

**Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement**  
**Regular Committee**  
Wednesday, April 1, 2009  
Room 270

Members present: Gerritt Rosenthal (Co-chair), Hal Ballard, Ben Dupree (Co-chair), Malek Hall, JC Kizak, Segeni Mungai, Nancy Neuman, Judy BlueHorse Skelton

Members excused: Judy Andreen, Virginia Bruce

Members absent: Seth Otto

**Call to order, review of agenda, approval of March 4, 2009 meeting minutes, introductions**

Chair Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Motion:** Hal Ballard moved, with a second by Judy BlueHorse Skelton, to approve the March minutes as corrected.

**Vote:** The vote was 7 aye/0 nay. The motion passed. Malek was absent from the vote.

**Reserves update**

Marcia Sinclair talked about the outreach efforts for the reserves process to date and some future ones. She invited the committee to take part in the on-line survey of questions asked at the open houses. The survey can be found at [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov). Chair Rosenthal encouraged committee members to attend the open houses and make comment.

**New program alignments for Metro and MCCI effectiveness strategies**

Jim Middaugh, Communications director, talked about the Sustainable Metro Initiative and its impact on Metro and this committee. He shared his observation that the committee's current way of doing business was not working well and offered some ideas to help the MCCI be more effective. He asked the committee to consider engaging his County counterparts and TriMet folks to come to the table to help provide advice on how Metro does business. There was discussion regarding this possibility and how it might work. The committee was open to exploring these ideas and inviting those people to join the discussion at future meetings before a decision is made. Mr. Middaugh asked for a subcommittee to frame next steps and develop a work plan.

**Motion:** Hal Ballard moved, with a second by Segeni Mungai, to direct the MCCI Co-chairs to meet with Jim Middaugh, Metro Communications Director, and his counterparts in Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah counties for their interest in serving on the MCCI.

**Vote:** The vote was 7 aye/0 nay. The motion passed.

Mr. Middaugh reported that a group of his staff is in retreat to develop a communications framework to better define departmental responsibilities. He noted a big piece of that would be to have department directors sign off on projects. He wanted MCCI to have a way to comment on those projects as well. He hoped the framework would be ready for Council in July with a committee recommendation, pro or con. The committee asked Mr. Middaugh to report on the results of the meetings with directors.

After discussion, the committee decided it was best to hold off on the brochure until this work is completed and to hold off on new members until a decision is made.

**Roundtable**

JC Kizak said when the outgoing and incoming MCCI Chairs attended their meeting, the Council had invited the committee to attend the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) meetings.

Segeni Mungai asked if anyone would like to hear someone from the Coalition for a Livable Future (CLF) at a future meeting. He offered to invite someone for the next meeting. Committee members agreed if they would be coming to speak about citizen involvement.

**Adjourn**

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

Cheryl Grant  
MCCI staff