

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

Members present: Gerritt Rosenthal, Judy Andreen, Ben Dupree, Malek Hall, Segeni Mungai

Members excused: Hal Ballard, JC Kizak

Guests: Helen Vu, PSU student, Regina , interested citizen, Mary Hull Caballero, Metro senior management auditor

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of October 7, 2009 meeting notes, introductions, announcements

Chair Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The minutes for the October 2009 meeting were discussed and held for approval until a quorum was present.

Making the Greatest Place public engagement report

Patty Unfred distributed and reviewed the Making the Greatest Place draft public engagement report from the open houses and public hearings. She said, overwhelmingly, the feedback was positive toward the recommendations with general support for a tight urban growth boundary. People thought the handout materials were good quality and relatively easy to understand. At a couple of the events, people were calling out comments from the blog posts, which is really good feedback that the blogs work well to inform citizens. She said public awareness of the UGB is high. Some folks felt the 30-day comment period was too short and that there was too much information to digest in such a short time. Many people were frustrated that Metro's reserve recommendations were general. People would still have liked to see them on maps. All materials are available on the website. Any committee comments on the draft should be submitted within the next week.

Approval of minutes

Motion:

A quorum being present, Judy Andreen moved, with a second by Segeni Mungai, to approve the minutes of the October meeting.
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Vote:

The vote was 6 aye/0 nay. The motion passed.
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MCCI restructure

The ordinance is currently being finalized and a date for council action is being scheduled.

Brochure review

Ben Dupree discussed the brochure with the committee. The document will be posted on the web for edits and review is being worked on.

Tonquin Trail Master Plan Steering Committee report

None.

Communications department budget

Patty reported that work plans are being formulated by the departments to see what money will be needed for projects and when. By next month there will be more detail and MCCI will be able to review and present recommendations to the communications department regarding significant public involvement components to help departments get resources built in to their projects.

Roundtable

Segeni commented that he attended an open spaces meeting last week and he felt the group was working well.

Ben reported that he and Judy and David are working on new member materials. They want information for new members to be informative and follow best practices for the region. They are reviewing current materials to see what is still useful and what needs to be redone.

David added that he has been looking at recruiting tools and will continue to work on that. He reported workshops will be held by the City of Portland between November 17 and December 15 to begin work on the Portland Plan, which is the first step of the city's strategic plan.

Helen asked about requirements for membership on the MCCI. Gerritt explained the process and said there are some open positions

Ben said he starts work Monday for Senator Wyden.

Gerritt talked about the Reserves Core 4 and Steering Committees. He said Clackamas and Multnomah counties were pretty much in agreement with the COO's recommendations, but Washington county's views were very different.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Cheryl Grant
Metro staff