

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

Tuesday, August 15, 2000

Council Chamber

Members Present: Susan Chair McLain (Chair), Rod Park (Vice Chair), Bill Atherton

Also Present: Presiding Officer David Bragdon

Members Absent:

Chair McLain called the meeting to order at 4:17 PM.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 25, 2000 STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion: Councilor Park moved to adopt the minutes of the July 25, 2000 State & Federal Legislative Agenda Committee meeting.

Vote: Chair McLain and Councilors Councilor Park and Atherton voted aye. The vote was 3/0 and the motion passed unanimously.

2. METRO LEGISLATIVE TEAM REPORT

Michael Morrissey, Senior Council Analyst, explained the results of the 2000 Legislative Issue Councilor Survey (see copy of the *2000 Legislative Issue Councilor Survey* included with permanent record of this meeting). He said there was clearly a broad range of interests, but land needs seemed to get most of the mention. Transportation funding, broad range of land use and several environmental issues were where the group seemed to focus.

Chair McLain asked about Parks and Greenspaces.

Mr. Morrissey said he was reflecting interest where there seemed to be clusters of high marks and Parks and Greenspaces did not seem to, although there was some federal legislation being tracked by Mr. Riggs that could wind up with some parks or openspaces funding.

Chair McLain said there were some issues inside and outside the boundary that dealt with authority and open space. She remembered that there were more than a couple of the councilors interested in that issue. She hoped it was actively being worked on.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said maybe there was a distinction between where Metro was an operator or property owner. For instance the transfer stations, where issues like the pool chlorine, which may not be a policy issue, but for operations it was pretty important. He added that parks would fall in that category as well.

Chair McLain asked if there was a need for another category.

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Mr. Morrissey said there would be later discussion regarding the general principles guiding Metro representatives and those headings were somewhat parallel to this outline. He suggested some language could be bulleted there to transfer over some of the interests from the surveys.

Chair McLain said the survey was about what they wanted to speak on, so there could be more interest in the area, but not one they wanted to speak to.

Councilor Park felt it was a mistake to seek specific jurisdictional authority through the legislature for Metro outside its current jurisdictional boundary. He thought they could seek it through IGAs. He said there was already backlash against Metro being out there now for the purposes of open spaces.

Chair McLain agreed that IGAs were another way to go. She did not think this item assumed they would be asking for positive action necessarily, but maybe checking for the status quo.

Councilor Park disagreed, saying the guiding principles specifically said “seek jurisdictional authority in open space land owned outside Metro boundary”.

Chair McLain said they should work through the language changes at this meeting if a majority of the council did not agree.

Mr. Stone said the hash marks on the survey were a snapshot of the councilors’ priorities at this time. He said they still had interest in areas with only one or two hash marks, but this survey reflected their current thinking. He said the legislative team would come to council for instructions if there were bills in Salem that addressed these issues. He added that he had tried to get the remaining councilor to submit his survey but was unsuccessful. He reported that the guiding principles (see copy of *General Principles Guiding Metro Representatives* included in the permanent record of this meeting: had been a useful tool for the council as well as the lobbyist in Salem. He suggested this was an opportunity for the committee to discuss the principles with the legislative team, why certain things were listed and if anything should be changed.

Mr. Warner said one thing new on the list was the salmon recovery and watershed enhancement issue. He offered more detail and asked for comments.

Chair McLain went through the principles one by one for comment and discussion by the committee.

Mr. Morrissey suggested using some of the items on the legislative survey to make additions to guiding principles because the survey could also be the beginnings of a priority list. The committee felt it was an excellent suggestion.

Councilor Park said, for instance, “support legislation for the formation or preservation of complete communities” would be a potential bullet item that would allow them to look at a lot of different issues and to examine the questions as they came up in the legislative session. He added that he would like to have this vehicle for Mr. Riggs to work from as issues popped up.

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Chair McLain concurred and asked Mr. Morrissey to work with Councilor Park on bullet items for the guiding principles. She also asked the team to make a mental note that the pool chlorine issue was still a safety issue that needed to be at least monitored. She also noted that they could not walk away from finding solutions to management of Metro properties.

Presiding Officer Bragdon left the meeting at 4:48 PM. The committee continued their discussion of language changes to the remainder of the principles.

Mr. Stone said the team would work with the Committee Chair and the Presiding Officer to refine the language to bring a resolution to the full council for consideration.

Councilor Park suggested a broader package of potential funding sources to help local partners when a boundary was moved.

Chair McLain asked Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Warner to craft something. She added that she saw this issue as one that the council would take to others rather than one that would come to them.

Mr. Riggs was leery of getting too specific on this document. He worried it could be misconstrued by some that Metro wanted more money. He said he would work with Mr. Morrissey and the Councilors to come up a general bullet point.

Chair McLain said the committee would review any language changes before they sent off to the full council. She asked Mr. Warner for the staff recommendation of the legislative summit.

Mr. Warner distributed *Talking Points for Councilors - Legislative Summit (Or Not)* (see copy in permanent record of this meeting). He said he had spoken to all the councilors except Mr. Monroe, Mr. Kvistad and Mr. Washington. He said the other four councilors generally agreed that they were contemplating the summit as a way to build trust with the legislators and communicate Metro's position on issues. His recommendation to the committee at this time was to not pursue a legislative summit but focus on one on one or multiple key legislator meetings with Metro's elected officials as necessary over the next few months. He recommended continuing the legislative tours at Metro and perhaps an event at Blue Lake Park for legislators, candidates and their families. He said the team was currently doing some planning on that event and asked for the committee's approval.

Mr. Riggs shared a draft invitation for discussion that he, Mr. Stone, Mr. Warner and Nancy Goss Duran had been working on. He said the only September date available at either Oxbow or Blue Lake Parks was Saturday, September 16. He said they had been working on some cosponsors for the event and some entertainment as well. The timeframe they were looking at was 11 am to 2 PM. He said people in Salem had been excited about the opportunity. He handed out a draft invitation (see copy with permanent record of this meeting).

Chair McLain said Presiding Officer Bragdon was also in favor of the event. The committee discussed changes to the invitation and what the cosponsors would be responsible for.

Mr. Riggs suggested each councilor extend a personal invitation to legislators from his/her own district.

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Chair McLain said to please start on this event so it made sense. She said it would be helpful if the team would give a list of the elected officials from their districts with home and/or office numbers so they could extend personal invitations.

Mr. Stone said he would take care of it.

Councilor Park asked Mr. Riggs to reiterate who would be on the invitation list.

Mr. Riggs said the goal was to invite every legislative member and key committee and leadership staff. Their expectation was that the people most likely to come would be from the metro area.

Councilor Park asked if local partners should be invited in an attempt to build bridges between Metro, the legislature and the local partners.

Mr. Stone said the focus would be on the legislative folks in Salem.

Chair McLain agreed that it would be best to limit the invitation list. She suggested planning an event for local partners at another time. She said to the legislative team that she had not heard the committee say not ever to do a summit or that 4(d) was not important. She said she had not heard a compelling reason not to have a conversation around 4(d) to show legislators they had common ground on the issue.

Mr. Warner said they had not planned to forget the idea of a summit, but in the limited timeframe between now and the election, they did not see a separate ESA summit was possible.

Chair McLain agreed but added there was still serious conversation to be had around land use and transportation issues as well as full livable community issues and the 4(d) issue.

Councilor Park said he had not heard a compelling reason yet to have the summit or not to have it for that matter. He said he would keep an open mind. He felt they would be a lot more effective with targeted briefings to selected chairmanships than with an open summit.

Chair McLain said her experience was different. She had been around when 600-700 people were willing to come on a Saturday to talk about growth issues. She felt timing was everything on the 4(d), and there was no reason to go forward with it now because they missed the window.

3. METRO LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES & KEEPING THE COUNCIL INFORMED

Mr. Riggs distributed and discussed the updated matrix tracking State and Federal Legislative issues and the status of certain federal bills (see copy of the *State & Federal Legislative Issues* and *Status of Federal Bills* included with the permanent record of this meeting.)

Councilor Park commented that in last Friday's Capitol Press, the National Farm Bureau and other groups had strongly come out against that package on the basis of the feds already own too much land in the state. He said Senator Smith's wording was qualified when he passed it out as to whether he would vote for it, depending some on other issues.

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Mr. Riggs said that federal land ownership was the crux of the ongoing concern and debate. He pointed out two new additions to the document, HR 4442, which had passed the house, and HR 2798, which was cosponsored by most of the Oregon/Washington delegation. That was the salmon recovery activities. He said it would probably not pass but should still be watched.

Chair McLain understood they had been approached by Sherwood. She talked to Presiding Officer Bragdon

Mr. Warner said that the last few pages attached to the summary of councilor surveys were regarding HR 4442, which would promote awareness of the national wildlife refuge system and create a commission and require them to set up budgets to promote refuges throughout the United States. He said the City of Sherwood would like Metro to go on record as supporting the bill.

Chair McLain said she said she and Presiding Officer Bragdon had talked about it and wanted to know who would write the letter of support. She said the committee could take responsibility for that if it didn't look counterproductive. She hoped the team would not let it fall through the cracks. She said the letter should go out in the next week or two to the right people.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the committee, Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 4:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Grant
Council Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2000

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

Document Number	Document Date	Document Description	TO/FROM
081500leg-01	7/5/00	2000 Legislative Issue Councilor Survey	
081500leg-02	8/1/00	General Principles Guiding Metro Representatives	Committee/Legislative Team
081500leg-03	None	Talking Points for Councilors – Legislative Summit (Or Not?)	Committee/Legislative Team
081500leg-04	None	DRAFT invitation to Metro and the Legislative Leadership invitation to Blue Lake Park event	Committee/Legislative Team
081500leg-05	None	Status of Federal Bills	Committee/Doug Riggs
081500leg-06	August 14, 2000	Letter RE: Referral of Metro Charter Amendment	Vicki K. Ervin/Mike Burton

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