

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday May 2, 2007
Room 270

Members present: Erin Miller (Vice Chair), Norm Andreen, Virginia Bruce, Chory Ferguson, JC Kizak, Skip White, Karen Wolfgang

Members excused: Kate Warren (Chair), Hal Ballard, Malek Hall, Mark Knudsen, Gerritt Rosenthal, Christine Roth

Members absent: Scott Seibert

Also present: Segeni Mungai

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of April 4, 2007 meeting minutes, introductions

Vice Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The diversity item will be tabled until the next meeting, as will the citizen involvement item. Norm Andreen moved to accept the minutes as presented. Skip White seconded and the motion was approved.

Website upgrade

Sue Gemmell introduced Brad Smith from Hot Pepper studios, the consultant on the website upgrade. She previewed the upgrade with the attached PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the committee. She commented that the upgrade would make it easier to find things on the site and strengthen the Metro brand. She took suggestions from the committee

Ms. Gemmell will return with an update in July. (NOTE: the committee suggested that an agenda item for that same meeting could be to have someone come talk about translation services under the diversity topic, and how to reach out to non-English speaking communities).

Diversity issues

Tabled until next meeting.

What happens when citizen involvement goes bad?

Tabled until next meeting.

Roundtable

Mr. Mungai wondered how to reach those people who don't speak English and don't have access to computers. Other members replied that they can have free access to computers at public libraries, and that notices could also be posted at those libraries and with neighborhood groups.

There was additional discussion regarding ways to reach people and the proposed website upgrade.

Fred King from the Metro Auditor's office explained the open spaces audit he is working on and how MCCI can help. He said he would email documents to the committee before the next meeting for discussion at that meeting.

Agenda for next meeting (this item added to the agenda in lieu of holding the Steering Committee meeting)

There were no current membership issues to discuss. Charles Ormsby from Birdhill Neighborhood Association did not show up to discuss his issues with the steering committee.


The agenda for the June meeting, in addition to the regular items, will include in some order:

- Auditor Fred King re: the openspaces audit, including public involvement
- Diversity recommendation
- Review of advisory committee nomination process with Karen Withrow and Phillip Kennedy-Wong
- New Look, stage 2
- Good-bye celebration for outgoing members, Norm Andreen, Scott Seibert and Christine Roth.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Vice Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Grant
MCCI staff