

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009
Room 270

Members present: JC Kizak (Co-Chair), Judy Andreen, Ben Dupree, Malek Hall, Segeni Mungai, Gerritt Rosenthal, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Skip White, Karen Wolfgang (Co-Chair)

Members excused: Nancy Neuman, Seth Otto

Members absent: Hal Ballard, Virginia Bruce, John Kilian

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of Dec. 3, 2008 meeting minutes

Chair Kizak called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Date corrections were made to the December minutes. Changes to the agenda were noted. Some were very concerned that people dropped off the MCCI agenda. She would like to have the committee send a memo to staff regarding this.

Motion:

Segeni Mungai moved, with a second by Ben Dupree, to approve the December minutes as corrected.

Vote:

The vote was 10 aye/0 nay. The motion passed unanimously.

Brownfields

Sherry Oeser, regional planning manager, reviewed the brownfields work that has been done through a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant. A second grant has recently been awarded and she asked for feedback on the 2009-2011 draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP). The committee had several suggestions including a better definition of the term "brownfields" and talking to long-time residents of neighborhoods about what used to occupy vacant lots in their areas to help find potential brownfield sites. The committee saw the potential to educate the public about brownfields, current or already cleaned up sites, with signage in multiple languages to designate those sites. Or using Metro's education outreach people to spread the word when they are out in the community with other topics. Ms. Oeser thought they could clear up 10-15 brownfield sites with this new grant. There are forms to fill out about potential sites if anyone knows about one. She said the PIP will be revised in the next month or so and sent to EPA.

Urban/Rural Reserves

Postponed to February.

Transit update

Clifford Higgins from the Transportation department distributed handouts and previewed the Lake Oswego to Portland transit study. The alternatives analysis phase came up with three alignments in the Johns Landing area and two terminus possibilities. These areas are the main focus while refining the plan. He reported there is much information on the Metro website about this process, at oregonmetro.gov/lakeoswego. Mr. Higgins will return to the February meeting with a draft PIP for committee review.

MCCI workplan preparation

None.

MCCI workplan

Discussion of the workplan and editing of the cover letter for the materials being created was continued. Among other ideas discussed was the plan to add PIP information and other information from the notebook to the website.

The cover letter for the notebook was completed. Gerritt Rosenthal moved, with a second from Skip White, to approve the final draft of the letter. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Motion:

Gerritt Rosenthal moved, with a second by Skip White, to approve the cover letter.

Vote:

The vote was 10 aye/0 nay. The motion passed unanimously.

Roundtable

None.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Kizak adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Grant
MCCI staff