



Metro

600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting minutes

Meeting: CORE Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 18th, 2019
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Place: Muslim Education Trust, 600 NE. Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232

Attendees

Co-Chairs: Patricia Kepler, Dele Oyemaja

CORE Members: Martine Coblentz, Katie Sawicki, , Shweta Moorthy, Kari Herinckx, Maria Caballero Rubio, Daisy Quiñonez, Duncan Hwang,

MERC Commissioners:

CORE Liaisons: Councilor Craddik, Councilor Lewis

Metro staff: Raahi Reddy, Melissa Palavecino, Sebrina Owens-Wilson, Heather Nelson Kent, Jon Blasher

Guests: Wajdi A. Said

Absent: Laura John, Donna Maxey, Effie Bustamante, Sharron Gary-Smith, Karla Hernandez, Danel Malan

Welcome and Overview of the day

Before the meeting started CORE was welcomed by Wajdi A. Said the president and co-founder of the Muslim Educational Trust. Wajdi explained what the MET was and the activities and programs they had, as well as giving an overview of the history of the MET and why it was founded.

Public comment – Members of the public

No public comment was offered.

Dele moved to accept the Mar. 19th 2019 CORE meeting minutes, no changes were requested.

Shweta seconded the motion

CORE members voted to adopt minutes

Discussion on CORE Recruitment 2019

Raahi reminded the members of CORE about the spots opening up on the committee. The committee is looking at potentially filling up to 5 spots. Raahi asked members to discuss who they would like to see recruited. Below are some attributes they would like to see in candidates:

- People of color from the Art community
- Non native English speakers
- Younger folks from other parts of the region such as East county and Washington county (further clarification needed around what age groups that includes) three members repeated this
- Transportation experts/ People who public transit dependent
- People from Clackamas county (urban and rural)
- City council members
- Housing Experts
- Policy Experts
- Metro Councilors that once served on CORE
- People that are being developed at Organizations

Shweta volunteered to help Raahi map the recommendations out. They will also survey current members to see strengths and gaps that will better inform who needs to be recruited to CORE.

Potential 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Program

(Jon Blasher, Parks and Nature)

Metro's Parks and Nature Director Jon Blasher presented an overview of the latest plan for possible 2019 Parks and Nature Bond. Members discussed materials describing in more detail the outcomes of the bond and how to apply the five goals of the Strategic Plan to this effort.

Members discussed contracting, most specifically around the diversity of the workforce and contractors. Members also asked questions about resource allocation in regards to climate resiliency, meaningful engagement with communities and the Willamette falls project.

Concerns expressed by members were around accessibility to Metro parks both in terms of ADA and transit accessibility. Another concern that was brought up was about jurisdictional partners who were not centered on racial equity and how Metro would hold these partners accountable.

CORE members also asked for more information around the large scale community vision, which parks said they could send materials on after meeting. Members were also interested in hearing more about the Equity advisory committee and being updated on the decision making role it has.

Next Steps on CORE Guidance document

Raahi will have finished document for CORE review at the May meeting.

Adjourn