

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

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005
Room 270

Members Present: Christine Roth (Chair), Norm Andreen, JC Kizak, Jamie Magdovitz, Erin Miller, Ed Ruttleddge, Kate Warren, Skip White,

Members Excused: Scott Seibert, Kathy Henton

Members absent: Kate Schiele, Jamie Magdovitz

Also Present: Marshal Mungai and Karen Wolfgang (interested in committee membership), Malek Hill, Metro staff Robin McArthur, Kate Marx, Gina Whitehill-Baziuk, Cheryl Grant, Patty Montgomery, Daniel Lerch (policy intern),

Call to order/Introductions & Welcome/Appointment of Timekeeper

Chair Roth called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Members introduced themselves. Christine Roth was appointed timekeeper.

Approval of agenda

Councilor Burkholder and Tom Kloster will be placed on the December agenda to report on the Regional Transportation Plan. Karen Blauer will attend tonight's meeting to update the committee on the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP).

Approval of Sept. 21 and Oct. 5, 2005 minutes

Hearing no objections, Chair Roth declared the minutes of the Sept 21, 2005 meeting approved as presented. She declared the minutes of the Oct. 5, 2005 meeting approved with spelling corrections.

OCI report

- **New Look update**

Robin McArthur, regional planning director, showed an informational PowerPoint planned for public outreach use and responded to questions from the committee about growth issues. Committee members suggested additional areas they felt would be helpful to include in the PowerPoint. Ms. McArthur took the suggestions for consideration. There was committee discussion regarding the powerful influence of the construction lobby in Salem, and laws and other influences that drive growth patterns in the state. The construction lobby also has an influence on Metro regarding urban growth boundary issues. Some committee members believe the populace doesn't get the message so they can understand what the impacts of growth, i.e., costs for schools, roads, sewers, water treatment plants. Ms. McArthur responded that that the scoping they are doing is much broader than the PowerPoint shows, and includes neighborhood associations, the Coalition for a Livable Future (CLF), and many others. She said the Councilors are doing a similar slide show.

- **Scoping communication plan**

Kate Marx distributed the timeline for the New Look work. She said the council has committed to doing this and will be giving presentations and talking to city councils and other electeds as well as CLF and others. She asked the committee to review the documents and suggest changes. Norm Andreen noted that there were no plans to go to groups in areas where the expansion will happen.

He said it is important to make a case to them because they will be affected personally. Ed Rutledge added that TriMet and labor organizations would be good additions.

- **Main strategies**

There was committee discussion and suggestions regarding the list of scoping participants. Ms. McArthur said presentations to the agricultural community were upcoming. Other suggestions from the committee were plant nurseries, the public health and emergency planning communities. The Port of Portland should include both aviation and river components. Ms. Marx added that they were discussing bringing all of the planning commissions together to have a regional discussion for the first time like they had recently convened the mayors and councilors, also for the first time. Mr. Andreen reiterated his belief that citizens outside the boundary need to be included. Ms. Marx reminded everyone that this is very early in the process and at a later date, the Office of Citizen Involvement will come back to discuss methods of reaching folks. There was discussion regarding public opinion research. Telephone polls were not deemed helpful, but an on-line or other person-to-person survey could be. Ms. Whitehill-Baziuk clarified that the scoping will go through January at which time the results will be reviewed in order to start to develop the rest of the communications plan. She agreed that educators should be added to the scoping list. Mr. Rutledge said this felt like a top down process, reflective of the current council. He commented that this approach is certainly faster-cheaper-cleaner, but not better.

- **Hwy 217 update**

Patty Unfred Montgomery reviewed public outreach for the almost completed Phase 2 of the Highway 217 project. She distributed a list of preliminary recommendations which can also be found on the Metro website. She said, bottom line, there are no funds for new construction and tolling will have to at least be considered.

Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

Karen Blauer, solid waste community relations staff, solicited input for the third phase of the RSWMP, which is a long range plan for managing solid waste and recovery of recyclables in the region. This is to update the last 10-year plan. She said public involvement has been designed to play a large role in shaping what goes into this plan. She reviewed the first two phases, including "Let's Talk Trash". She said progress on the larger RSWMP has been delayed due to the breadth and complexity of the ongoing discussions.

The anticipated schedule includes a 45-day public comment period to begin December 1st and ending January 15th. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) will then review the draft plan as a whole and hear staff responses to substantive written responses gathered during the public involvement process. SWAC will make recommendations about the interim plan. Council will receive the interim plan in mid-February and they will host a public hearing. The hope is the council will consider adoption of the plan by the end of February. Ms. Blauer's group is considering a virtual open house for public education and input. The committee suggested venues for promoting the open house. Ms. Blauer will send the survey to MCCI staff for distribution to the committee. Mr. Rutledge asked Ms. Blauer to return to the committee to talk about the virtual open house as a method of public outreach.

Regionwide PI standards

Moved to a future agenda.

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Department liaison reports

None

Chair report

Chair Roth reported that she, Kate Warren, Erin Miller and Kathy Henton had taken the offered opportunity to attend the IAP2 conference. She said it had been very valuable. She said most of the attendees were practitioners and very few citizens. She commented that she and Ms. Henton had come away with the realization that citizen involvement in this region is head and shoulders above the rest of country. Chair Roth distributed an IAP2 survey/discussion guide and said there would be more discussion about it at the next meeting for possible use as a best practices document.

Public comment and roundtable

None

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Roth adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Grant
MCCI staff