

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Room 275

Members present: Gerritt Rosenthal, Judy Andreen, Hal Ballard, Ben Dupree, Malek Hall, JC Kizak, Segeni Mungai

Call to order, Review of agenda, approval of meeting minutes for August 6, 2009, announcements:

Chair Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The minutes for the August 6, 2009 meeting were approved.

Jim Middaugh reported that the Chief Operating Officer's public involvement strategy had been changed to add an open house in Clackamas county and translate some handouts into Spanish at the committee's recommendation at their July meeting.

An agenda item was added to the meeting at the request of the communications department. Jim asked the committee to review the proposed questions for the Making the Greatest Place online survey and give feedback by Friday when it goes live.

Draft ordinance

The draft ordinance reorganizing the committee was reviewed and discussed.

Motion:

Ben Dupree moved, with a second by Hal Ballard, to include one member from each council district (6 positions), one member from each county unincorporated area (3 positions), one member from each county's CCI (3 positions), two at-large members (2 positions) and one alternating designated public involvement staff member from each county (3 positions) on the MCCI for a grand total of 17 members.

Additional discussion included the pros and cons of choosing members by council district, whether to have members specifically from outside the urban growth boundary and/or the Metro jurisdictional boundary. It was agreed that the goal of the committee was good public involvement rather than to represent a specific area.

Vote:

The vote was 5 aye/0 nay/2 abstain. The motion passed. Judy Andreen and Malek Hall abstained.

The revised ordinance will be sent to the committee for comments. The formal filing will occur after Co-chair Dupree receives comments and lets the clerk know to go ahead with the filing.

Recruiting potential new MCCI members

The committee thought reported dissatisfaction in some areas about the way the urban and rural reserves process was formed could be an opportunity to recruit members to help plan a better process for future projects. Recruitment materials with information about the committee and its goals to hand out at Metro hearings and events would be good as the people attending those events are already engaged in public involvement. Talents and interests are important considerations for potential new members

Jim said the Metro newsfeed is up and running now and could be a good place to advertise for members. Once a pool of applicants is gathered, the committee will discuss them and maybe invite

folks to attend a meeting with either an ad hoc committee or the full group. He will ask Council President Bragdon to send a letter to the county chairs requesting a staffer, rotating by subject if they choose, to take part in the MCCI. A draft package of recruitment materials will be assembled and sent to the committee with a deadline for comment.

MCCI work plan priorities

Gerritt said the committee would defer to Jim regarding which issues needed attention first. After discussion of several issues, Jim said it was timely to begin work on recommendations for the overall budget process, and the Communications department budget in particular. The Chair directed the committee to bring ideas to the next meeting where a memo with formal recommendations to the council will be drafted.

By-laws changes

Motion: Judy Andreen moved, with a second by Segeni Mungai, to approve the by-laws changes as reviewed at the September meeting.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/0 nay. The motion to accept the by-laws revisions passed unanimously.

Roundtable

Hal announced the second annual Hillsboro Tour de Parks is September 27. it is a free family fun bike event.

Ben said his boss was holding a press conference the day after this meeting announcing whether he will run for governor.

David asked for volunteers to work on items that were identified in his research of committee issues as needing attention.

- Judy and Ben will work on developing committee support materials to clarify mission and role and assist new and continuing members with their work.
- Ben, Gerritt, Malek and Hal volunteered to work on exploring ways to connect MCCI and Metro staff in effective working relationships.
- Gerritt will work on committee recruitment.

Judy said a letter had been submitted to the Clackamas County Commission with recommendations for taking public testimony. They recommended keeping public input as open as possible. and not limited by time constraints.

Adjourn

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

Cheryl Grant
Metro staff