

Meeting summary



600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Public Engagement Review Committee, December 20, 2023

Members present:

Isaiah Jackman
Michael Foley
Alisa Kajikawa
Henry Miller
Cameron Ruen

Members absent:

Carine Arendes
Makerusa Porotesano
Diana Ospina Lara
Jennifer Parrish Taylor (alternate)
Amanda Garcia-Snell
JR Lilly

Presenters:

Gloria Pinzon-Marin, Metro Communications
Will Cortez, Accessibility Project Manager, Parks and Nature
Marissa Grass, Principal Policy & Engagement Specialist, Waste Prevention and Environmental Services Communications
Sabine Rear, Accessibility Specialist, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Department
Choya Renata, Community Engagement Specialist, Housing Department

Purpose: Members of the Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC) convened on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, with the main purpose of reviewing the draft Application of Metro's Guiding Principles for Meaningful Public Engagement and providing feedback. They were joined by Metro staff members who attended to answer questions and provide context about their engagement work as needed.

Topics

Project updates: After introductions and intentions were set, the meeting began with a review of the purpose for the Public Engagement Guide, the role of the committee, and an update on the project timeline. Notable dates in the near future included a hybrid PERC meeting scheduled for January 10, 2024, and a council work session on the Public Engagement Guide on January 23, 2024. The Metro website now has a landing page about the Public Engagement Guide, and the public comment period is open to the public. A survey is available online.

A public comment period was opened to any attendees of the meeting; no one was in attendance for comment.

Committee feedback: The majority of the meeting focused on committee member feedback on the application of the Guiding Principles for Meaningful Public Engagement. Guest speakers shared their thoughts about the new guiding principles as engagement practitioners. The conversation included topics related to the impact and interpretation of each of the principles, draft definition of "meaningful

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engagement,” as well as the structure of the document. The discussion focused most of all around the specifics of the potential application of the eight principles, including how they look in practice and what could be the desired outcomes of each. Committee members provided feedback in verbally in dialogue, through the Zoom chat, and by adding their comments to the shared document.

Follow up needed for committee:

- Committee members were invited to join staff during the presentation of the draft guide to the Metro Council on January 23, 2024. A couple of members showed interest in presenting or writing a statement to the Council. Follow up needed to confirm attendance by committee members.
- Absent committee members were offered the opportunity to make-up the meeting and provide feedback on the homework assignment discussed during this meeting.