

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, March 5, 2008
Room 270

Members present: JC Kizak (Co-Chair), Karen Wolfgang (Co-Chair), Judy Andreen, Hal Ballard, Ben Dupree, Malek Hall, Gerritt Rosenthal

Members excused: Chory Ferguson, Skip White, Virginia Bruce, Seth Otto, Chris Welling, Segeni Mungai, John Kilian

Members absent: Judy BlueHorse Skelton

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

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. The agenda was reviewed. Approval of the minutes was postponed to the April meeting due to lack of quorum.

Council Liaison report

Councilor Carlotta Collette invited interested parties to attend a brown bag presentation about sustainability and urban growth given by Peter Newman, an expert from Perth Australia, the following day at Metro.

Urban/Rural Reserves

Councilor Kathryn Harrington and Metro staff person Ken Ray continued their presentation to MCCI regarding urban and rural reserves public involvement.

Mr. Ray said the public involvement plan was being updated for discussion at the Reserves Steering Committee meeting the following Friday. He said the comments he had received from the MCCI in February had been incorporated into the updates, and the Metro Council's and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) citizen involvement advisory committee's would also be included. He said the counties had had conversations with their citizen involvement committees, county commissions, and other advisory groups and that feedback was being collected at Metro as well. There was committee agreement that MCCI should help spread the word and talk about the process to their CPOs and neighborhood organizations.

Draft PIP: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Pat Emmerson thanked the committee for their feedback regarding the (Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP).

The draft PIP for the Regional Transportation Plan was distributed and discussed. This relates to the big overarching document that guides transportation planning to the year 2035.

Department Liaison reports

None.

MCCI By-laws

Review of the MCCI by-laws was begun. Several changes were suggested. The clerk will do a red-line version of the edits for continued discussion at the April meeting.

Roundtable

Gerritt Rosenthal asked if there had ever been a conflict of interest for a MCCI member. He wondered how a conflict could happen regarding public involvement.


Judy Andreen explained to Councilor Collette that one of the committee's biggest concerns was regarding unincorporated areas not having representation on the Urban and Rural Reserves steering committee.

There was committee discussion and more questions regarding how the Reserves Steering Committee found the "interested people" to join them and that it is very important for unincorporated areas to be heard. This continues to be a significant issue with the MCCI as there is not a place on the Reserves Steering Committee for those areas and many of the decisions that will be made directly affects them.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Grant
MCCI staff