

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday Aug. 1, 2007
Room 270

Members present: Judy Andreen, Hal Ballard, Virginia Bruce, JC Kizak, Erin Miller, Segeni Mungai, Gerritt Rosenthal, Skip White, Karen Wolfgang

Members excused: Mark Knudsen, Malek Hall

Members absent: Chory Ferguson, Christine Roth

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of May 2, 2007 meeting minutes, introductions

Kate Marx, Public Affairs and Government Relations Director, opened the meeting at 6 p.m. Ms. Marx facilitated this meeting due to the resignation of the Chair. The Regional Solid Waste Management Plan update is removed from this agenda and moved to the September meeting.

Erin Miller moved, with a second from Segeni Mungai, to approve the June minutes as presented.

New member Judy Andreen introduced herself to the committee and committee members told her a little about their interests. Ms. Andreen is the current chair of the Clackamas County CCI.

Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

Janelle Geddes, reported that the capital grants program, which is different from the bond measure program, is for definitive projects on public land that would be considered assets when completed. Land acquisition could be included in this definition. Anyone can apply as long as the project is within the Metro boundary. She explained the application process.

She explained that while the bond measure takes in a much larger area, the capital grants program's focus is within the boundary to renature and regreen parts of the urban environment. There is \$15 million available over 10 years which has to be matched 2:1 by the applicant. Councilor Liberty is the council liaison for this grant program. The citizen involvement piece of the program is still being planned. The committee urged her to include information in the application process saying that citizen involvement will definitely be part of their process.

Regional Solid Waste Management Plan update

This item was set over to the September meeting.

Legislative update

Randy Tucker, Metro Legislative Affairs manager, reviewed the 2007 legislative session. This was the first session ever with a common regional legislative agenda, adopted unanimously by the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), which is a committee of local government representatives and citizens. The common agenda is a very big deal for the region. House Bill 2051, extending Metro's urban growth boundary evaluation cycle from five years to seven years and House Bill 1011, authorizing creation of rural preserves that cannot be urbanized and facilitating urban reserves were two items that passed that will make a huge difference in how growth is managed in the region. He provided a handout with all of the bills Metro was involved with.

Kate Marx distributed a newsletter, "Making the Greatest Place", for committee review, which is planned to be the first of a series of newsletters looking at growth management. This first one is

geared mostly toward the building industry. The next edition of the newsletter will be for a more general audience and will be mailed to everyone on Metro's mailing database.

Election of officers

Motion:

Virginia Bruce moved, with a second from Hal Ballard, to name JC Kizak and Karen Wolfgang respectively to pro tem Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Vote:

The vote was 9 aye/0 nay/0 abstain, and the motion passed.
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Ms. Kizak and Ms. Wolfgang will continue to work with staff to find permanent officers for the committee.

Roundtable

Erin Miller reported that she and Kate Warren had presented the MCCI diversity report to the Metro Council at their July 12 meeting. She said they received it very well and asked good questions. The committee can be proud of this effort.

Staff will work on an orientation activity for the committee. Members suggested a tour of the Metro building would be kind of fun as well as well as a facilities tour.

The agenda for the September meeting was discussed and will include
MCCI will meet in room 601 next meeting as a trial to see if that could work as the regular meeting room.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Cheryl Grant
MCCI staff