

**Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement**  
**Regular Committee**  
Wednesday, March 4, 2009  
Room 270

Members present: Karen Wolfgang (Co-chair), Judy Andreen,, Hal Ballard, Virginia Bruce, Ben Dupree, Malek Hall, JC Kizak (Co-chair), Nancy Neuman, Gerritt Rosenthal, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Skip White,

Members excused: Segeni Mungai, Seth Otto

**Call to order, review of agenda, approval of Feb. 4, 2008 meeting minutes, announcements**

Chair Kizak called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. The agenda was reviewed and the order of some items were changed.

John Kilian has resigned from the committee due to other obligations. This meeting will be Skip White and Karen Wolfgang's last, also.

**Motion:** Hal Ballard moved, with a second by Karen Wolfgang, to approve the February minutes.

**Vote:** The vote was 9 aye/0 nay/1 abstain. The motion passed. Virginia was not present for the vote. Skip abstained.

**Natural Areas program**

Heather Nelson Kent updated the committee on outreach and involvement around the natural areas program. She said since it was passed in November 2006, \$227 million has been spent to acquire property in 27 different areas. She distributed performance review reports from the oversight committee.

**Election of officers**

Hal Ballard provided some instruction for the voting. Ben Dupree and Gerritt Rosenthal were nominated as co-chairs at the February meeting. There were no other nominations from this meeting.

**Motion:** Judy Andreen moved, with a second by Virginia Bruce to accept Ben Dupree and Gerritt Rosenthal as co-chairs of the committee for the upcoming year.

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

Ben Dupree took over the meeting.

**Transition details**

Karen Wolfgang read her letter of resignation. She commented on three significant efforts she has been involved in during her tenure: review of Metro's diversity plan, the Urban and Rural Reserves, and the review/update of the by-laws and, the last several months, the handbook. She hoped the manual would be useful to staff and committee members.

JC Kizak thanked the committee for their support during her and Karen's time as co-chairs. She will not be leaving the committee.

Ben Dupree saw new projects coming that would redefine MCCI and how Metro uses the committee. He felt MCCI has been underutilized and said while Metro was going through a reorganization, it would be a good time to redefine the committee and figure out how to best aid Metro.

Gerritt Rosenthal said MCCI has gone through a bunch of transitions. He noted that they had been foundering a little but felt they had focus now. He thought the work on the manual was good and that they should have someone speak to the committee about the SMI and then have various staff come back with comments from hearings and other events, negative or otherwise, so the committee could suggest ways to learn from the process. He wants the committee to pay attention and be proactive.

### **MCCI manual**

Karen Wolfgang reviewed the manual. The committee agreed that a tri-fold brochure rather than a fact sheet is needed for use at fairs and farmers' markets or conventions. They agreed that if only one product could be produced, they want a brochure first.

**Motion:** Hal Ballard moved, with a second by Gerritt Rosenthal, to ask the creative services department to produce the brochure they had asked for with the Metro logo added.

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

There was additional discussion about the best ways of distributing the information to Metro staff.

**Amendment to Motion:** Hal Ballard amended his motion, with agreement by the seconder, to ask the creative services department to produce the tri-fold brochure with the Metro logo added, and in addition, a second document formatted as a fact sheet.

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

The brochure and fact sheet will be reviewed for final approval by the committee as soon as they are available.

Discussion of how best to distribute the manual included getting involvement from councilors and department managers. Maybe a short workshop on the contents of the manual for department staff. Asking department heads to have MCCI information available at public hearings and open houses or other Metro functions where the public is being asked for their input. It would be good for one or both chairs to meet with department heads and councilors to review the brochure. Regarding external use, Chair Dupree asked members to consider it and e-mail ideas to the co-chairs. The website needs updating.

Karen Wolfgang pointed out that a clarification of the election process needs to be included as well as the cover letter already approved by the committee. The manual will be placed on a future agenda for discussion after the meetings with councilors.

### **Roundtable**

Judy BlueHorse Skelton reported that Councilor Liberty had participated in a panel discussion on theory and practice for sustainability at Portland State University on February 20. She said it was a wonderful evening. She suggested Councilor Liberty might be a good resource to help distribute the manual.

Karen Wolfgang thanked the committee for supporting her term as co-chair.

Skip White said the Sauvie Island bridge is finally totally open. He reported it will be much more pleasant to visit the island in the coming months and the businesses on the island will no longer have to limit their truck weights.

Judy Andreen said there is potential for a park in the Beavercreek hamlet area. Even though it is not in their CPO area, they are going to explore the possibility of a shovel ready project on the property taken over by the BCT Telephone Company for ball fields or scout camping.

Virginia Bruce said information had recently been brought out about fees and assessments that were going to be levied on land to provide infrastructure in the Bethany area. She said a consultant said the cost per house was so high that the highest and best use for the land would continue to be farming.

Gerritt Rosenthal reported that the Westside rail is up and running and people are using it.

JC Kizak said she had enjoyed her time as co-chair and thought it worked well for her and Karen as the responsibility for the meetings alternated every month.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Dupree adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Grant  
MCCI staff