

**MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL  
STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, March 15 2000  
Council Chamber

Members Present: Susan McLain (Chair), Bill Atherton

Also Present:

Members Absent: Rod Park (Vice Chair)

Chair McLain called the meeting to order at 4:19 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2000, STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Motion:** Councilor Atherton moved to adopt the minutes of the January 16, 2000, State & Federal Legislative Agenda Committee meeting. There were no corrections or additions.

**Vote:** The vote was 2/0. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

**2. METRO LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**Chair McLain** said the lobbyist, Doug Riggs, had been delayed in Washington DC and was unable to make this meeting. She noted the 1999 Metro Legislative Report in the agenda packet. She asked the committee members to look through the report to see if it was an appropriate tool for the committee to use when working with Mr. Riggs. She said they would discuss it at a future meeting.

**3. PRIORITIZING COMMITTEE ISSUES & KEEPING THE COUNCIL INFORMED**

**Chair McLain** reviewed that they had talked last meeting about prioritizing and how to know what each individual councilor was interested in doing as far as official action. She noted she had sent a letter to all of the cities and county commissions asking them to share their federal and state priorities in hopes of coordinating issues when there was similar work being done. She noted there had been several phone calls in response, stating their interest. She asked Mr. Morrissey to work with her before the next meeting to get an updated list of legislative priorities

**Councilor Atherton** said he had been preparing a complete communities agenda. He said his list included SDCs, the 20 year land supply, special district laws to allow for local planning districts, and the role of counties in resource management and planning. He felt that in an off year, their efforts should be to develop and craft solid legislative proposals that could go forward instead of being defensive. He felt there was a consensus evolving among the legislators about a complete communities agenda.

**Chair McLain** indicated she wanted an updated list for the first meeting in April. Mr. Morrissey said he would do that. She said she would speak to Mr. Riggs to see if the format they were looking at would work for him. She said she would like to have a form for Mr. Riggs to fill in the blanks.

#### **4. RELATIONSHIP WITH ADVISORY COMMITTEES, INTERNAL & EXTERNAL**

**Chair McLain** explained that the document in the agenda packet, Chapter 2.19, was a draft from Dan Cooper's office, and was a work product from a request she and Councilor Monroe had made asking for an inventory of Metro advisory committees. They had also asked for suggestions of how to improve relationships. She thought this committee would be interested in looking at it. She wanted to have this committee work on how to do the best job with lobbying on the state and federal levels and how to do a good job with outreach on these issues. She felt this committee could pull together a plan of action on how to do that. She said she planned to invite MCCI to the next committee meeting.

She instructed Mr. Morrissey, that in regard to external committees, she had in mind items like how Metro dealt with MPAC, and regarding external committees, how to deal with lobby groups. She noted, for instance, a lobby group she knew that met dealing with Washington County legislation and lobbying efforts. She wanted to find out what other external groups there were and coordinate with them. She wanted to follow up on this issue to pull together a work item for the committee.

**Councilor Atherton** said in his experience, it was helpful to put questions regarding advice they were seeking in writing. That way the committee could come up with answers and communicate to the various groups.

**Chair McLain** said she would like to have Mr. Cooper attend the next meeting to address his research on the draft document, even if the issue did not come officially before the committee. She asked Councilor Atherton for anything he wanted to put in writing on these issues as well.

**Councilor Atherton** noted that MCCI had suggested a coordinated budget on citizen involvement and having all of the agency outreach efforts be in one budget and go through one person.

**Chair McLain** said she would invite the MCCI subcommittee to the April meeting for informal conversation, and maybe a couple of other local folks to discuss the issues.

#### **5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

**Chair McLain** announced the next meeting would be April 12, to review the priorities and the tracking mechanism.

**Councilor Atherton** said another key point was how the committee would communicate with the legislature.

**Chair McLain** felt that was a good idea and should be part of their tracking conversation.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the committee, Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 4:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Grant  
Council Assistant

**NOTE:** There were no attachments submitted to the record for this Metro Council State & Federal Legislative Agenda Committee meeting.