

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009
Room 270

Members present: JC Kizak (Co-Chair), Judy Andreen, Hal Ballard, Virginia Bruce, Ben Dupree, Malek Hall, John Kilian, Segeni Mungai, Gerritt Rosenthal, , Karen Wolfgang (Co-Chair)

Members excused: Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Nancy Neuman, Skip White

Members absent: Seth Otto

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of Jan. 7, 2008 meeting minutes

Chair Wolfgang called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Motion:

Judy Andreen moved, with a second by Gerritt Rosenthal, to approve the January minutes as corrected.

Vote:

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

Lake Oswego to Portland Transit PIP

Clifford Higgins reviewed the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) summary for the Lake Oswego to Portland streetcar project. There was committee discussion and questions regarding the terminus choices and which would best meet the needs of the area, where the park-and-ride lot would be sited, the public notification process for hearings and open houses, and whether there was a preferred technical alternative. There was additional discussion regarding ridership. Mr. Higgins explained that ridership studies would be expanded at the next stage of the project. The committee had suggestions about reaching potential riders. The possibility of a bike path was also discussed.

Urban/Rural Reserves

Marcia Sinclair updated the committee on the continuing urban and rural reserves process. She distributed handouts and talked about the timeline and a series of ordinances the Metro Council will have to make decisions about as part of the process. In response to a question from a committee member, she said there is a different process for hearing from adjacent communities, but there is a plan for doing that.

There was discussion regarding the timing of public comment opportunities. The committee did not feel like midsummer was an ideal time to gather information from citizens. They discussed the fact that the Metro Council did not want to use numbers in their decision-making but some stakeholders and the reserves steering committee thought numbers were necessary.

Ms. Sinclair commented that staff is crafting questions for public response that will be useful to the Council in their decision-making process. She said she wanted to use MCCI as a sounding board for those questions when they are ready, hopefully at the March meeting.

MCCI workplan

Department workplans have not been forthcoming so this item was postponed. Meetings with each of the Metro managers involved with public involvement will be scheduled within 2 weeks of the March MCCI meeting to review the materials in the MCCI notebook. A mock-up of the notebook will be available at the March meeting.

Groundwork for election of officers at March meeting

Ben Dupree and Gerritt Rosenthal were nominated for MCCI Chair.
Hal Ballard was nominated for Vice Chair.

There was committee discussion regarding whether the desire was to have chair and vice chair positions or co-chair positions as was done last.

Hal withdrew his name from nomination.

Gerritt Rosenthal moved his nomination be for co-chair. Judy Andreen seconded.
There was additional discussion. Hal Ballard offered to write up a nomination/election procedure for future reference.

Chair Wolfgang said nominees should come to the March meeting prepared to make statements about their nominations before voting. The new Chair appoints the steering committee after the election is over.

Roundtable

Segeni Mungai reported his visit to “green drinks”. He said the night’s speaker was from CH2MHill talking about high capacity transit.

Hal Ballard stated that on February 24 Whole Foods Market in Tanasbourne would be donating 5% of their gross to the Washington County BTC whose members would be in attendance doing presentations about bike safety and other bike stuff. He thought it should be a fun weekend.

Virginia Bruce said she would be reporting on MCCI issues at the March meeting of the Washington County CCI. She added that on the 11th was a community connections workshop sponsored by the CCI and CPO 1 which would have a table with the interactive Google map.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Wolfgang adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Grant
MCCI staff