

COLUMBIA REGION ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of the First Meeting
Council Chambers
Portland City Hall

October 13, 1966

7:30 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Mayor Steven Loy, Beaverton; Mayor Dee DeCamp, Fairview; Mayor C.R. Cummings, Forest Grove; Gordon Rounds, Gladstone; William Hessel, Jr. Gresham; Mayor E.G. Kyle, Tigard; Dr. Jim Howard, Milwaukie; Mayor Terry Schrunk, Commissioner Stanley Earl, Commissioner William Bowes, Portland; Glenn Otto, Troutdale; Mrs. Jean E. Norwood, Vancouver; Frank Schumaker, West Linn;
Commissioner Darrell Jones, Commissioner Stan Skoko, Clackamas County; Commissioner Kenneth Teter, Clark County; Commissioner Mel Gordon, Commissioner David Eccles, Multnomah County; Commissioner Clayton Nyberg, Commissioner John Anicker, Washington County;

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Estes Snedecor, Jr., Chairman of the Portland Metropolitan Study Commission. In his opening remarks, Mr. Snedecor declared that the Study Commission was proud of the role that it had played in helping to bring about the organization of CRAG, and he commended the representatives of local government for their participation.

In a brief summary of the events leading up to this first organizational meeting, Mr. Snedecor first told of the formation of a committee of the Study Commission in 1965, to study the matter of regional government. He introduced Mr. Frank Ivancie, a member of that Committee which was headed by Nina Aylsworth of Gresham.

In February, the Committee called a meeting of officials at the Courthouse in Oregon City to discuss organizing a conference of governments. A drafting committee was appointed, headed by Mel Gordon, and Mr. Snedecor praised them for having done an excellent job within a few months of drafting a constitution and agreement. In July, officials were invited to a meeting at the Multnomah County Courthouse to review the report of the drafting committee, and at this meeting it was designated that the Study Commission should call a meeting for the purpose of officially organizing CRAG once ten cities and three counties had entered into the agreement.

Therefore the Study Commission was pleased to be able to call the meeting that night. They had prepared an agenda and were recording minutes of the meeting. "From now on," Mr. Snedecor concluded, "it remains for you to make this organization succeed." He said he was confident it could succeed, and he said that the Study Commission had offered to lend its staff to assist CRAG during the process of organization or as long as they were needed.

He then asked A.M. Rich, Executive Secretary of the Study Commission, to call the roll. Present at the meeting were representatives of all four counties, and from each of the cities with the exception of Lake Oswego and Oregon City whose representatives had prior commitments.

It was explained that according to the constitution, the City of Portland would name its representative to the Executive Committee, each county would name its representative, and then the cities of each county would caucus and elect a member to represent them.

REPRESENTATIVE	REPRESENTING
Terry Schrunk	City of Portland
Clayton Nyberg	Washington County
David Eccles	Multnomah
Kenneth Teter	Clark County
Stan Skoko	Clackamas County
Bud Kyle	Cities of Washington County
Jean Norwood	Cities of Clark County
Frank Schumaker	Cities of Clackamas County
William Hessel, Jr.	Cities of Multnomah County

Mr. Snedecor explained that the constitution states that membership of the Executive Committee shall be designated at the first meeting of the General Assembly each calendar year or upon replacement, and officers in the same manner. He interpreted this to mean that members of the Executive Committee and officers were being elected that night to serve for the balance of this year and the Assembly would elect again in January, 1967.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr. Snedecor asked Mr. Rich to read the names of the Executive Committee from which a Chairman would be elected. Nominations for the position of Chairman were opened:

Bud Kyle, Mayor of Tigard, was nominated by Dr. Jim Howard from Milwaukie. Terry Schrunk, Mayor of Portland, was nominated by Commissioner Stan Skoko of Clackamas County. Mayor Schrunk later declined the nomination saying he was anxious to serve on the Executive Committee and to see the organization progress, but he respectfully asked that his name be withdrawn from the nomination for Chairman. Commissioner Mel Gordon of Multnomah County nominated William Hessel Jr. of Gresham. Commissioner John Anicker of Washington County nominated Commissioner Clayton Nyberg of Washington County.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the nominations for Chairman be closed.

Ballots were distributed, then collected and counted to reveal that Mayor E.G. (Bud) Kyle of Tigard had been elected to serve as Chairman.

Mr. Snedecor turned the meeting over to the new Chairman to conduct the election of Vice-Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Chairman Kyle explained that the Vice-Chairman must be a representative of a county and the nominations were opened for that position:

Commissioner Stanley Earl of Portland nominated Commissioner David Eccles of Multnomah County. Commissioner John Anicker of Washington County nominated Commissioner Clayton Nyberg of Washington County. Gordon Rounds of Gladstone nominated Commissioner Stan Skoko of Clackamas County. Commissioner Skoko declined the nomination.

The vote was conducted in the same manner as that for the position of Chairman, and Commissioner David Eccles of Multnomah County was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman,

REMARKS: Chairman Kyle asked Mr. Snedecor for any parting remarks or other guidelines he might wish to make. Mr. Snedecor said that he was looking forward to seeing a good organization do a good job for the entire metropolitan area. He reminded everyone of the Metropolitan Study Commission's offer of the use of its staff while CRAG was being organized. He also said that he understood from the Department of Housing and Urban Development that there might be 701 funds available for this organization to study itself and see where it wants to go.

The chair then recognized Commissioner Darrell Jones of Multnomah County who said, "I don't think we need to be apologetic at all for the kind of effort we are embarking on." He said that there had been cooperation in planning since 1958 with the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Since Portland Commissioner Bill Bowes is Chairman of Metro Planning, Commissioner Jones felt that it would be appropriate to hear from him.

Commissioner Bowes said that they had accomplished many things since 1958. He hoped that this new group would take up where Metro left off, and that they would take advantage of the large amount of material that has been collected and is available in the library. He felt it would be a shame to waste all that material that had been paid for by the local jurisdictions participating in Metro Planning and by the federal government which had quite an investment in grants for various types of studies and publications. He said he was not disappointed that an organization with greater representation was coming into being because, although this was available under Metro, they got very little support. He hoped also that there would be more interest in this group to participate fully, attend regularly and get acquainted with the problems of the area, of which, he noted, there are many. He finished by saying that although a great deal remains to be done, it can be done by working cooperatively and since this is what he understood to be the purpose of CRAG, he wished them all luck.

Mr. Kyle said that his own remarks could be summarized by saying that "the entire organization will probably be founded on cooperation and communication; cooperation amongst the various governing bodies and

communication with the governing bodies, letting all governing bodies know which direction CRAG is going in the future". He said that many problems have already been faced but solutions can now be better accomplished through this cooperation and communication in CRAG. He felt that it was exciting to see so many individuals representing so many different governments gathered together for this common purpose, and that regardless of the fact that forced them into joining this agreement, it is a challenging opportunity to work together to set guidelines for a strong future.

The Chairman suggested two items for immediate discussion. The first was the need to appoint a temporary secretary to serve until a regular staff is obtained. The second matter was to establish a time for the Executive Committee to hold its first meeting and Mr. Kyle urged that this be an early date.

The Chairman opened nominations for the position of temporary Secretary:

Commissioner Nyberg nominated Mr. Lewis Ross, present Executive Director of Metropolitan Planning Commission.

There were no further nominations, so it was moved, seconded and approved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Ross was appointed to serve as temporary Secretary.

Concerning the time to be set for the first meeting of the Executive Committee, it was approved that this should be subject to call of Chairman Kyle, who agreed to set a time for the meeting at the earliest date convenient for the most members.

The meeting was then turned over to Vice-Chairman David Eccles who said that without the pressure from the federal government there was a strong likelihood that they would not have been there that night. He was convinced though that "in the complex society that is developing in the metropolitan area, individual units of government cannot go it alone." He expressed great hopes for this organization and extended his personal thanks to Mr. Snedecor and the Metropolitan Study Commission.

Mayor Schrunk addressed the assembly to offer some of his suggestions, the first of which was that the Chairman request the Study Commission to begin immediate investigation of obtaining grants for funding staff work. It was later agreed that the Study Commission would work together with the Planning Commission to gather all necessary information that would provide a basis for definite discussion and for moving forward with a staff that would be able to put together a master plan.

Expressing his strong support of Metropolitan Planning Commission in the past, Mayor Schrunk felt that it had done a lot of valuable work that must be continued, and he favored its consolidation with CRAG.

The Chairman asked for further remarks, and hearing none, entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.