

**MINUTES OF THE METRO COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**  
**REGULAR COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, May 18, 2005  
Room 270

Members Present: Scott Seibert (Chair), Norm Andreen (Vice Chair), Eric Cook, Kathy Henton, Dick Jones, JC Kizak, Jamie Magdovitz, Moji Momeni, David Posalski, Christine Roth, Ed Rutledge, Skip White

Members Excused: None

Members absent: Dresden Skees Gregory, Angela Rysdam, Kate Schiele, Kate Warren

Also Present: Metro staff Gina Whitehill-Baziuk, Cheryl Grant, guests Britt Parrott, Charles Ormsby

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

Chair Seibert called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Members introduced themselves. Kathy Henton was appointed timekeeper.

**Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**Approval of April 20, 2005 minutes**

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

**Vote:** The vote to approve the minutes was 9 aye/0 nay/0 abstain. The motion passed.

**Chair Report**

None.

**Metro website demonstration**

Sue Gemmill, Metro's webmaster, demonstrated the Metro website, responded to questions and took several suggestions about making the site more user friendly.

**Councilor communication**

Council President David Bragdon presented Dick "Bulldog" Jones a certificate for his years of service on the MCCI and thanked him for his dedication. President Bragdon explained the new agency budget process. He reported on the activities of the Nature in Neighborhoods program and the consolidation of functions throughout the departments. He talked about the affects of the Measure 37 legislation on the program. He added that formal adoption of the program has been delayed to September to see what the legislature did regarding the issue.

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

Chair Seibert introduced Jack Hoffman, Chair of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) who had been invited to share his views regarding minimum standards for public involvement and regional best practice guidelines so citizens can expect a certain level of treatment and access to governments. The committee hopes to come up with ideas for how MCCI can provide examples of good citizen involvement in hopes that jurisdictions choose to join in. The committee asked Mr. Hoffman to start the conversation

at MPAC. He agreed, but did not know if a one-size-fits-all procedure would work. He said civic engagement is very important and offered to return to a future meeting to continue the discussion.

### **OCI report**

Gina Whitehill-Baziuk reported that the Nature in Neighborhoods pavilion at the Sustainable Living Festival was a great success. There were approximately 5,000 visitors to the weekend event. The same weekend was a successful compost bin sale and the Johnson Creek Watershed opening as well as a Smith and Bybee Lakes event that had about 300 attendees. Interviews of stakeholders regarding the Lake Oswego transit study are finishing up and the results of those interviews will be reported at the next MCCI meeting.

### **Farewell to and from Dick Jones**

Dick Jones, who is leaving the committee due to term limits, said he has enjoyed serving and has seen the committee change over the years. He was certain the committee would continue to grow and do good work and keep their focus on assisting the Metro Council with first rate public involvement.

### **Department Liaison reports**

- Planning
- Solid Waste and Recycling
- Parks

None.

### **Election of Officers**

Christine Roth reported for the nominating committee. Ed Rutledge has agreed to run for Vice Chair. Moji Moment and Christine Roth are interested in the Chair position. Norm Andreen opened nominations from the floor. There were none. The slate was approved as presented. Mr. Momeni respectfully removed his name from the slate due to changes in his life situation. He added he may not continue with this group. Ballots were distributed, marked and returned to the Vice Chair for counting.

Chair Seibert thanked the MCCI for their support. He said it had been a pleasure to work with the steering committee, too, and thanked Norm Andreen for helping him and the committee make significant advances over the last year.

Vice Chair Andreen thanked the committee for their work over the past year and announced the results of the voting. Christine Roth is the new MCCI Chair and Ed Rutledge is the new Vice Chair, both for one-year terms. Chair Roth took the gavel for the remainder of the meeting.

The 2006-06 Steering Committee members are as follows: Chair Roth, Vice Chair Rutledge, Angela Rysdam as solid waste liaison, Erin Cook as parks liaison, Jamie Magdovitz as planning liaison, Kathy Henton in one at-large seat. The second at-large position will be appointed at the June meeting.

### **Public comment/Roundtable**

JC Kizak said the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) could use some support for keeping the two staff positions in their budget. She said please e-mail to the Multnomah County Commission with comments and support.

Moji Momeni said he would be out of the country for the June meeting. He said his life is becoming more heavily involved with other endeavors and would be leaving the committee.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Roth adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Cheryl Grant  
MCCI staff