

MINUTES OF THE METRO COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT
REGULAR COMMITTEE
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005
Room 270

Members Present: Christine Roth (Chair), Norm Andreen, Kathy Henton, Jamie Magdovitz, Erin Miller, Scott Seibert, Ed Rutledge, Kate Warren, Skip White,

Members Excused: JC Kizak

Members absent: Kate Schiele

Also Present: Malek Hall, Cameron Foucht, Meagan Ostrem, Councilor Rex Burkholder, Metro staff Kate Marx, Robin McArthur, Gina Whitehill-Baziuk, Tom Kloster, Lydia Neill, Kathryn Sofich, Ken Ray, MPAC Chair Jack Hoffman.

Call to order

Chair Roth called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Nov. 2, 2005 minutes

Hearing no objections, Chair Roth declared the minutes of the Nov. 2, 2005 meeting approved as presented.

RTP

The last Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update was done in 2000. The 2004 update was housekeeping. There is a new federal law requiring 4-year updates as well as a state law requiring 5-year updates. A consultant is being engaged to help explore a budgeting for outcomes approach to developing the next RTP. Councilor Burkholder briefly discussed the budgeting for outcomes objectives and distributed the David Osborne and Peter Hutchinson primer. Under the new approach programs and policies will be ranked according to dollars expected to reach the region. The remaining unfunded things will again require going back to the public. There was committee discussion and suggestions regarding the fact that the public must be educated on the issues before they can comment. Tom Kloster commented that there are no funds available to do the math driven technical processes used in the past. They are moving to a value-driven system. They are also fighting an escalating cost situation. Councilor Burkholder said input from MCCI would be needed and would be used as a sounding board for the consultant. A milestone chart was distributed showing how people would be engaged.

Cost of Congestion

Councilor Burkholder talked about the impact of congestion. He asked what businesses have done to help alleviate congestion. He said Portland's main advantage is its location but that may be lost with more congestion. There was a range of solutions and suggestions presented. Businesses don't tend to look long-range, therefore the study gave them some numbers to get their attention. Value trade-offs were also given. He said a bond measure may be an option at a later time.

New Look scoping

Kate Marx and Robin McArthur broke the committee into two groups and used the same scoping questions as was used with other communities of interest. MCCI responses to questions will be included with similar responses from the entire scoping effort.

The four scoping questions being asked are:

1. What strategies should we pursue to nurture, preserve and protect communities in the face of growing population within the UGB?
2. How should we nurture and maintain great communities as we add new land to the UGB?
3. How can we improve the UGB process to reinforce the Region 2040 Growth Concept and to make it more predictable, timely and less controversial?
4. How should we engage communities throughout the Metro area and Willamette Valley to agree on a vision and implementation strategies for the future?

Some committee responses to these questions include:

1. Ease of transportation, promoting connectivity, better urban development (up, not out). Quality design standards. Protect existing structures. Neighborhoods with services (small commercial). Greenspaces. Protect affordable housing options. View every community/neighborhood as important. Education- start with kids.
2. Enough land to create a community. Transportation to access. Hold developers accountable for quality and whole communities. Adequate SDC. Early involvement of landowners (engage). Newcomers' education on region. Check with previous "on the edge" communities. Benefit and burden analysis up front- trade-offs. Silent stakeholders need to be identified.
3. Doing it too often. Constant outreach/education. More clarity as to which lands will be added. Incentives to get people engaged. Long-range promise for those on the edge (less in limbo). Hard edges with certainty. Water.
4. Sense of community. Uses territorial leaders. MCCI/CIC links require electeds to participate in neighborhood associations.

Best practices IAP2 core values

The IAP2 core values handout was distributed. There is a lack of consistent base level practices across the region. MCCI needs to move forward on establishing some base parameters. There was committee discussion regarding ways to continue the work. Look for commonalities. Norm and Erin will set up meetings. Norm suggested taking the questions to them and returning at a later time for the responses: MPAC in March.

OCI report

- Natural Areas Blue Ribbon Committee/next steps

Ken Ray said the council hopes to take a bond measure for the next 10 years to the voters in November. He said there had been 8,100 acres purchased from the last bond measure and they hoped to acquire 6,000 with this one. He talked about the Blue Ribbon committee formed to advise council on which areas to focus on for purchase and other issues connected to the bond measure. In January, councilors will be presenting information about the bond measure in their jurisdictions and will probably take action in March. He asked for suggestions on how to get the information out.

- Brownfields update

Lydia Neill explained two Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants and Metro's role in the effort. Metro will play a role in the economic strategy. Metro will identify sites and do site assessments. Disadvantaged areas will be targeted. The work will be done in two phases. The first phase is site assessment. Small communities lack the staff and funds to do this work. There was discussion regarding the process and funding cycle.

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Public comment and roundtable

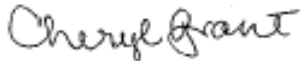
Skip White reported that work is being started on the Sauvie Island Bridge. They will not have TriMet service until 2009.

Norm Andreen said Clackamas county is taking applications for villages/hamlets. Boring and Government Camp have applied for village status, Beaver creek for hamlet.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Roth adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully transcribed from Kathy Henton's meeting notes,



Cheryl Grant

MCCI staff