

**MINUTES OF THE METRO COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**  
**REGULAR COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005  
Room 270

Members Present: Christine Roth (Chair), Norm Andreen, Kathy Henton, JC Kizak, Jamie Magdovitz, Ed Rutledge (Vice Chair), Kate Warren, Skip White

Members Excused: Erin Miller, Scott Seibert

Members absent: Kate Schiele

Also Present: Metro staff Gina Whitehill-Baziuk, Cheryl Grant, Kate Marx, Sherry Oeser, Councilor Brian Newman, and a visitor, Malek Hill, a potential member of the committee.

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

Chair Roth called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Members introduced themselves. Kate Warren was appointed timekeeper.

**Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**Approval of July 20, 2005 minutes**

**Motion/** Hearing no additions or deletions, Chair Roth declared the minutes approved as  
**Vote:** presented.

**Chair Report**

Chair Roth requested to change the meeting day from the third Wednesday to the first Wednesday of the month due to a conflict with her other commitments. After committee discussion it was agreed to change the meeting day. She reported that she has an appointment next week to discuss an audit of Metro's public involvement practices with the Metro Auditor. She asked members to e-mail any issues or concerns they would like discussed at this meeting.

**Councilor communication**

Metro Councilor Brian Newman talked about the success of recent celebration events which were a way of letting voters know about the accomplishments of the open spaces bond over the last ten years. He reported that the Metro Council would hold a public hearing at their meeting the next afternoon, the culmination of the council's work regarding Nature in Neighborhoods. He said they would vote on several amendments but would not make a final decision until the following week.

Councilor Newman said Council President Bragdon is convening a tax study committee to help identify sources and mechanisms to pay for planning for new pieces of land brought into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). He said most of the previously acquired areas have not yet been planned even though the jurisdictions were supposed to have done it. He added that with a few exceptions, planning had not been done because there were no resources to do it. The Council hoped to identify ways to help through grants or some other method yet to be determined.

Councilor Newman reported that the region is growing faster than expected when the 2040 plan was adopted which is making challenges for where to put people as well as an impact on future expansion. He said a series of presentations has been prepared for mayors and alpha groups in the region and offered to present it for MCCI. He said the presentation is about projections and prospects for using them. He said

this was just the very beginning, gathering data for people to understand the accelerated growth rate, and he would like the committee to save time on the November meeting for a presentation. There were questions from the committee about why Metro is bringing in more land when there is land already in that has not been annexed by anyone. Councilor Newman said the council's challenge is that their hands are tied by the state's 5-year review cycle. Metro had a bill in the legislature asking to change the cycle to 10 years but it didn't go anywhere. He said the council will try again next session to change some of those laws that are creating the problems. Councilor Newman briefly discussed the potential new bond measure that would build on the success of the 1995 one. He reported that the council is forming a Blue Ribbon committee to review target areas and make recommendations to the council.

### **OCI report- part 1**

Sherry Oeser, planning and community development, talked about the industrial lands remand notice and the public involvement schedule. She distributed copies of their work schedule. The Chief Operating Officer has made his recommendations and they are now starting discussions at the advisory committee level. She said notices would go out at the end of this week, and e-mail notices to CPOs and neighborhood associations with areas under consideration will be sent next week. She showed the recommended areas on the map. She noted that they are required by law to notice all of those people even though the recommendation only affects areas around Hillsboro.

Ms. Oeser said this work was a result of the industrial lands work not being completed when the land was brought in back in 2002, and some that was brought in in 2004 that went to LCDC who sent it back for some additional work. She observed that 330 out of 18,000 acres doesn't seem like a lot, but it is required. She distributed a list of upcoming open houses. Councilor Newman commented that Ballot Measure 56 notices had been sent to everyone affected by the Nature in Neighborhoods resolution, and there was a separate program for the Tualatin Basin. He said the Metro Council had voted to combine those programs last spring, but they are still separate. He said there is a piece of the City of Portland that is in the Tualatin Basin that would be under the Metro program. They did not get proper notice but will be sent a separate one, approximately 700 properties. They will be broken out in a separate ordinance from tomorrow's action and will be voted on separately so those people can have a chance to say their piece.

### **City of Portland Bureau Innovation Project (BIP) discussion**

Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong from Mayor Potter's office at the City of Portland was unable to attend tonight's meeting to talk about Bureau Improvement Programs (BIPs). She called last minute to say she could not come as the Mayor needed her elsewhere. Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk reported that Karen Withrow from Metro's Public Affairs department has been asked to serve on the BIP #9 task force, which speaks to the consistency of engagement opportunities for the public. She said their work sounded much like what this committee had been struggling with.

### **Department Liaison reports**

Department liaisons had nothing to report. There was group discussion about the current structure of the committee and how it had worked in the past with subcommittees. Councilor Newman reported a potential citizen committee for school funding this fall. He said Metro is not leading it, but Mayor Potter's staff has met with school officials and others to determine what can be done regionally. He had heard they are moving forward, but no decisions will come until the fall. There was committee discussion about the idea. There are areas now where people pay for schools in one district when their children attend in another. Councilor Newman said the money would be collected and redistributed per capita, based on folks who are paying in. The committee commented that it would not calm the person in Oregon City who was paying more taxes than someone in Beavercreek and going to the same school.

### **Region-wide PI standards/best practices discussion**

Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk distributed a BIP project sheet and explained about the program. She had hoped for a lengthy conversation tonight but Ms. Kennedy-Wong had been unable to come due to a last minute work assignment. Mr. Rutledge wondered if there could be an MCCI liaison on the committee so MCCI could benefit from their work as they progress through the issues. Kate Warren said she already sent an email expressing her interest in joining them. She said she had not heard back.

### **OCI report-Part 2**

Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk talked about the Highway 217 Policy Advisory Committee's recommendations. The vote at a meeting this night was to proceed with new lanes in each direction, as well as tolled, variable priced express lanes in both directions. They will look at a number of next steps regarding intersections, arterials, bike/pedestrian access points, etc. Listening posts will be in October, then it will go to JPACT and then to council. There will be an online survey posted by Monday on the Metro website for people to express their opinions.

### **Transit alternatives analysis study**

Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk said the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Alternatives Analysis Policy Advisory Committee met last night. David Jorling became chair and there are three vice-chairs, geographically selected. The vice-chairs will help with working groups and disseminating information. She said people were mostly concerned about maintaining neighborhood safety. They will do work on bike/pedestrian access as well. She reported that the Highway 99W/I-5 study has been reorganized and has a new lead from Washington County. Kristin Hull is now a consultant on that project and she called to see if someone from MCCI or a delegate who lives in the area would be willing to sit on that working group. After discussion, the committee recommended that Chair Roth call former MCCI member Darren Pennington to see if he would be willing to participate.

### **Public comment/Roundtable**

Kathy Henton said they are still fighting WalMart. She reported that at last night's council meeting, they approved the Springwater plan but held out two areas for a second look at natural habitat preservation and restoration. She reported that the new commission starts to work in October and their citizen survey has been completed. It will be public in a few weeks. She did not participate.

Norm Andreen said the Beavercreek area is still looking at whether to choose village or hamlet. After today's hearing, he will recommend going with the village designation because it would put them in a much stronger position. He expressed serious concern about the current MCCI structure. He does not feel it is possible, meeting once a month, to keep on top of things unless they happen to fall in the right time period for committee review. He urged restructuring of the committee.

Ed Rutledge reported on a meeting with some Indonesian elected officials who had asked to meet with the MCCI about American eco-cities, and why Portland is apparently more interested in being green than the rest of country. They talked about environmental issues and land use issues. He said it is very difficult to explain Oregon to folks from other countries, i.e. talking about the Tom McCall legend, then Measure 37. He said the conversation moved through what Metro is and does, the UGB, parks cemeteries, performing arts, etc, then at the end of the conversation, they circled around back and asked again what is Metro. He said he has put out some communications to councilors regarding finding new members for the committee.

Gina Whitehill-Baziuk said she recently met with the diversity committee and they are interested in having one of their member serve on MCCI. They put up the MCCI job description and vacancies on their website.

JC Kizak went to a tree liaison conference in Portland. She said the overarching tie-ins are open spaces and environmental issues. She urged folks to keep planting trees and to try to keep people from cutting them down.

Skip White reported on one of the parks open spaces celebrations at Sauvie Island, which included the Sauvie Island harvest fair. He said it went off very well except for some rain that afternoon. The attendance on Sunday was tremendous. He thought it could benefit even more from better advertising. The television stations were busy elsewhere this year. The ladies of the island sold 180 pies! They are going to try to get the local neighborhood associations involved next year. He said Metro's Cathy Sherick was the glue that held the whole thing together this year. There were a tremendous number of families at this year's event. He said the sheriff's department is negotiating for a meeting with Mayor Potter about taking 50 deputies into the Portland Police Bureau. Island residents prefer to keep their deputies as they we know them. They tend to be like family in rural areas. He said taking them would have definite impact on those in unincorporated areas of Multnomah County regarding safety factors for residents and visitors alike. They have to add extra deputies in the summer.

Malek Hall introduced himself as a potential committee member.

Gina Whitehill-Baziuk talked about the IAP2 conference coming up in Portland. She said Metro has purchased three seats for MCCI members to share if anyone is interested in attending. She encouraged members to take advantage of this opportunity. She reported that next week the National Trust for Historic Preservation will be in town and Metro will be doing two UGB tour in conjunction with that event. They will be traveling to different areas around the region and talking about the legislation that started it all, and a little about Measure 37 and Transit Oriented Developments (TODs).

Chris Roth talked about a forum they held in Clackamas County with their commissioners. She said they had almost complete reactivation of their CPOs across the county. Some had been dormant for as long as 25 years and are now back in action. Mr. Andreen added that a lot of this started with the complete communities. Ms. Roth and Mr. Andreen said they would be happy to share stories of this success after the meeting.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Roth adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Grant  
MCCI staff