Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement Regular Committee

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 Room 270

Members present: Ben Dupree (Co-chair), Judy Andreen, Hal Ballard, JC Kizak, Segeni Mungai, Judy BlueHorse Skelton

Members excused: Gerritt Rosenthal, Nancy Neuman

Members absent: Seth Otto, Malek Hall

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of April 1, 2009 meeting minutes, announcements Chair Dupree called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The approval of the minutes was postponed to the June meeting. Virginia Bruce's resignation from the committee was announced.

Pat Emmerson requested comments from the committee on updates to the public involvement policies principles and guidelines around the RTP and MTIP she had previously e-mailed to the group. She also asked members to look over the glossary and suggest definitions that may have been missed. She asked members to review the document and make suggestions on readability and flow, recommended procedures and the definition of "MCCI" by May 15th.

Reserves

Marcia Sinclair updated the committee on Reserves. She reported good attendance at open houses as well as good interactions with the people who attended. The focus for these was candidate areas. She reported more than 900 responses to the 13 question survey and said they were still tallying results.

There was discussion about ways to reach people by using personal and professional networks and a presence at county fairs or other summer events to raise people's awareness that this work is going on.

HCT, UGR, RTP update

Jim Middaugh reviewed the high capacity transit, urban reserves and regional transportation plan work. In response to committee questions, he said TriMet is involved in the high capacity transit discussions but Metro generally leads the planning portion and TriMet takes the engineering portion lead when the time comes. The employment analysis is conducted at a sub-regional level. The conversation is not at the regional level yet, but is looking into high speed rail moving people longer distances.

MCCI effectiveness strategies

Co-chairs Gerritt Rosenthal and Ben Dupree asked the committee to help with an agenda for their meetings with county and TriMet representatives regarding the potential expansion of MCCI to bring in additional diversity. Jim Middaugh gave an overview of why he had suggested this change to the committee.

The committee discussed the possibilities and benefits of this kind of a change to the committee. Ben asked the committee to think about next steps if the counties and TriMet were interested in the idea.

By-laws review

This item was postponed until next meeting.

Roundtable

Segeni Mungai reported on his involvement with the Greenspaces committee.

Adjourn

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

Cheryl Grant MCCI staff