

**MINUTES OF THE METRO COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT  
REGULAR COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 19, 2003  
Room 370A

**Call to Order & Approval of Agenda**

Members Present: Dennis Ganoë (Chair), Norm Andreen, Kay Durtschi, Jane Gillespie, Kathy Henton, Dick Jones, Jim Kimball, Ted Kyle, Moji Momeni, Darren Pennington, Christine Roth, Scott Seibert, Ray Sherwood, Elizabeth Tucker, Lori Waldo.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: John Donovan, Council Communications Officer; Brian Newman, Metro Councilor; Richard Ross, Gresham City Planner; Pat Russell, Former MCCI Member; Camrynne Six, Auditor's Administrative Assistant; Cary Stacey, MCCI Staff.

Chair Ganoë opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**Introductions**

Mr. Pennington volunteered to be timekeeper.

**Approval of Agenda**

Chair Ganoë said there was nothing to report for the Auditor's Office and proposed adding those five minutes to the Council Liaison report. Hearing no objections, he said the agenda stood as presented.

**Approval of January 22, 2003, Minutes**

**Motion:**

Mr. Seibert moved, with a second by Ms. Tucker, to approve the January 22, 2003, minutes as presented.
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**Vote:**

The vote was 11 aye/0 nay/4 abstain, with Mr. Andreen, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Kyle and Ms. Roth abstaining, motion carried.
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**Auditor Liaison Report**

There was none.

**Adopt Proposed Changes to MCCI Bylaws**

Chair Ganoë said the proposed changes came from the Membership Committee with a motion for approval. He called for the question.

**Vote:**

The vote was 15 aye/0 nay/0 abstain, motion carried.
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## **Chair Report**

There was none.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

Ms. Durtschi reported for the Community Planning Subcommittee that it had received a report about the Highway 217 study, which would have three at-large representatives on its committee. It had also received a brief report on the projects selected for the South Corridor. The subcommittee would be working on evaluating the periodic review Public Involvement Plan (PIP) at its next meeting. Mr. Donovan distributed a summary of the Council's PIP report, a copy of which is included as part of this record. He displayed the full report and said it was available to those interested. He invited regular members to join the evaluation process. Mr. Andreen said that the subcommittee would break into three groups to survey about the process.

Mr. Andreen reported for the Solid Waste & Recycling Subcommittee that it had received a presentation on illegal dumping. When the subcommittee asked if there was a possibility for a PIP, staff response was that the program was too busy dealing with illegal dumping to broaden its work to include public involvement plans. He said outstanding PIPs would be reviewed at the next subcommittee meeting.

(The audiotape began at this time.)

Ms. Gillespie reported for the Parks Subcommittee that it would be meeting with the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee (RPGAC). The subcommittee was continuing its work on best practices. It had asked staff to draft an intergovernmental agreement to establish standard language for public involvement. She said she was interested in being included in any survey work related to a parks bond measure.

## **Future of Oregon Land Use Planning and Metro's Regional Role**

Ms. Henton introduced Richard Ross, a planner from Gresham. She said he had earned the respect and trust of the citizens in Gresham. Mr. Donovan distributed some supplemental material on Mr. Ross, a copy of which is included as part of this record.

Mr. Ross said he was a citizen planner first. He spoke to Project Foresight in 1972, and said it was the predecessor of the state land-use system. He said citizen planners were the foundation of Oregon's land-use system and that Oregon had met the test of conservation over the last 30 years. He said citizen planners had been replaced by layers of complexity and legality in the land-use system, and that rules, such as the one regulating a 20-year supply of land, were operating on autopilot. He said he wanted to focus on communities more than focusing on the edge of the region. He had concerns regarding how complex the land-use system had become. He spoke to the suggested actions in his letter to Commissioner McRobert.

There was a question and answer period.

Councilor Newman said that he, and, he believed, other council members, would support the reforms that Mr. Ross was suggesting.

Mr. Ross encouraged members to be alert and to support Metro in working towards positive legislation to improve the system.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Ms. Tucker reported for the Membership Committee that they had had a short meeting. The committee had agreed to send recruitment letters to applicants who had not received a citizen seat on the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC). She announced that Moji Momeni was a new member. She said she would be attending the next Southeast Uplift meeting to recruit for District 6. She said the committee was still waiting to see what the process would be for at-large positions, and that she intended to reapply to be an at-large member.

### **Council Liaison Report**

Councilor Newman reported that the Metro Council was very busy working on transition issues. He said the proposed budget would be a little late this year. He said there would be a series of special Council meetings in March to address the budget, and that on the first Thursday in April, Council President Bragdon would deliver the proposed budget. He said there would be a process for amendments and at least two public hearings, and that they were looking at adoption of the budget in the first part of May. He answered the questions posed at the previous meeting as follows:

1. He said that the Council Informal meetings would not be televised, but that they were open to the public and recorded on audiotape. He said that televising regular Council meetings was still in the works.
2. He said there would be a public involvement component in the Chief Operating Officer (COO) search. There were 75 finalists and the Council President would work with a consultant to come up with a short list. A small committee of stakeholders, which would include members of the public, would interview those who made the short list. He said the COO confirmation would happen by resolution, in relation to which a public hearing would occur.
3. He said that, with the elimination of the Council's standing committee structure, there would not be public participation at the Council Informals, unless invited by the Council President.

Chair Ganoë spoke to the budget presentation in April and said that one of MCCI's goals was to insert citizen involvement into the budget process. He asked if MCCI was out of the process and whether it needed an update on the budget process. He said he was hoping for clarification regarding having input via advisory committees.

Mr. Seibert asked what kind of safeguard there was to ensure something discussed at the informal would not be voted on two days later. Mr. Donovan said there was a safeguard in that the agendas needed to be published one week previous to the meeting.

Mr. Pennington said it felt like a net loss for citizen opportunities for citizen participation and asked how that loss could be compensated. Councilor Newman said part of the decision to eliminate committees was so that citizens wouldn't have to testify twice. He said there was an opportunity to speak with councilors before Council meetings and to speak at the Council meetings.

Chair Ganoë said this was an issue the Steering Committee should investigate more closely.

## **Staff Report**

Mr. Donovan announced that Ms. Stacey would be moving to the Council Office to assist the Council President at the end of March 2003.

Ms. Stacey distributed 2002 Regional Directories. She announced that work was in progress to establish a physical location for the Office of Citizen Involvement. She said that she and other Metro staff had recently focused on recruiting for the vacant seats on MCCI.

Mr. Donovan announced that on March 24, 2003, there would be a Metro Day at the state legislature and asked for volunteers.

## **Public Comment Roundtable**

Mr. Kimball said the Oregonian had recently recognized progress in Washington County parks vis-à-vis a project coming out of the Washington County CCI. He said there were serious issues about service in some areas of Washington County because development had been allowed in unincorporated areas without a parks provider, and that it looked like that issue was starting to be addressed.

“Papa” Donovan announced that he had a four-week-old child and was getting no sleep.

Ms. Durtschi said she was willing to transfer her subscription to the Regional Water Providers Consortium Board mailings to anyone else on the committee. She had received a form from the Portland Transportation staff to determine where she went on Fridays. Mr. Donovan said it was part of a pilot project to get people to try a different mode of transportation one day a week.

Ms. Roth said the Clackamas CCI was continuing work on updating forms to make them more citizen-friendly. She said they were all starring in a local video on how to conduct effective meetings.

Mr. Andreen said Beaver Creek was working with State Senator Kurt Schrader to possibly change some state laws. He said the work was relevant to what Mr. Ross had spoken about earlier in the meeting. He invited members to attend a town hall meeting at Clackamas High School on February 22, 2003, in his stead. He said that Beaver Creek would soon have 10 churches to serve a population of 4,000 people. He said the Planning Commission had voted against a resolution that had come to them by Metro regarding expanding the protected area around Boardman Creek and Swamp. He said the commission had felt the request was an unfunded mandate from Metro and that it would be very costly to solve the culvert problems in that area.

Mr. Momeni said that Beaverton would be the first city to have fully automated garbage pickup. He said the city of Beaverton was updating its design review process and he would appreciate some feedback about successful design review processes.

Ms. Henton said urban renewal was going before Gresham voters regarding the Rockwood area. She and Ms. Waldo had attended a workshop put on by the American Planners Association in Fairview, which was very informative.

Ms. Tucker said the Roseway Neighborhood Association had had its annual planning meeting. She said she might be included in a committee on livability issues composed of people from other neighborhood associations.

Mr. Kyle said Mr. Jones was getting excited about mergers and acquisitions in the Oak Lodge area.

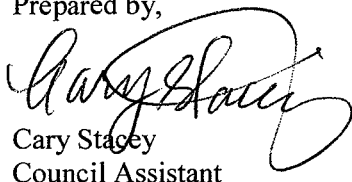
Mr. Seibert said the February 24, 2003 Portland city planning meeting would allow folks to get in early in the planning process. He said that on February 25, 2003 the first meeting for the Portland public involvement standards group would meet. The group would be looking at how to set public involvement standards in Portland differently from how they were currently, and how to enforce the standards from department and citizen levels.

Chair Ganoë said that he enjoyed the dichotomy between MCCI and his citizens association when it came to big picture and small picture discussions.

### Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Ganoë adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Prepared by,



Cary Stacey  
Council Assistant

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
Subcommittee Reports	2/19/03	Metro Council Urban Growth Boundary Periodic Review Process Public Involvement Plan Report Summary	021903mcrg-01
Future of Oregon Land Use Planning and Metro's Regional Role	Various	Supplementary Information on Richard Ross, Including a December 6, 2002 Letter to Commissioner Gussie McRobert Re: Rethinking Oregon's Land Use Program, Articles and Editorials, and Priorities of Organizations Monitoring Land Use in Oregon	021903-mcrg-02
Staff Report	10/16/02	MCCI Application from Moji Momeni	021903-mcrg-03
Staff Report	2/19/03	Updated MCCI Membership List	021903-mcrg-04
Staff Report	1/22/03	Office of Citizen Involvement Workplan	021903-mcrg-05