



**Metro**

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Portland, OR 97232-2736

# Meeting minutes

Meeting: CORE Meeting  
Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020  
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Place: PCC, Rock Creek Building 5, Room 122 the ASPCC Classroom  
17705 NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR 97229

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## **Attendees**

**Co-Chairs:** Patricia Kepler, Dele Oyemaja

**CORE Members:** Martine Coblentz, Katie Sawicki, Tristan Penn, Mahmood Jawad, Maria Magallon, Quincy Brown, Saara Hirsi, Daniela Ortiz, Laura John, Duncan Hwang

**MERC Commissioners:** Danel Malan

**CORE Liaisons:** Metro Councilor Craddick

**Metro staff:** Raahi Reddy, Sebrina Owens-Wilson, Melissa Palavecino, Reed Brodersen, Nyla Moore, Cassie Salinas

**Absent:** Effie Bustamante, Karla Hernandez, Karis J.A. Stoudamire-Phillips, Nura Elmagbari,

## **Welcome and Overview of the day**

Luz Maciel Villarroel Ph.D., the Dreamers Resource Center Coordinator welcomes CORE to PCC and the Dreamers center. Dr. Villarroel talked about how the Dreamers Center provides a space for our DACA recipients and Undocumented students. This space provides financial and legal support as well as a place to cultivate leadership skills.

## **Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

## **Committee Business & Updates**

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

Katie shared that OHEA's Community Powered Change Community Advisory Team (C.A.T.) is looking for a broad group of 5-10 folks who live, work and/or play in Washington. The Community Action Team is an opportunity to engage in developing their political analysis, deepening racial justice analyses and developing strategic actions/communication that advance community informed solutions and push for radical change.

Duncan reminded us to eat at Chinese restaurants as the COVID-19 has tapped into Sinophobia. The Chinese community is feeling the loss of patronage to their restaurants.

MERC Commissioner Malan share about Milagros play. In the time of the butterflies runs till the end of the month.

### Minutes

Martine moved to approve December minutes

Tristan seconded that motion

Laura abstained

Minutes approved.

***(Council Update was moved to later in the agenda)***

### **Transportation Investment Measure**

#### ***Presenters:***

*Margi Bradway, Deputy Director of Metro Planning & Development, Craig Beebe  
Government and public affairs program analyst*

Martine asked about who would be hosting the community workshops. Craig answered that Metro would be hosting some and the community themselves would be hosting some. There would be several opportunities for people to attend.

Quincy asked that other than the city of Portland and other jurisdictions who else was being engaged. Margie replied that jurisdictions and agencies along the corridors were being engaged.

Saara asked about whether there were opportunities to engage with disability communities that are non-English speaking. As this community is often left out of these conversations. Craig responded that he could connect Saara with Patty Unfred at the Zoo, who is working on the development of the scope with partners. He also offered to meet after to talk more with her about how to better engage with this community and that there was a possibility of creating its own engagement group.

Quincy asked about the employment aspect of the bond after it is passed. If diversity in hiring will be a priority to those agencies that work on the bond projects. Margi responded that there will be an expenditure plan, a document that will be adopted by council that will hold the framework and expectations around equity in hiring.

Duncan asked about the accountability mechanisms that would be used keeping in mind community benefits. Margi stated that nothing had been decided on yet and that she would be interested in discussing what would work best.

Members then broke into small groups to discuss the following questions:  
How to make sure there is an equity lens and criteria for the programs presented  
And  
What are the thing that they would like the programs to be focused on.  
Please see transportation program meeting summary for overview of CORE input.

### **Metro Council Update**

Councilor Craddick spoke about Marissa Madrigal the new Coo being sworn in that same day and that she would be starting March 9<sup>th</sup>. She is the 3<sup>rd</sup> COO Metro has had, the first that wasn't elected. The COO positions and the Metro attorney position are the two that Council hires. Councilor Craddick also spoke about Metro's Council getting involved with an organization called Here Together. This initiative would ask voters to help with services to overcome homelessness. This would provide much needed support services, to get people stable again. As early as Tuesday, the Council may decide on whether or not to put this initiative on the ballot.

Quincy commented that Council should look into other organizations working on this issue outside of Oregon, he named Cooperative New West Jackson and Cooperation Jackson. Quincy also asked what type of tax the initiative was proposing. Councilor Craddick said she was not sure, but she did know that it would not be a housing tax.

### **CORE Co-chair Election Process**

Raahi talked to members about Co-chair elections and that a mix of an original CORE member and new CORE member is suggested. Sebrina will send out an application for CORE members to fill out and turn in the day after the February meeting. The application will be due March 6<sup>th</sup>. The new Co-chairs will be announce at the March meeting.

### **Adjourn**