

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2003
Oregon Zoo Skyline room

Members Present: Dennis Ganoë, Norm Andreen, Dresden Skees Gregory, Kathy Henton,, Jim Kimball, Kate Schiele, Lori Waldo, Christine Roth, Skip White, Dick Jones, Kathy Everett

Members Absent: Moji Momeni, Scott Seibert, Elizabeth Tucker, Darren Pennington, Don Warner

Also Present: Brian Newman, Council liaison, Camrynne Six, Auditor's office, Kate Marx, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, Cheryl Grant, MCCI staff.

Call to Order, Introductions, Appointment of Timekeeper

Chair Ganoë opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Kate Schiele was appointed as timekeeper.

Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objections, Chair Ganoë declared the agenda approved as presented.

Approval of August 20, 2003, Minutes

Norm Andreen moved, with a second from Kate Schiele, to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was 9 aye/0 nay/ 2 abstain. The minutes were approved. Dick Jones and Christine Roth abstained.

Chair Report

None.

Auditor Report

Camrynne Six of the Auditor's office reviewed the Oregon Convention Center Expansion audit report (a copy of which is included with the permanent record of this meeting). The report concludes that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission (MERC) did a good job of administering the project which came in under budget. There were some recommendations for tightening controls.

In response to a question from Jim Kimball, Ms. Six said that the budget approved for the auditor's office this year is significantly lower than last year's. She did not know how it would affect the auditor's activities. Ms. Six talked about the auditor hotline for audit recommendations.

Procedures and Guidelines Proposal

Kate Marx distributed a discussion draft proposal regarding ways to possibly improve communication with council making the best use of MCCI members' time. She explained the suggestions included in the proposal. The committee discussed some of the suggestions and the effects they would have on the committee. Chair Ganoë suggested the members take the proposal home to study it and make comment at the next meeting. Mr. Kimball noted that a brief review of the proposal showed that some of his concerns had been captured well and he hoped some of them would be put to use. Ms. Waldo said her committee would review the proposal at their next meeting.

Zoo project update

Tony Vecchio, Zoo director, invited the committee to meet at the Zoo once a year. He updated the members on three major projects that the Zoo is working on: the condor project, the eagle salmon exhibit, and the family farm exhibit. He suggested having a liaison from the committee to the Zoo.

Subcommittee Reports

Christine Roth reported that the parks department had combined their citizen and technical advisory committees into one larger committee that would report directly to council. There are still details to work out. She said this was a real chance to make an impact for parks. She distributed Salmon Festival brochures.

Norm Andreen reported that the solid waste and recycling subcommittee had been cancelled.

Lori Waldo said the community planning committee had been discussing regular quarterly reports to the council and talked about the Goal 5 handouts (see copies included in the permanent record of this meeting). She said Kate Schiele and Scott Seibert were working on the summary of findings from the UGB survey and would have results for the next meeting. Soon after the committee hears them they will be posted on the web. She added that she supported the proposed procedure and guideline improvements. She asked for volunteers to attend MPAC meetings as it is important for MCCI to be visible at other meetings.

The steering committee did not meet nor did the membership committee.

Council Liaison Report

Councilor Newman reported that the council has been busy with the budget process, with the departments making presentations and the finance staff reporting on the budget outlook. The Council President will present the budget in March. He reported that the council is working on industrial lands and alternatives analyses as well as receiving regular updates on solid waste issues. They are also meeting about Goal 5 issues, specifically the social component of the ESEE analysis. He said next week's council meeting will be held in Milwaukie.

Public Comment / Roundtable

Skip White said the harvest fair at Sauvie Island had been successful and that Metro had been a partner/sponsor of the event. He said they had a great turnout for the festivities which were done on a shoestring as the historical society had bowed out.

Chris Roth said their organization would have a new director at the end of this month as well as some new members.

Norm Andreen said Beavercreek is still trying to define hamlets. He noted it is an interesting process, which would probably take 2-3 years. .

Jim Kimball said he had attended a Goal 5 open house and it was well produced. He thought it may have been a little too early and people were not energized to show up. He said mainly as a result of a County initiative, there were annexation plans in the works for various parts of Washington County.

Dresden Skees Gregory reported that there was not going to be a bio-safety lab at the Primate Center after all, at least this time around. She invited everyone to attend the exhibit of the original copy of the declaration of independence. She said WalMart is appealing the LUBA decision and that it would be a 2-3 year process.

Kathy Everett commented about the great transportation system in Europe. She said the United States is really behind them on this issue. She had been to RailVolution in Atlanta the week before and was surprised at how highly regarded the Metro region is nationwide.

Kathy Henton reported that she had attended an MPAC meeting and felt it was very informative. She urged others to attend advisory committee meetings. She went on the Gresham open spaces tour where there was a slight snafu with the transportation and they had to carpool so didn't get to interact with councilors Bragdon and Park much, which was unfortunate. She suggested that Kate Marx meet with past MCCI presidents Sherwood, Kyle and Durtschi regarding the proposed changes to the committee. Chair Ganoe seconded the idea.

Lori Waldo said there is a lot going on in Bethany and gave kudos to the Metro Council for having passed a very strong resolution for citizen involvement that many people across the region had already read and taken note of. She is putting in 20-40 hours a week for the Bethany area to make things happen in a positive way. She commented that some of the advisory committees had information about Centers that MCCI did not see until the information was already ready to go public. She felt MCCI should have been involved all along, at least seeing all of the documents being discussed. She wondered if there was a central source for project information that MCCI could check with. She said it would be good for MCCI to at least see how elements were developing, even if they didn't start public involvement at the beginning of a project. Chris Roth said some centers work had begun public involvement already and she would talk to Lori after the meeting about it.

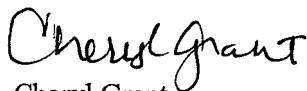
Dick Jones commented that he had run into an old MCCI member and they had tossed the idea of an MCCI reunion around. He said the Trolley Trail master plan adoption had been postponed while they worked issues regarding trail width and surface material.

Chair Ganoe said he was happy to report that he had been offered and had accepted a job in Salem. He announced that this would be his last MCCI meeting. He said he had been pleased to be part of the committee but could not continue for personal reasons. He said he would probably apply for a seat on a park and recreation advisory committee if a position became available, but that his participation with MCCI was not as he would like it, and wished everyone the best.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Ganoe adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Grant
Office of Citizen Involvement

DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
August 2003	Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission Oregon Convention Center Expansion: Review of Management's System for Controlling Costs	091703mcci-01
September 2003	MCCI Procedures and Guidelines Improvements- discussion draft	091703mcci-02