

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007
Room 270

Members present: JC Kizak (Acting Chair), Judy Andreen, Hal Ballard, Virginia Bruce, Karen Wolfgang (Acting Vice Chair), Malek Hall Chory Ferguson, Christine Roth

Members absent: Mark Knudsen, Gerritt Rosenthal, Skip White

Also present: Dick Jones, John Kilian, Metro staff

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of Aug. 8, 2007 meeting minutes, introductions

Acting Chair Kizak called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. She introduced Dick Jones, a previous MCCI member, and Chris Walling, a potential MCCI member. The Solid Waste department item is removed from the agenda. Hal Ballard moved, with a second from Karen Wolfgang, to approve the minutes as presented (with correction of one typo). The vote was unanimous to approve.

Committee Chair/Vice Chair election

JC Kizak announced that she and Karen Wolfgang have agreed to act as Chair and Vice Chair of the committee until January. In the meantime, members should bring nominations for committee officers.

Hal Ballard commented that he did not yet feel qualified for a leadership position as he is too new to the committee. He thanked Karen and JC for stepping up. He suggested a paragraph from potential nominees stating why they would want to serve.

Motion:

Christine Roth moved, with a second by Hal Ballard, to confirm JC Kizak and Karen Wolfgang as interim Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, through January, with a proviso that interested persons speak up for a position.
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Vote:

The vote was 8 aye/0 nay/0 abstain, the motion passed unanimously.
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A certificate was presented and cake was served in honor of this being Christine Roth's final meeting. Mr. Jones spoke in honor of her service.

Intelligent transportation

Jon Makler, transportation department staff on loan to Metro from the City of Portland, brought a PowerPoint presentation on the topic of Intelligent Transportation systems. See a copy of presentation included with the permanent record of this meeting

Regional Transportation Plan update

Pat Emmerson reported on the Regional Transportation Plan comment period. She distributed a draft event brief for committee review and noted that there are two parts; one meets federal requirements and the other meets state components. They also have to address state and regional land-use goals. The Feds require that no more projects be proposed than there are funds we can reasonably expect to get. She said JPACT and the Council will consider the federal portion in December. She said there would be four public comment hearings in different parts of the region, at different times of the day to make it easier for citizens to provide their comments. She asked the committee to review the draft and provide comments and suggestions about it, either after this meeting or to MCCI staff before the end of the week. She was particularly interested in comments regarding what other kinds of things they would need to know in order to provide useful comments and how that information could be provided

to them. She added she is meeting with directors and technical folks to go over the draft the following day and it would be in draft form until approximately the beginning of October.

Regional Solid Waste Management Plan update

This item was postponed to a future meeting

When citizen involvement goes bad

Christine Roth talked a little about the difficulties in preventing negative behavior from citizens during public involvement. She spoke of an instance where the Clackamas county commission and their staff had recently spent an inordinate amount of time on just such an issue. After committee discussion, the Ms. Roth was invited to return in November for a more formal discussion. She agreed to do that. She asked committee members to give some more thought to ways to interrupt or intervene with such a problem for discussion at the November meeting. Cheryl will send a reminder in October.

Roundtable

Hal Ballard distributed a press release he wrote regarding an intensive Washington County public safety campaign.

Virginia Bruce asked for comment on a situation in Washington County. There have been governance issues, i.e. when Beaverton tried to annex Nike. The plan is to start looking at options for what can be done to alleviate those kinds of problems. Virginia wants to ensure a good deal of public involvement in those discussions, maybe a large participation event to get people thinking. She plans to put an article in the Cedar Mill News to get started on that. Judy Andreen suggested going to a CPO Chair meeting to get the word out as they would take it back to the CPOs they represent. Virginia will send MCCI staff the article when it is ready to share with the committee.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Grant
MCCI staff