

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, October 7 2009
Room 275

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

Members absent: Malek Hall

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of the September 2, 2009 meeting notes, introductions, announcements

Chair Dupree called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The minutes for the September 2009 meeting were held for approval until a quorum was present.

Blue Lake Park Nature and Golf Learning Center update

Lydia Neill refreshed the committee on the details of the Blue Lake Park Nature and Golf Learning Center. She said the outreach for the 40-mile Loop Trail project and the Golf Learning Center project will be done at the same time, starting in November.

Tonquin Trail Master Plan PIP

Patty Unfred summarized the Tonquin Train Master Plan and asked for suggestions on the citizen involvement section. She said good quality, involved citizen representatives are needed for the steering committee. (Note: MCCI member Hal Ballard is currently a member of this steering committee. He briefly reviewed their initial meeting.)

There was discussion and clarification about parts of the PIP. Patty asked for additional stakeholder suggestions. She said the bigger challenge may be getting folks excited enough about the project to attend open houses in December; the committee suggested school newsletters, local newspapers, e-mail distribution lists for long term communication about the project. The first public event for this master plan is in December.

Approval of minutes

Motion:

A quorum being present, Gerritt Rosenthal moved, with a second by Hal Ballard, to approve the minutes of the September meeting.

Vote:

The vote was 6 aye/0 nay. The motion passed.
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Draft recommendations for Metro budget process

The committee discussed whether or not they could provide useful information to the council regarding best ways to use its citizen involvement resources. The Chief Operating officer will present his budget to the council this winter for approval in early Spring, so now is the time to begin the work if the committee wants to take it on as a project. Additional discussion will take place at the November committee meeting.

MCCI restructure

- Ordinance revision review

Patty Unfred reviewed the draft ordinance. There was discussion about whether the draft reflected the committee's request to Mr. Cooper.

Motion to amend: Hal Ballard moved, with a second by Gerritt Rosenthal, to amend the draft Metro Code Section 2.19.100 (b) (2) Membership as follows:
(2) One (1) representative from each of the areas outside of ~~the Metro~~ incorporated boundaries of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties (for a total of 3).

Vote: The vote was 6 aye/0 nay. The motion to amend passed.

Motion: Gerritt Rosenthal moved, with a second by Segeni Mungai, to approve the ordinance as revised.

Vote: The vote was 6 aye/0 nay. The motion to amend passed.

- Workgroup report

David Brandt reported that he, Judy Andreen and Ben Dupree have plans to start work on the committee support materials soon. Key areas they will focus on are basic documents, materials helpful to new members, collecting best practices for public involvement as resource materials.

He said the committee/staff connections group met two weeks ago to discuss different ways the committee might connect to staff. Either by department or project was suggested as well as committee members being assigned to staff to keep current on projects and report back at meetings. The work group liked the third option.

Ben Dupree asked for general agreement about revising the brochure. He will take a look at it and make needed revisions to the text to bring back for final approval and then take for in-house distribution.

Roundtable

Gerritt noted that the national news indicates the worst problems with the “housing bubble” occur because of inadequate land use planning.

Hal said 400 riders showed up for the second annual Tour de Parks. He reported lots of fun but a big financial hit due to the economy. He also reports that his job may end in a month but even if it does, he will not stop be doing the work as a volunteer.

Judy reported that the Clackamas County Commissioners had recently tried the CPO’s recommendations for public testimony at a Reserves hearing. They used the 3 minute time limit, had 89 people testify and were done with the hearing by 10 or 10:30. They have now officially approved the policy.

Patty commented on Metro’s new use of newsfeeds on their website. She said anything relevant to policy or planning is getting short bursts of information posted three to four times a day. The newsfeed can be accessed at <http://news.oregonmetro.gov> and is available as an RSS feed or in e-mail.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Dupree adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.