# Meeting minutes



Meeting: CORE Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 17th, 2019

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Place: Metro Regional Center, Council chamber, 600 NE. Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232

#### Attendees

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

**CORE Members:** Martine Coblentz, Duncan Hwang, Laura John,

**MERC Commissioners:** 

**CORE Liaisons:** Councilor Craddick, Councilor Lewis

**Metro staff:** Raahi Reddy, Melissa Palavecino, Sebrina Owens-Wilson, Nathan Sykes, Lisa Miles, Tim O'Brien

**Absent:** Donna Maxey, Effie Bustamante, Sharron Gary-Smith, Karla Hernandez, Danel Malan, Katie Sawicki, Karis Stoudamire-Phillips

## Welcome and Overview of the day

Before starting the meeting Dele asked CORE members if they have any community updates they'd like to share. Laura announce the Tribal summit being put on by the City of Portland. The summit takes place on Nov. 7th, and is open to Metro Staff.

Patricia then gave members a quick overview for the rest of the year; in November the siting process for two new transfer stations will be discussed with the Property and Environmental Services Department. The December the meeting is being planned to be moved to the second week of the month because of the holidays.

### **Public comment - Members of the public**

No public comment was offered.

There were two sets of minutes to approve however due to there not being a quorum minutes could not be approved.

#### **Council Update**

Councilor Lewis share information about Salmon Homecoming on Oct.  $19^{th}$  and  $20^{th}$  at Oxbow Park from 11am to 4pm.

Members of CORE were also invited to the MPAC meeting on Oct.  $23^{rd}$  for Climate change presentation by two national experts.

Councilor Lewis announced that the Oregon Zoo Conservations grants totaled more than 24 thousand awarded.

Three big community meetings for T2020 in Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah counties are coming up, Councilor Lewis to follow up on dates.

## 2040 Planning & Development Grants

The Planning Department will be discussing the 2040 planning and Development Grant Program. They were asking for CORE members to provide insight and feedback on the realignment of the Grant Program with Metro's equity goals prior to the next council review.

Members advised that the grants screening committee should have members that have experience working with Community based organizations even potentially having a CORE representative. Laura suggested that community based applicants also be provided technical assistance in order to develop relationships and compose strong proposals.

Laura also asked that applicants be challenged to work and/or partner with smaller organizations and communities in order to increase their visibility and bring attention to areas of need for the most underrepresented. Focus should also be put on capacity building for engagement of underrepresented communities.

Duncan stated that the equity lens used on Metro grants need to be discussed further as metro has many grants programs.

## 2019 CORE By-laws Review & Discussion

Discussion continued around updates to the bylaws and the Metro code that was started last month.

The first change Raahi proposed was to change language to have more flexibility around meetings, and the subcommittees. Members made it clear that they wanted to keep the external and internal subcommittees as it gave them opportunities to work with metro staff and have deeper dives on various topics with a smaller group of people. Raahi clarified that the change was specifically referring to the flexibility of scheduling and not whether or not they would keep the subcommittees. Raahi flagged that at the retreat members could discuss whether the meeting should be monthly or if the meeting should be bimonthly so that subcommittees could meet in between. At the retreat members will also discuss changing day and times of meetings, the full committee should be present to discuss this.

Another prospered edit was to change quorum language to "when it is 15", members agreed with the change.

Language around attendance policy was also discussed. When low attendance becomes an issue the process proposed to deal with this issues should include a conversation with cochairs and Regional impact manager (Sebrina) to find out what the barriers members may be facing that is affecting their participation. Laura suggested adding a section on electronic participation, members agreed and Raahi stated that parameters about when electronics can be used should also be added. Members suggested using platforms such as Google hangout, zoom and open signal. Metro staff will need to see how this will work with public committees and explore what other committees do and use.

Lastly, terms of membership were looked at and members agreed that consecutive terms could not be added.

Before the meeting adjourned Raahi invited members to the Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> C2P2 adoption in council chamber from 4pm to 6pm.

## Adjourn