Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement Regular Committee

Wednesday, August 6, 2008 Room 270

<u>Members present:</u> JC Kizak (Co-Chair), Karen Wolfgang (Co-Chair), Hal Ballard, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Virginia Bruce, Ben Dupree, Malek Hall, John Kilian, Segeni Mungai, Seth Otto, Gerritt Rosenthal, Skip White

Members excused: Judy Andreen, Chris Welling

Members absent: Chory Ferguson

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of May 7 and June 4, 2008 meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. The agenda was reviewed.

The minutes from the May meeting were discussed and approved with small revisions. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as presented.

Council Liaison report

Councilor Collette was not able to attend this meeting.

Urban/Rural Reserves

Ken Ray reported on the seven open houses recently held for the urban and rural reserves process. He commented over 300 attended altogether. Numbers included anywhere from 23 in Gresham to over 100 in Tualatin. The open houses served two primary purposes: feedback for the scope of the study map and the opportunity to inform many people about what will happen and how it will affect them. He added that Metro and all three counties had staff at all of the open houses.

He noted changes to the map, primarily in Clackamas County. Their advisory committee had initially proposed to extend the reserves study area out to Highway 211. If that area came in as rural reserves, they thought it might justify infrastructure improvements to help farm and ag. The Reserves Steering Committee finally decided not to include the area in the open houses, but to see what, if any, feedback came in favor of extending the study area. The Clackamas County advisory committee ultimately recommended that the study area stay as proposed, partly due to the fact that this land is not likely to get urbanized in the next 40-50 years. Molalla requested that the reserves study area line stop about ½ mile north of their current city limits as they wanted some room for potential urban expansion. Mr. Ray said the Steering Committee will adopt a final study area map in September and that the open houses have been helpful in looking at broader issues about the shape of the region in the next 40-50 years. He added that the open houses are finished, but they are still taking comments on the map.

Marcia Sinclair said Washington County is building a spreadsheet system to compile all of the open house information by topic, which will be very useful for the Steering Committee and planners to access comments. It will include information compiled from all three counties.

Urban/Rural Reserves (part 2)

MCCI members discussed their experiences at the Reserves open houses. They reported successful events.

The committee reviewed and discussed the letter from the Metro Council, sent in response to MCCI's letter of concern about how the Reserves Steering Committee was formed.

Motion:

Gerritt Rosenthal moved, with a second by John Kilian, to prepare a response to the July 16th letter from council, as well as prepare additional information to present to council regarding what MCCI feels their bylaws mean for the Metro process and bring back to September MCCI meeting for review and approval.

Vote:

The vote was 11 aye/0 nay. The motion passed unanimously.

Volunteers to help prepare the response: Gerritt Rosenthal, Malek Hall, Seth Otto, Ben DuPree, John Kilian, Hal Ballard, co-chairs Karen Wolfgang and JC Kizak.

By-Laws review

The subcommittee's suggested revisions for the by-laws were discussed.

Motion:

John Kilian moved, with a second by Gerritt Rosenthal, to accept the by-laws revisions as presented and add them to the August agenda for final approval.

Vote:

The vote was 11 aye/0 nay. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Liaison reports

None.

Roundtable

None.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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