



Metro

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Meeting minutes

Meeting: CORE Meeting
Date: Thursday, November 19, 2020
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Place: Zoom

Attendees

Co-Chairs: Tristan Penn, Martine Coblentz

CORE Members: Nabin Dhimal, Saara Hirsi, Dele Oyemaja, Maria Magallon, Quincy Brown, Patricia Kepler, Nura Elmagbari, Jamila Dozier, Anthony Deloney

MERC Commissioners: Dañel Malán, Karis JA Stoudamire-Phillips

Metro Councilors: Metro Councilor Craddick, Metro Councilor Lewis

Metro staff: Raahi Reddy, Sebrina Owens-Wilson, Melissa Palavecino, Tiffany Thompson, Nathan Sykes, Dan Blue, Gloria Pinzon, Matt Tracy, Randy Tucker, Anneliese Koehler

Absent: Rebecca Descombes, Mahmood Jawad, Laura John, Daniela Ortiz

Welcome and Overview of the day

Melissa shared an overview of using zoom.

Martine shared that CORE was codified making it an official advisory board for Metro Council.

Public Comment

No public comment

Committee Business and Updates

Council Update

- Councilor Craddick – Transportation Ballot measure did not pass. Thank you to those of you involved in helping us on this project. Will continue to use the work that we did to inform the future. Still want to take this initiative to the voters and we will step back and assess what our next steps are.
 - Met with group that helped on 2019 Parks Measure. In the bond refinement phase and preparing to move funding out to the region. Recruiting oversight committee until November 23 at 6:00 pm. Please share this with your communities

- CORE adopted as a formal advisory committee. Thank you for being groundbreakers to bring this to Metro.
- Councilor Lewis – Approved the Supportive Housing Services oversight committee. Plans will be available in the New Year. We will add this to our monthly reports to CORE.
- Martine asked for the Parks and Nature Committee, who would you like represented on this committee?
 - It should represent the whole region, not Portland centric. Racial makeup that represents the population we serve. Every person should have connection to a Metro Park or why they love nature. Different professional or lived expertise. Land use attorney. One person in financial sector. Don't let those credentials hold you back from applying – as long as you can say why you love nature.
- Nura asked what the time commitment is. And is it paid or volunteer?
 - It is volunteer but a stipend is available. At least quarterly meeting. More time in the beginning and will wane in the later years.

Future Metro West

Dan Blue, Gloria Pinzon, Matt Tracy

Nura asked about the property purchase. When we met last you had not decided on the property you wanted to buy. I believe it was down to three with one being the current property in your presentation. Is this the official property for the transfer station or do you do this testing for all of the sites?

- At the time, we were in negotiation and not disclosing this property. There were two other properties. Approached the city about those properties but they were not interested in offers on those properties.
- We don't do these tests on every property. These test only come back once we have entered the due diligence period.

Nura asked follow up questions. What was your percent response for the survey? And could we help as community organizers to get more feedback?

- One survey that was shared through social media, word of mouth and email. People who filled it out were self-selecting. In the future, it would be helpful if we did hear from new folks. Right now, we are not collecting new surveys.
- We are still receiving feedback at futurewest@oregonmetro.gov. Gloria will send a follow up email and they can reach out to Metro Council.

Saara asked if they connected specifically with people with disabilities. If not, will you in the future?

- During recruitment, people were in crisis. It is important to reach those communities and will be important in future design.
- Immigrant communities have a lot of people with disabilities as well.
- There is a need for more education in immigrant communities. A lot to learn from cultures who already have practices in environmentalism.
- Questions for the group from Gloria:
 - Given what you have heard today, how well do you think the future Metro West recycling and transfer center's team has advanced the goals of the Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion?
 - What are other ways you think we could help advance Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion?
 - Besides proximity to the proposed site, what other metrics would you suggest to measure engagement success or support for this project to inform Metro Council's decision to purchase the property at this Phase of the project?
 - Raahi suggested to get more specific questions to share with CORE than just the general plan.
 - Focus on Question #3
 - Nura suggested thinking through the ecological impact
- Patricia asked, what did you do for outreach? Did you make an effort to reach any part of the disabled population?
 - It was a focus on the disabled population. And we need to do more with this audience. We relied on folks that are already connected to us or connected to our partner organizations in Washington County. This is one audience that we need to do more outreach to. For public webinars, we provided ASL interpretation but that doesn't address all type of needs that people live with.
 - Patricia – One concern with construction is how does that affect people that need to get around those construction zones. People with disabilities, those are huge barriers.
- Martine – The survey respondents for Spanish speaking were very low compared to English speaking. Do you feel like you have reached a critical mass and gotten critical mass? Beyond surveys, social media and websites?
 - With community engagement with the community advisory group, I feel good with that.
 - We need to do more engagement. We have done the best we could with the resources, time and environment with COVID. And some folks are not interested in talking about this topic with everything else they are facing right now. We have reached more people than I expected but we could do more.
 - Dan – The whole team is disappointed that we haven't been able to be at Farmers Markets, social groups, churches, etc. It has been really challenging with COVID. Considering just buying the property is low risk for Metro. We have improved the value of the property through property investigation. We could sell it down the

road if we needed to. Before construction happens there will be more community engagement and would have to go back to Council for approval. If we do build, we will improve corridors and safety for pedestrians as a by-product of building.

- Anthony stated that during COVID, 800 is an impressive response. Will need education in that area on how to use those facilities. It is not a given that people understand how to use these facilities.

There may have been additional comments in the chat

Metro Council 2021 Legislative Principles

Presenters: Randy Tucker and Anneliese Koehler

Nura asked how many people of color are on the legislative team. Do you have disagreements about how to approach land use – culturally, religiously specific principles?

- Legislative team is just Anneliese and I. Zero people of color on the team. Within GAPD we have a tribal affairs advisor
- Having worked in land use for a long time, these issues have not arisen a lot in the land use realm. Issues of racial equity have come up more in transportation

Martine asked about Community reparation that takes into account past harm. Short term steps to understand what that past harm and restoration might look like? Would love to have more dialogue around that.

Nura shared that she felt like this was the question she was trying to ask. In the past, there is a lack of engagement from communities of color. People like me were not given the opportunity to voice our concerns in the past and we are finally getting to do that now.