

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

Wednesday, July 16, 2003
Room 370A

Members Present: Dennis Ganoë, Darren Pennington, Norm Andreen, Kathy Everett, Moji Momeni, Kathy Henton, Dick Jones, Christine Roth, Scott Seibert, Skip White, Jim Kimball

Members Absent: Kate Schiele, Lori Waldo, Councilor Brian Newman

Also Present: Cheryl Grant, MCCI. Kate Marx, Don Warner, Dresden Skees Gregory, Lydia Neill

Call to Order, Introductions, Appointment of Timekeeper

Chair Ganoë opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and asked the committee to introduce themselves. He introduced the new members. Mr. Pennington was appointed as timekeeper.

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objections, Chair Ganoë said the agenda stood approved with additions.

Approval of June 18, 2003, Minutes

Motion: Darren Pennington moved, with a second by Christine Roth, to approve the June 18, 2003, minutes as presented.

Vote: The vote was 11 aye/0 nay/0 abstain, and the motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Lydia Neill

Ms. Neill reported on her role in the periodic review and on the work the council has done over the last year. She said staff is now working on their part. She showed a map of the land brought into the boundary and talked about the need for industrial land. She talked about how the public involvement process from last year relates to this year's work. She reviewed the process that will be used to evaluate land for industrial uses.

The committee discussed the open house and workshop formats. There is lots of technical information and analysis, but for citizens it is more personal and emotional. Maybe something should be added about how the changes would impact the quality of life and why their land made it or did not make it into the boundary.

There was concern from the committee that most of the public involvement would be based on previous processes, i.e., for the urban growth boundary work. There was concern that the cities already have way too much influence on the process. The committee urged public involvement from the beginning, and not after the scope had already been narrowed by the planning process. The committee felt there should be a public involvement plan now. There was discussion regarding now Clark county would be involved in the planning and whether the council looked beyond staff recommendations when making their decisions.

Kate Marx

Ms. Marx introduced herself and talked about how she hopes to help the committee be seen by the council and staff as an effective resource for their work. She explained her role as the new Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations.

Communication

Kathy Henton talked about the need for committee members to get all the information they needed to do their work. She asked again for a minimum standard of what each MCCI member should receive and stay current on. She was also concerned that new members get their information in a timely manner. She commented that a packet of Metro and MCCI literature should be given to each new MCCI member and applicant as soon as possible.

Jim Kimball had a concern: about an Oregonian article about friction between the auditor and the council. He wondered if they should say something about it. After discussion, the committee agreed they could not do anything about the problem. Mr. Kimball hoped that the council and the auditor would recognize that their feud was striking at the credibility of Metro.

Subcommittee Reports

Ms. Roth reported that Ron Klein talked about the Mt. Talbert master plan and the Trolley Trail and Cooper Mountain master plans. They talked about some opportunities for volunteer involvement, i.e., the Lone Fir evening program. She said they were going to send the "best practices" letter to Portland State University asking if there would be interest in having senior students do a project inventorying best practices around the country, and how they involve their citizens.

Mr. Andreen said the Community Planning subcommittee had talked about the UGB surveys and that they were working on something to present to the council summarizing them. He said they were looking into which member would attend which Metro meetings. He said they heard a presentation from Kate Marx about citizen involvement and had some discussion about PIPs for industrial land. He said the Solid Waste and Recycling subcommittee talked about ways of involving the Hispanic community in recycling and educating them about using Metro facilities for recycling and disposal of hazardous waste. Also talked about what might be coming up in terms of new PIPS, i.e., chance that tip fee may be raised for use in parks process.

Council Liaison Report

None.

Public Comment

Roundtable

Mr. Pennington reported that the industrial land issue in Wilsonville is getting pretty heated in the local papers. He said CPO 5 is currently on hiatus. He added that the 99W/I-5 connector study open house was coming up.

Mr. Warner said the Beaverton city council had finally resolved the issue of sound walls and approved the extension of 125th from Sorrento to Hall Blvd.

Ms. Skees Gregory said the issue for CPO 9 currently is the revised flight patterns the Port of Portland is doing and the proposed super WalMart store.

Mr. White reported that the new bridge site has been chosen and the new bridge was scheduled for completion by the end of 2008. He noted that the St. Johns bridge would be closed until August 28th. He reported that the Historical Society would not be presenting the wintering in ceremony on Sauvie Island this year and that they are trying to find another sponsor. He said the Bybee Howell house/park

needs half a million dollars in repairs. He thought relations could be improved between Metro and the island in regard to this Metro park.

Ms. Roth reported that the Clackamas Committee for Citizen Involvement had a new temporary staff person. She said they were planning to make some changes to their by-laws and asked for feedback regarding attendance requirements.

Mr. Kimball reported he had been elected to the board of the Washington County public affairs forum. He said he had attended a meeting of the CPO 7 regarding the biological agents laboratory that was proposed for the OHSU property in Hillsboro. He said it was well publicized and well conducted. He noted there had been a good report in the Oregonian. He commented that when things are added to the committee agenda it would be good to at least get an e-mail about the additions before the meeting.

Ms. Henton said the citizen task force is working diligently with the Gresham planning commission to update their comprehensive plan. She talked about the proposed appeal process for land use planning and doing away with the dual appeals process. She said she was looking for input about how other jurisdictions handled the process.

Ms. Everett commented that if this group was going to advocate to the council, they needed to practice better at their own meetings.

Mr. Jones talked about the Trolley Trail public involvement process. He felt they were making great strides, thanks to Ron Klein. He reported that Complete Connections work was looking at forming a city in Oak Grove or North Clackamas. He said the new county commissioners were coming to their CPO meeting next week

Mr. Andreen reported that the planning commission had voted down the green corridor concept on Highways 213 and 99 and referred back to staff for additional work.

Chair Ganoë reported that the North Clackamas CPO was on hiatus until September.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Ganoë adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Grant
MCCI Staff