

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, May 7, 2008
Room 270

Members present: JC Kizak (Co-Chair), Karen Wolfgang (Co-Chair), Judy Andreen, , Virginia Bruce, Ben Dupree, John Kilian, Segeni Mungai, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Gerritt Rosenthal, Malek Hall, Chris Welling, Skip White

Members absent: Hal Ballard, Chory Ferguson, Seth Otto

Also present: Nancy Neuman, potential district 5 member

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of April 2, 2008 meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. The agenda was reviewed. The minutes were not reviewed at this meeting.

Urban/rural reserves

Michael Jordan, Metro's Chief Operating Officer, explained the urban growth boundary (UGB) amendment process over the past several years, and the decisions that brought the rural and urban reserves steering committee into being. He explained that the three counties were responsible for choosing their own representatives on the steering committee. There was committee discussion regarding the recent process of populating the reserves steering committee and the MCCI's distress at the lack of representation from certain geographic areas in the make-up of that committee.

Council Communications

Councilor Collette had previous council commitments and was unable to attend this meeting.

Lone Fir cemetery

Maryanne Cassin, planner from the Parks and Greenspaces department, reviewed the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the Lone Fir cemetery work being done. A copy of the PIP is included with the permanent record of this meeting.

Department Liaison reports

- Planning and Transportation

Skip White commented on the recent City of Portland decision to not move the Sauvie Island bridge to another location, and the current plans to scrap the bridge.

- Parks and Greenspaces

John Kilian reviewed the Connecting Green Alliance goal of creating the greatest system of parks, trails and natural areas in the world. A copy of the proposal is included in the permanent record of this meeting.

- Solid Waste and Recycling planning

Segeni Mungai reported on recycling projections for 2009 and haulers' concerns about upgrading their trucks and worries about making the adjustments needed to meet the goals. There was committee discussion about electronics recycling.

High Capacity Transit (HCT) PIP

Karen Withrow distributed public comment opportunity mailers that were sent regarding the supplemental draft environmental impact statement (SDEIS) for the PortlandMilwaukie light rail project.

She reviewed the public involvement plan (PIP) for the high capacity transit study. There were suggestions from the committee regarding other outreach methods besides the newspaper and the website as some people may not have access to those. Ms. Withrow suggested that would be a great project for MCCI, to do a survey on how people get their information, if not through the web or newspapers.

National Bike to Work Day

Ben DuPree talked about Bike to Work Day, May 16, 2008. The City of Portland Transportation Options will host a celebration to show appreciation to bicyclists and to encourage new riders. He noted there would be a free breakfast for bicyclists in Pioneer Square that morning at 7:30.

Roundtable

Motion: Judy Andreen moved, with a second by Gerritt Rosenthal, to table the by-laws discussion that was to be continued at this meeting until after direction from the Metro attorney is received regarding budget questions.

Vote: The vote was 12 aye/0 nay. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kizak said a subcommittee would be formed to work on the by-laws update as it has proved to be too daunting and time-consuming a task for the whole group to work on together. She asked for volunteers, but there were none. More work needs to be done on forming this subcommittee.

Virginia Bruce said her Washington County CCI meeting had an update on the urban and rural reserves. She shared her copy of the plan booklet that was distributed and commented that Washington County has hired a public participation person for the project. She said the big news in her county is the urbanization forum which is trying deal with unincorporated urban areas in the county and people not wanting to be annexed. She distributed the current issue of the Cedar Mill News which carries an article about that.

Karen Wolfgang shared that Judy BlueHorse had recently defended her master's thesis and it had been approved. She said she was defending her own on the upcoming Friday and invited any who wished to come watch.

Chair Kizak comment on John Kilian's inclusion in a great dentist list in a recent magazine article and that she had been honored at a Multnomah County volunteer ceremony for her work with MCCI. Segeni Mungai got an award for other volunteer work with Metro.

There was a short discussion of the letter being written for the Reserves Steering Committee to relay MCCI's concern over the make-up of that committee.

Main Motion: Gerritt Rosenthal moved, with a second by John Kilian, to authorize the steering committee to revise the letter one more time and bring it back to the June meeting for final committee approval before it is sent.

There was committee discussion.

Motion:

Gerritt Rosenthal moved, with a second by Ben DuPree, to end the discussion and vote on the question.

Vote:

The vote was 5 aye/7 nay. The motion to end the debate and vote failed.

There was continued discussion.

Motion:

Gerritt Rosenthal moved, with a second by Karen Wolfgang, to vote on the main motion.

Vote on Main Motion:

The vote was 12 aye/0 nay. The motion to authorize the steering committee to revise the letter again passed.
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Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Kizak adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Grant
MCCI staff