

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, December 2, 2009
Room 270

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

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of November 4, 2009 meeting notes, introductions, announcements

Chair Dupree called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and introduced a guest, Christopher Williams, who recently moved to the area and is interested in the committee.

The minutes for the November 2009 meeting were approved.

Motion: Hal Ballard moved, with a second by Judy Andreen, to approve the minutes of the November meeting.

Vote: The vote was 3 aye/0 nay. The motion carried. JC Kizak and Hal Ballard abstained.

Two members who are still on the roster but have not attended meetings for many months were discussed.

Motion: Judy Andreen moved, with a second by Hal Ballard, to remove Zachory Ferguson and Seth Otto from the committee for nonattendance as per the MCCI by-laws.

Vote: The vote was unanimous.

Outreach to Youth

Jim Middaugh, communications director, reported that budget discussions are ongoing and that the information was not yet ready to bring to the committee.

He reported that Metro is now actively using FaceBook and Twitter for sharing information with the public. Newsfeeds launched last month are working well. The legal department is reviewing guidelines for using these social media.

Jim announced two recent hires in the Communications department: Peggy Morell who will be working half-time for Creative Services and half-time for the Planning department and Laura Oppenheimer Odom who was hired as the Natural Areas Communications Coordinator.

Jim talked about the Reaching and Empowering All People (REAP) program. He discussed the possibility of the committee assisting a well qualified and motivated young man from that program with a project. The teen would not be an actual member of MCCI, but would work to plan a joint work session with the Council and local youth sometime in the spring. The goal of this project would be to encourage more young people testify and engage with local officials. It is their future.

After additional discussion, the committee decided to look into helping with the project.

Draft Reserves public involvement process

Marcia Sinclair reported on outreach efforts for the Reserves process. There is a divergence of what is appropriate public involvement at this time between the counties and the Metro council. One MCCI member reported hearing that it is not so much the public involvement plan as the citizens do not feel like the elected officials are listening. Marcia was interested to learn which aspects of the process make citizens feel that way. Jim suggested figuring out what is keeping this from being a meaningful action and reporting on it for council. Members will e-mail their comments to Marcia. She shared strategies for the next critical phase of the Reserves work and asked for comments and suggestions to be e-mailed to her.

MCCI brochure

Ben distributed draft text for the new brochure for members to take home to review and bring comments to the next meeting.

Roundtable

Hal reported on the Tonquin Trail Advisory Committee. There will be open houses in Tualatin, Sherwood and Wilsonville coming up soon. Information about them can be found on the Metro website. He said the committee did a site visit last week and found that most of the alignments for the trail are owned or managed by Metro. He also reported on the Washington County BTC Adopt a Bike program. Donations will be used to fix up bicycles for foster kids.

JC reported that the Zoo Lights are up and running.

Adjourn

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

Cheryl Grant
Metro staff