

Minutes of the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement
Regular Committee
Wednesday, April 7, 2010
Room 270

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

Also present: Metro staff John Miller, Kelsey Newell

Call to order, review of agenda, approval of March 3, 2009 meeting notes, introductions, announcements

Chair Dupree called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. The minutes for the March 2009 meeting were approved with clarification to Judy Andreen's comments at Roundtable.

Motion:

Judy Andreen moved, with a second by Gerritt Rosenthal, to approve the minutes of the March meeting as amended.

Vote:

The vote was 4 aye/0 nay. The motion carried.

The future of MCCI

Ben Dupree led a discussion regarding the direction of the MCCI. See a copy of his remarks included in the permanent record of this meeting.

Discussion included whether or not committee members had the ability to formally dissolve the committee since it was in the Metro Charter or whether they should continue to try to "fix" it. There was general agreement that the goal is to come up with what the committee could look like and then sit down with Jim to offer advice and input. Judy commented that however the group is revamped there should always be more citizens than technical people in the make-up as it is a citizen committee. Ben thought there might be some push back on that as the new committee is formed. They are not a necessarily a "citizen committee" but committee for "citizen involvement".

Gerritt thought their comments should be formed in a letter and presented to council with details by the end of June. They agreed it didn't have to be hostile or mean. Segeni pointed out that the committee was falling apart long before Jim came on the scene. Gerritt thought they should agree on a recommendation and present it to council within the next 45 days. He suggested asking Council to create a task force to decide on future goals of committee and let them know the committee would be happy to participate.

Roundtable

Gerritt Rosenthal said his campaign is going well.

Segeni Mungai said he has been invited to the Metro volunteer appreciation dinner for his participation on the Open Spaces committee.

John Miller suggested asking the council to redo the charter talking about methods of outreach as it is old and only talks about TV and print media. Maybe Metro could even have a FaceBook page.

Adjourn

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

Cheryl Grant
Metro staff