

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

Tuesday, September 12, 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 4:04 PM.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

3. LEGISLATIVE PICNIC UPDATE

Fawn McNeely, Pac/West, updated the committee on the picnic at Blue Lake Park next Saturday, September 16, at Blue Lake Park. She reported that 12 legislators and some Metro Councilors had responded that they and their families would attend the picnic, as well as Pac/West people and Metro staff. She said sponsors included Waste Management, Willamette Industries, AFSCME and Pac/West. She said Senator Derfler would give some welcoming remarks and Mike Burton would also speak. She thought Representative Dan Gardner might also say something.

Nancy Goss Duran noted that the Birds of Prey exhibit from the Zoo, REM's puppet show and papermaking activities and some display materials about the Blue Lake Park plan would be on hand as well as planned nature walks and other activities.

Ms. McNeely continued that there would be a full picnic menu including chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers.

Chair McLain said Mr. Riggs would be speaking individually to the Councilors regarding some upcoming issues. She said the committee would be looking at the guiding principles and other work in October.

2. RELATIONSHIP WITH ADVISORY COMMITTEES, INTERNAL & EXTERNAL

Chair McLain noted a letter of response from MCCI (a copy is included in the agenda packet in the permanent record of this meeting) commenting on the advisory committee work being done. She said they had some concerns, including that they wanted to be sure MCCI was recognized as a charter committee with differences they felt should be recognized over other advisory committees. She asked Mr. Cooper if he felt the language of the resolution already recognized the independent status of some committees or if it could be better.

Dan Cooper, Senior Counsel, said the ordinance specifically said MPAC, JPACT and MCCI were advisory committees that had permanent and continuing existence, and that MPAC and MCCI were created by the 1992 Metro Charter.

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Chair McLain said another concern mentioned in their letter was that some of their members thought a 2-year term was too short. She wondered, since it had been fairly difficult to get members for the committee, if term length made that much difference.

Karen Withrow commented that not many on the committee had ever completed their 3-year terms so maybe it did not.

Chair McLain asked Ms. Withrow to put her findings on paper with a note that they are allowed two consecutive terms so they could actually do four years if they wanted to.

Councilor Atherton asked about self nomination.

Chair McLain said the nomination process was another concern in their letter.

Mr. Cooper said that provision of the ordinance was intentionally clear that the committees don't self perpetuate by having the authority to nominate. He said that was to make it clear that advisory committees were advisory to the council and not self perpetuating with a life of their own. He added that it was a policy issue. He said the way the charter was written, they had some authority over the terms of their members. The charter limits council's ability to change the committee membership without the committee's concurrence. He added that putting it in the ordinance would give a full picture of exactly what MPAC was and how membership was created and altered. He did not feel they had made their case for a separate ordinance for those committees but added it was the council's choice.

Councilor Atherton commented that self perpetuating committees were not conducive to the advice giving function of these committees.

Chair McLain said maybe, since they have had so much trouble filling committee spots, if the Executive Officer or the Presiding Officer nominated people for the council to look at to be part of a committee, it would become an honor and people would want to do it.

Councilor Atherton responded that MCCI was supposed to have a variety of people on board representing each council district, which clearly implied that the council had to be actively involved in recruiting.

Chair McLain said there were a number of different things that could be done under the language as written.

Mr. Cooper added that if committees had trouble getting members, perhaps it was not a committee that was serving a useful purpose or had too many members to begin with.

Chair McLain planned for this issue to come back next meeting for discussion and said that MCCI representation had been invited to speak about their issues. She also intended to get it out of committee by end of October. She said had not received any calls from others who were asked to review the work. She assumed they thought it looked okay and said if the committee had suggestions and/or amendments, they should work with Mr. Morrissey or Mr. Cooper to have something to present at the next meeting and to share with MCCI. She wanted it to go to council in November.

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Mr. Cooper said he had received comments from staff people concerned about committees created by intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) that were not mentioned. Those were the Performing Arts Center advisory committee and the Smith & Bybee Lakes management committee. He thought they were excluded because they were not formally created by the Council and that it might be useful to either clarify that those committees were outside this structure or to make a decision on how to fold them in.

Chair McLain said she would sponsor an amendment to add in the IGA committees.

Councilor Atherton wondered about MCCI having 27 members.

Mr. Cooper said there had been a citizens advisory committee previous to the charter being adopted and that committee structure had been transferred over to become MCCI. He agreed that this could be an opportunity to reshape the committee.

Chair McLain felt they should have direct conversation with the Chair of MCCI if they were thinking about membership changes because it affected their bylaws.

Ms. Withrow said there had already been limited discussion among committee members about decreasing size of committee. She said there was even more limited support for it but it could be an opportune time to talk about it.

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2000 STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes were not considered at this meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the committee, Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Grant
Council Assistant

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

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

Document Number	Document Date	Document Description	TO/FROM
091200leg-01	None	RSVP list for Metro Picnic	
091200leg-02	None	Packet of information on legislators who have said they will attend the picnic.	