

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

Wednesday, August 20, 2003
Room 370A

Members Present: Dennis Ganoë, Norm Andreen, Dresden Skees Gregory, Kathy Henton, , Jim Kimball, Darren Pennington, Kate Schiele, Lori Waldo, Don Warner

Members Absent: Kathy Everett, Dick Jones, Moji Momeni, Christine Roth, Scott Seibert, Elizabeth Tucker, Skip White,

Also Present: Kay Durtschi, Councilor Brian Newman, Kate Marx, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, Cheryl Grant, MCCI.

Call to Order, Introductions, Appointment of Timekeeper

Chair Ganoë opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Pennington was appointed as timekeeper.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Ganoë revised the agenda to delete the Councilor liaison report and the Auditor's report. He said the agenda stood approved with those deletions.

Chair Report

Chair Ganoë commented that the work plans would be discussed at the next meeting.

Kay Durtschi reviewed the survey results for members who had not heard it. Chair Ganoë said Ms. Schiele and Mr. Seibert were working on the final report which would first be given council and then posted to the Metro website. The committee discussed the survey, which was their first attempt to survey the public after a public involvement period on a specific subject. They felt it would be helpful to the council and hope the surveys will become standard process.

The committee discussed ways to improve the public input process, i.e., briefing the public on the state laws related to the process that would influence a council decision. They also felt the council should be more active listeners and interact more with the testifiers so they felt listened to.

Approval of July 16, 2003, Minutes

Motion:

Darren Pennington moved, with a second by Don Warner, to approve the July 16, 2003, minutes as presented.

Vote:

The vote was 8 aye/0 nay/1 abstain, and the motion to approve the minutes passed. Lori Waldo abstained.

Auditor Report

None.

Work plans

Work plan items were reviewed. The committee talked about ways to interact with other citizen involvement committees and the council. Kate Marx suggested that the committee begin to express their recommendations to council fairly formally through letters. She added that as of last meeting the formal council meetings are live on cable, which expanded their audience.

Ad hoc subcommittee discussion

Chair Ganoë explained a suggestion to have ad hoc subcommittees for particular projects each standing subcommittee is working for increased coverage of issues without increasing the number of meetings. There was discussion of reorganizing the structure of the committee. It was agreed there was a need for a higher level of involvement from department staff. Kate Marx will present her suggestions at the next meeting for group discussion.

Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Andreen said the Solid Waste and Recycling subcommittee did not meet.

Chair Ganoë noted that the Parks subcommittee also did not meet

Ms. Waldo reported that the Community Planning subcommittee had reviewed the UGB survey and talked briefly about Centers and the ESEE analysis.

Council Liaison Report

None.

Public Comment

Roundtable

Mr. Pennington said their CCI was on hiatus. He noted that the new Costco had opened at exit 286.

Mr. Warner warned everyone about the new e-mail worm with “thank you” in the subject line.

Ms. Schiele reported that Dunthorpe was off the ballot for annexation.

Ms. Skees Gregory said Hillsboro had started a quarterly newsletter telling what the city is doing. They are going to conduct a survey about implementation of the 2040 plan and have hired public involvement person to do it. She said they were battling the WalMart again. She said a presentation about OHSU’s plans had spurred much discussion.

Ms. Durtschi reported on an interesting Housing Authority presentation she had seen about Columbia Villa. She said they were interested in presenting to more folks if anyone was interested.

Mr. Andreen talked about the true public involvement process involved with the complete connections. He said citizens were looking at becoming villages, hamlets or cities. They are deciding on definitions of hamlet, village, etc. He felt it was a perfect example of citizen involvement from the beginning.


Ms. Waldo reported on the massive amount of work to do regarding the Bethany area. She is forming a committee to keep tabs on the issues and follow them closely in order for citizens to be heard. She said the issue is the 720-acre concept plan forming a village with transit centers, schools, etc. She reported that nobody had sought citizen input yet.

Chair Ganoë said Dick Jones had invited him to a Trolley Trail meeting at Rose Villa where Charles Ciecko and the group that had planned the trail and Jim Desmond and several Metro staffers attended. He said they had a good discussion with information about the plan and the construction of the Trolley Trail.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Ganoe adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Grant
MCCI Staff

DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
n/a	MCCI Community Planning Subcommittee Workplan 2003-2004	082003mcci-01
n/a	MCCI Community Parks Subcommittee Workplan 2003-2004	082003mcci-02
n/a	2003 Solid Waste and Recycling Work Plan	082003mcci-03