

**Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement**  
**Regular Committee**  
Wednesday, April 2, 2008  
Room 270

Members present: Karen Wolfgang (Co-Chair), JC Kizak (Co-Chair), Judy Andreen, Hal Ballard, Ben Dupree, Skip White, Virginia Bruce, Seth Otto, Chris Welling, Segeni Mungai, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, John Kilian

Members excused: Gerritt Rosenthal, Chory Ferguson

Members absent: Malek Hall,

**Call to order, review of agenda, approval of Feb. 6 and March 5, 2008 meeting minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. The agenda was reviewed.

**Motion:**

JC Kizak moved, with a second by Hal Ballard, to approve the Feb. 6 and March 5, 2008 minutes.
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**Vote:**

The vote was 12 aye/0 nay. The motion passed.
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**Council Communications**

Councilor Carlotta Collette yielded to the agenda, which would cover her updates.

**Solid Waste update**

Council President David Bragdon reported that the 20-year waste transport contract is ending at the end of 2009. A request for bids (RFB) has gone out for the new contract and bids have been received from six trucking companies and one barge line. They had hoped the railroad would be interested in making a bid but they did not. President Bragdon commented that 90% of the region's waste travels to the landfill in Arlington, Oregon. The next steps will be to evaluate the bids on a variety of factors set out by the council. The contract will be awarded sometime this summer.

The council is currently looking at landfill standards at facilities accepting the region's garbage. Council President Bragdon noted that, although this is not specifically under Metro's jurisdiction, a variety of citizen complaints has made the council take a look at what authority they have to at least influence the facility standards.

Other items he reported on are that the regional landfill facility franchises are all expiring at the end of 2008 and the Council is currently evaluating tonnages for each facility and its impacts to the regional system, and the beginning of an educational program for business recycling. He commented that there is a good residential recycling rate in the region, but businesses could do better, and they are considering making business recycling mandatory after several months of education outreach.

There was committee discussion regarding recycling at apartment complexes and whether managers could be somehow forced to follow recycling guidelines. Additional discussion regarding whether Metro has any jurisdiction over industrial waste, specifically sand in a steel processing plant. Council President Bragdon said such waste as that sand would fall under state guidelines. In response to questions about recycling information on the Metro website, Council President Bragdon asked the committee to test the website for ease of finding desired information and let the webmaster know of possible ways to make it more accessible.

### **Lone Fir Cemetery**

Mary Anne Cassin, planning director for the Parks and Greenspaces department, talked about Metro's pioneer cemeteries, in particular, Lone Fir, located at Southeast 20th Avenue and Morrison Street in Portland. She said when a county building was being demolished at the site, it was discovered that it had been built over graves. Since Metro is responsible for this and other historical cemeteries in the area, a working group has been formed from the neighborhood, the Chinese Benevolent Association, Friends of Lone Fir, and a fireman's group (the property also includes a firemen's cemetery) to figure out the best way to repair the error. Public meetings are being planned. She will return to the group for additional input to the process.

She talked about the recently open to the public Mt. Talbert nature park which includes the top of the former lava dome as well as the west facing slopes which are visible from Clackamas Town Center. Metro provided funding for improvements to the site, which will be managed by the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.

Construction of trails and visitor facilities is scheduled to begin at Cooper Mountain nature park in Beaverton this summer and a master plan and natural areas management plan for Graham Oaks natural area (formerly called the Wilsonville tract) is being designed with the intent to protect existing natural resources while still being enjoyed by the public. This area was acquired by Metro with funds from the 2005 open spaces bond measure and the hope is to have it under construction in 2009.

She talked about the Tonquin Trail which is envisioned to connect the Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge in Sherwood to the Willamette River Greenway. Also within this area, a 12-mile trail corridor will connect nearby cities to regional significant natural areas and provide an important recreation and commuter connection from Wilsonville north to Tualatin.

The committee had additional questions about Lone Fir public involvement and when that would begin and what form it would take. Ms. Cassin said the work group had only met a couple of times but they would be talking about that at their April meeting and she would come back to MCCI for input.

### **Portland-Milwaukie lightrail project**

Dana Lucero from the planning department updated the committee on the Portland-Milwaukie lightrail project. The SDEIS, which lays out the project's impacts, will be published in early to mid-May. The public comment period begins May 1. Prior to the comment period, everyone within 1,500 feet of the project will get notification about the comment period. She said they are trying to create ample opportunities for all who wish to make comments, although they have to be creative about that as their budget is small. There was committee discussion regarding various formats and venues for comments.

### **High Capacity Transit System Plan**

Karen Withrow introduced the committee to the regional high capacity transit system plan. She said the PIP is almost ready for committee review and the clerk will send it with the meeting agenda next month for review before she returns to the MCCI to take suggestions and comments for the plan.

### **Department Liaison reports**

None.

### **MCCI By-laws**

There was continued discussion about changes needed in the by-laws and many questions were raised about potential changes. There was disagreement among the members about the review. Hal Ballard opposed stopping the review at this meeting and wanted to continue until finished. Chair Wolfgang

said this item could be scheduled to take up most of the agenda time for next meeting and that perhaps the Metro attorney should be invited to the discussion.

**Motion:** Skip White moved, with a second by Virginia Bruce, to table the by-laws review until the next meeting.

**Vote:** The vote was 11 aye/1 nay. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Hal Ballard moved, with a second by Seth Otto, to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** The vote was 9 aye/3 nay. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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