Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement Regular Committee

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008 Room 270

<u>Members present:</u> JC Kizak (Co-Chair), Karen Wolfgang (Co-Chair), Judy Andreen, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Virginia Bruce, Ben Dupree, John Kilian, Segeni Mungai, Seth Otto, Gerritt Rosenthal, Skip White, Chris Welling,

Members excused: Hal Ballard, Chory Ferguson, Skip White

Members absent: Malek Hall

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of the Jan. 2, 2008 meeting minutes, introductions, announcements

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. The agenda was reviewed.

Motion: Chris Welling moved, with a second by Karen Wolfgang, to approve the Jan. 2,

2008 minutes.

Vote: The vote was 10 aye/0 nay. The motion passed.

Council Liaison report

Councilor Carlotta Collette introduced herself to the committee and said she is pleased to be appointed as council liaison to this committee for the next year. She was a public involvement strategist before serving on the Milwaukie City Council and was recently appointed to the Metro Council to serve out a vacated council position.

Draft PIP: Urban/Rural Reserves

Councilor Kathryn Harrington reviewed the information covered at the last meeting. She reminded the committee that the Urban/Rural Reserves project is a joint common process with Metro and the three counties and will have one joint Public Participation Plan (PIP) for which she and Mr. Ray were at this meeting to hear suggestions and comments.

Ken Ray reviewed, and there was committee discussion of, the phases of the process and types of activities involved at each phase. The committee had questions regarding how members from the various non-governmental stakeholder groups, i.e., each county's two largest cities and the smaller cities and neighboring cities outside the urban growth boundary had been chosen. MCCI members commented that this is the kind of thing that would be useful to report in the handouts about the work.

Mr. Ray reviewed phases 3 and 4 of the plan. He said the next steering committee meeting would be March 14 and if anyone had additional comments, he could accept feedback to the draft before March 13th. He will return to the March 5 meeting to continue this discussion.

Draft PIP: 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP)

Pat Emmerson explained that one function of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is to develop plans, policies and priorities that guide local decision-making on transportation issues for regions of over 50,000 population. Metro is this region's MPO. She explained that most of the money is designated and has to be used as prescribed, but there are flexible funds that can be used for various projects. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is currently in the middle of a major update and many goals and policies are being updated.

She distributed a feedback form for Regional Flexible Fund Allocation for the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and asked the committee to return their completed forms to her in the next two weeks. She will return during the update process with more information

Department Liaison reports

- Parks and Greenspaces

John Kilian, liaison to the Parks and Greenspaces department, reported that the Connecting Green initiative spearheaded by Council President Bragdon, is a cooperative effort between Parks and Greenspaces, Nature in Neighborhoods and others with a goal of protecting openspaces and connecting trails in the region. See copy of report included with the permanent record of this meeting.

- Solid Waste and Recycling

Segeni Mungai, liaison to the Solid Waste and Recycling department, reported that he had attended the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting the week before. That committee's purpose is to assist Metro with reviewing development and implementation of solid waste management plans so that all affected parties' interests are considered. He reported that at this meeting, the discussion was about biodiesel as fuel and about establishing methods for business recycling. He said there was nothing needing public involvement at this time.

By-laws

This discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

Roundtable

Mr. Mungai reported that he had attended the Greenspaces oversight committee he had been appointed to by Council President Bragdon. Their discussion at this meeting was about bond purchases, the 2025 plan including roads, water and urban growth boundary issues, and sustainability.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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