



Metro

600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting minutes

Meeting: CORE Meeting
Date: Thursday, September 19th, 2019
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Place: MRC, 600 NE. Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232

Attendees

Co-Chairs: Patricia Kepler, Dele Oyemaja

CORE Members: Duncan Hwang, Martine Coblentz, Maria Caballero Rubio, Effie Bustamante, Karla Hernandez,

MERC Commissioners:

CORE Liaisons: Metro Councilor Craddick

Metro staff: Raahi Reddy, Sebrina Owens-Wilson, Tiffany Thompson, Melissa Palavecino, Reed Brodersen, Nathan Sykes, Matt Korot, Molly Chidsey

Public: Kevin Thomas, Juma, Jeniffer Greedlove,

Absent: Laura John, Katie Sawicki, Sharron Gary-Smith, Donna Maxey, Kari Herinckx, Danel Malan, Karis J.A. Stoudamire-Phillips,

Welcome and Overview of the day

Public comment – Members of the public

No public comment was offered.

Before the meeting started CORE members were asked if they had any community updates they wanted to share.

Patricia mentioned that she was getting ready to meet with students as PCC's school year was commencing.

Effie announced news from Mercy Core Northwest about launching two social businesses to employ people coming out of prison and will send an email to members with more detail once they have officially been launch.

Raahi introduced Nathan Sykes, Deputy Metro attorney who will now be a part of Metro's staffing for the CORE committee.

Metro Council Update

Councilor Craddick updated Members on various projects that are going on starting with the second leg of the regional investment strategy, the natural areas bond measure. The measure will be going

up for renewal and Metro is asking voters to renew the 19 cent tax that helps Metro continue to protect streams and uplands by purchasing that land as well as to continue to build more trails and restore special places such as the Willamette falls. The kick off for the campaign was that same evening which Councilor Craddick left early to join. This measure is 26-203.

Another measure Metro is working on is the transportation funding measure dubbed T2020. This measure will be a big lift as it will be billions of dollars. The goal is to be able to build out our infrastructures in order to reduce our greenhouse emissions, create more accessibility around our cities through bussing, biking and walking. Metro Council President Lynn Peterson appointed a committee of 35 people which is being called the T2020 taskforce; it is made up of representatives from various businesses, organizations and jurisdictions around the region. They meet every two weeks. The focus of this measure is on corridors as opposed to individual projects, there have been 13 corridors identified that will be focused on. In addition to the T2020 taskforce, this past summer there were three local investment teams which represent the three counties, they reviewed and toured the corridors to talk about and identify the important projects needed to improve the region. The night prior to this meeting, those investment teams reported back to the T2020 task force.

A member asked what CORE could do to support council on these Measures. Councilor Craddick responded by saying she would ask the council but would also like for CORE to let the council know how they would like to be involved. Another member asked where they could find the list of priorities for the counties that was created by the local investment team. Councilor Craddick will follow up on this request and the information to CORE. A member requested that CORE weigh in on some of the bigger decisions such as the funding mechanisms and specifics on the corridors. Raahi assured the members that CORE would be involved in some of the key decision points.

Property & Environmental Services – DEI Work plan & Regional Waste Plan

Presenters: Matt Korot Program Director & Molly Chidsey Property and Environmental (PES) Services Equity & Community Partnership Coordinator in Metro's Property & Environmental Services Department

One of the roles CORE plays is to advise and provide an independent perspective to Metro staff on the implementation of the strategic plan. Matt and Molly's presentation provided foundational information to the committee on the work PES is doing to implement the strategic plan and to discuss the role that Council is asking CORE to plan in the implementation of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.

Molly talked to members about the work that was done to create a safe space to understand and do DEI work. Because PES had done relationship building with their staff prior they found it easier to dig into the equity work. Members asked about workforce equity and how PES was using their influence to further this work. Molly responded that many of their workers at the outside facilities are contracted and recently Metro was able to move some employees from contracted to Metro employees. Molly acknowledges that there is still work to be done in this area and that PES does

think about the best ways to leverage their relationships both politically and internally to further workforce equity.

Matt answered questions about the PES internship and its goals including where and how recruitment was done. Members expressed excitement about the opportunity for youth of color. Members also asked about the two new transfer facilities that will be built and if there is a strategic plan around DEI for them. Metro PES staff responded that they will most likely need to create separate plans for the facilities and that there is potential for CORE to weigh in on the development of it. PES staff will follow up with Sebrina to see when this can be fully flushed out with CORE.

2019 CORE By-laws Review & Discussion

The committee on racial equity has been added to Metro's coding which now means that it is a permanent committee. CORE will now be staffed by someone from the Office of Metro Attorney, as was stated earlier with the introduction of Nathan Sykes.

Members discussed CORE's by-laws, which are supposed to be reviewed annually. The goal was to remind members of what is in the bylaws and identify needed updates that would strengthen the function and operations of the committee.

Raahi spoke to members about terms and what options they should have as members. It was requested that other examples of Metro committees be looked at so as to compare what is being done. Attendance was also discussed as the committee struggles around summer time to meet. Members agreed that the language around attendance needed to be updated but they would like to keep the part about empathy. Members asked about whether there was work to be done by the external and internal subcommittees, to which Metro DEI staff was unsure of and would get back to members when needs were identified. Members also wanted to revisit the time of the meeting but have decided to hold off until the new members have been incorporated.

Patricia reminded folks that recruitment for new committee members is open through September 27th. And to please be sure to share the announcement with their networks or forward names to the DEI staff so they can reach out to them. Meeting adjourned.

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