

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
Room 270

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

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

Chair Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

The minutes for the December 2009 meeting were approved.

Motion:

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| Hal Ballard moved, with a second by Ben Dupree, to approve the minutes of the December meeting. |
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Vote:

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| The vote was 4 aye/0 nay. The motion carried unanimously of those present for the vote. |
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Gerritt reported that Malek Hall has resigned from the committee.

David Brandt reported that he had been attending Portland Plan meetings as well as the Public Involvement Advisory Council, the group charged to look at the city's public involvement processes over all bureaus. He thought there was opportunity for these groups and MCCI to learn from each other. Gerritt authorized David to talk to the coordinator to see if they are interested in attending an MCCI meeting to share information, and to offer MCCI to do the same at one of their meetings.

Reserves process review

Marcia Sinclair detailed attendance numbers and logistics of recent open houses and hearings for the urban and rural reserves process. She distributed the draft public comment report and other materials provided to citizens at the events. Gerritt asked committee members to provide feedback to Marcia regarding the comment book in a timely manner. He asked Marcia to report back after the auditor is finished with her audit of the reserves process because the committee was interested in those results.

Reserves hearings from citizen point of view

Gerritt summarized comments he made to the Reserves committee regarding information presented and testimony heard at an event in Sherwood and his experience as MCCI Co-chair. Among other things, he observed that the process Metro followed was complicated and long. There has been great public debate and serious involvement by many interested people. The maps were excellent. He was very pleased that there were three meetings in the southern part of the region for the final process.

He saw the enabling legislation as one of the problems. He supported one real estate representative who pointed out that suitable job creation lands are important. He noted that forestry, agriculture, residential, commercial and industrial lands all have specific needs and different constraints. He urged having buffers such as trees between contiguous urban and agricultural lands to avoid future conflicts. He said the buffer issue needs serious attention before the next UGB expansion. He commented that Metro has the database to refine the various uses of the reserve land. He considered it a daunting to think about planning 40-50 years into the future.

Involving traditionally under-represented communities and youth in the planning process

Tabled until next meeting.

Brochure

Edits were made to the text for the brochure. Cheryl will take it to Communication Design and bring a mock-up to the March meeting for finalization.

Roundtable

There was discussion and agreement that several members have trouble making the meeting due to traffic conditions or workday hours. The start time for the March meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Meeting time will be shortened by half-an-hour so will still adjourn at 8 p.m. It was noted that we will have to be more diligent about keeping to the agenda times.

Adjourn

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

Cheryl Grant
Metro staff