had a work conflict and could not come.

**Approval of March 16, 2005 minutes**

**Motion:** Norm Andreen moved, with a second from Christine Roth, to approve the minutes as presented.

**Vote:** The vote to approve the minutes was 12 aye/0 nay/0 abstain. The motion passed. Dresden Skees Gregory was absent from the vote.

**Chair Report**

None.

**Nominating Committee update**

Christine Roth reported that Ed Ruttledge has agreed to run for vice chair and Moji Momeni and Christine Roth have agreed to run for Chair. Chair Seibert said the process for next meeting will be to accept additional nominations and then vote. Department liaisons and steering committee will be appointed by the new Chair.

**OCI report**

• **Nature in Neighborhoods**

Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk talked about the ordinance and the two resolutions regarding Nature in Neighborhoods. She described the Nature in Neighborhoods pavilion that will be part of the Natural Style Sustainable Living Festival May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and invited committee members to volunteer for the event. She distributed updated Nature in Neighborhoods FAQ sheets.

There was committee discussion regarding a possible bond for more open spaces purchases. There were concerns about asking the public for more money for purchasing more land without developing lands already purchased. Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk explained that not all of the land previously purchased was intended to be developed. The committee felt there should be citizen input and involvement before asking for a new bond.

- **Eastside and Lake Oswego Transportation Alternatives Analysis**

Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk distributed documents that provide an overview of the transit alternatives analyses and talked about a proposed route. She explained it is not necessarily streetcar line or even necessarily along the Willamette shoreline. She said they are talking to people throughout the corridor regarding their issues and perceptions of what should be done. She said there is no PIP as yet as they wanted to talk to the people in the corridor first. She said they should be done talking to people by the end of the month and she will bring back a report and talk about public outreach.

There was discussion about Highway 217 funding and how it would affect citizens. There is no target date for completion of this project.

### **Councilor Communication**

Councilor Robert Liberty, the newest member of the Metro Council, introduced himself to the committee and talked about his goals and interests. He complimented the committee's efforts for Metro and the citizens of the region. He acknowledged that every citizen has good ideas to contribute, and the most important component of citizen involvement is the contribution of new ideas.

There was discussion regarding the regional minimum standards for public involvement that the committee is currently working on. The committee felt that Metro has done an incredibly better job than they were doing even four years ago with their public involvement.

### **Region wide public involvement standards/best practices questions**

Jack Hoffman, Chair of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee, had planned to attend this meeting to discuss and give his suggestions and ideas for best practice public involvement but was unable to attend due to work conflicts. The committee discussed possible questions for their process gathering. Mr. Hoffman will be invited to the next meeting. Christine Roth, Angela Rysdam, Norm Andreen, Erin Cook, Kate Warren and Kathy Henton were assigned to work with staff to solidify the framework for discussion with Mr. Hoffman. The committee's plan is to invite public officials to a meeting to have a discussion. Five or six people at a time from comparable groups will be invited for discussion. Chair Seibert said the small work groups will be facilitated by Christine Roth.

### **Department Liaison reports**

- Planning
- Solid Waste and Recycling
- Parks

There were no liaison reports.

### **Public comment/Roundtable**

J.C. Kizak said Multnomah County's volunteer awards ceremony is next week. She will forward an e-mail about the event in case anyone is interested in attending.

Skip White said the geese have left Sauvie Island but the vagrants are moving in. He reported zebra mussels still have not invaded the water there, which is a good thing. He also reported that something has bothered the salmon run this year.

Christine Roth reported that 125 people attended the Complete Communities congress. It was a great turnout. People had a chance to brainstorm ideas and how to implement them.

Kathy Henton said Gresham will do a community participation inventory and assessment using a graduate student intern to do the survey. She commented she had asked them to make commission members part of the process for guidelines.

Chair Seibert said the City of Portland Department of Transportation will be resurfacing Northwest Twenty-third Street and the street will probably be closed from May to December while the work is done. There are a couple of businesses that are not happy with the situation.

Gina Whitehill-Baziuk reported that Metro's Open Spaces Acquisition project had been selected by Bridge Pedal as one of the best projects in the last ten years. The Bridge Pedal event will be used as the kick-off for the open spaces celebration events.

Charles "Skip" Ormsby asked to comment regarding some problems with citizen input in the Foothills district. He explained his concerns and wondered what committees the Birdshill folks could or could not sit on and talked about what he planned to do about it. The committee discussed several of Mr. Ormsby's concerns with him, and as a result suggested that he contact the Clackamas County citizen involvement committee to see if he could attend one of their meetings with his concerns. They gave him information about the representative on the Metro Policy Advisory Committee from his area, Doug McClain, and suggested he also contact him for advice and help.

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Siebert adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Grant  
MCCI staff