

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING CITIZEN) RESOLUTION NO. 93-1742A
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)) Introduced by Rena Cusma
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RESUME

- OCCUPATION:** Attorney at law, private practice since 1981.
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- EDUCATION:** Juris Doctor, University of Oregon, 1980.
BBA, University of Wisconsin, 1969.
- PUBLIC SECTOR:** Metro's 1% for Recycling Committee, 1992-93.
Curry County Planning Commission, 1975-76.
- PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:** Oregon State, Multnomah County, and Washington County Bar Associations.
Oregon Society of CPAs.
Co-Chair of OSCPA Ethics Committee, 1983-84.
- OTHER EXPERIENCE:** Oregon State University, Instructor of Auditing, 1980-81.
CPA Exam Review, Instructor of Business Law, 1979-83.
Portland Community College, Instructor of Accounting, 1982.
Southwestern Oregon Community College, Instructor of Accounting, 1977.



JAMES A. ZEHREN

Law Practice:

Mr. Zehren's practice is concentrated in construction and design law, including dispute resolution, preventive law, and business transactions. His practice emphasizes construction lien and public bond claim law as well as preparation of construction and design contract documents. Admitted to Oregon State Bar, 1985.

Education:

Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College, J.D., magna cum laude, 1985; University of Minnesota, M.A., anthropology, 1976; University of Minnesota, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, M.A., public affairs, 1975; North Dakota State University, B.S., industrial engineering, 1970; Little Falls Senior High School, Little Falls, Minnesota, 1966.

Publications:

Co-Author, "Indemnity and Contribution," Torts § 9 (Oregon CLE 1987 Supp).

Government and Community Activities:

Board of Governors and Research Board, City Club of Portland, 1992-93; Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Oregon Downtown Development Association, 1991-93; Managing Growth Implementation Committee, Portland Future Focus, City of Portland, 1992-93; Regional Policy Advisory Committee, Metropolitan Service District, 1992; Treasurer, First Unitarian Church, Portland, 1992; Board of Trustees, First Unitarian Church, 1991-92; Board of Directors, West Portland Park Neighborhood Association, 1991-92; on-loan, part-time policy staff, Oregon Progress Board, State of Oregon, 1990-92; Portland Future Focus Strategic Plan Final Adoption Retreat, 1991; Ad Hoc Financial Planning Committee, First Unitarian Church, 1990-91; Diversity Working Group, Portland Future Focus, 1991; Chair, Social Associations/Citizen Participation Subcommittee, Study of Racial and Ethical Relations, City Club, 1989-91; Government and Taxation Standing Committee, City Club, 1987-89; Economic Strategy for Oregon Committee, City Club, 1987; Tourism Task Force, City Club, 1986-87; Oregon Comeback Project, Neil Goldschmidt for Governor, 1986; various local, state, and federal office political campaigns, Oregon and Minnesota; neighborhood association board of directors, Minneapolis.

Pre-Law Background:

Research and Development Analyst, Exposition-Recreation Commission, City of Portland, 1981-82; Research Associate, Citizens League, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1979-80; Staff Assistant to Congressman Martin Sabo, Minneapolis, 1979; Legislative Aide to Speaker, Minnesota House of Representatives, 1976-79; Research Analyst, Majority Caucus Research, Minnesota House of Representatives, 1975-76; Administrative Aide to Mayor of Minneapolis, 1974-75; Graduate Teaching Assistant (anthropology), University of Minnesota, 1972-73; Assistant City Appraiser, Moorhead, Minnesota, 1971-72; Assistant to Dean of Students, North Dakota State University, 1970-71. Born October 29, 1948, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 93-1742A, CONFIRMING CITIZEN MEMBER APPOINTEES TO THE METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC).

Date: February 8, 1993

Presented by: Councilor Hansen

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its February 4, 1993 meeting the Governmental Affairs Committee voted 4-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 93-1742A. Voting were Councilors Gates, Gardner, Hansen, and Moore. Councilor Wyers was absent.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: Executive Assistant Don Rocks gave a brief introduction to the resolution, and said that Sandra Suran was unable to be at the committee meeting. He added that the resolution contained an error, listing Ms. Suran's name as Susan instead of Sandra. Chair Gates recommended that the committee delete reference to Ms. Suran in the resolution and defer action on her confirmation until she was able to meet with the committee.

Arnold Polk appeared to answer questions from the committee. Chair Gates began by asking Mr. Polk if he has ever been convicted of a felony. He has not. Chair Gates asked Mr. Polk how he would characterize the functions of MPAC. Mr. Polk said he understood MPAC was to advise Metro on a range of issues, to undertake whatever tasks the Council assigned to it, and to consider Metro's taking on of any new functions. Chair Gates asked Mr. Polk who his constituency was as a Metro appointee to MPAC. Mr. Polk said he is not beholden to anyone. His job would be to find out from the Council what tasks they're assigning to MPAC, and make recommendations back to the Council after discussion.

Councilor Moore asked Mr. Polk why he wanted to be a member of MPAC. Mr. Polk said he worked on planning issues on the Curry County Planning Commission, and he has time now that his children are grown. Councilor Gardner asked Mr. Polk whom he would be representing, citing several different possible constituencies. Mr. Polk said he would represent the citizens of the region, adding that MPAC members needed to have a broad perspective on regional issues. Councilor Moore asked how he would gather the views of the citizens in order to represent them. Mr. Polk said he would rely on day-to-day contact with people, on reading, and discussions with Councilors and others to find out what people are interested in. Chair Gates asked Mr. Polk what he would consider his biggest success. Mr. Polk said it was running for judge last year. He didn't win election, but he found the process of running to be very rewarding.

Jim Zehren appeared to answer committee questions. He responded to Chair Gates' opening question by saying he has never been convicted of a felony. Chair Gates then asked Mr. Zehren how he would characterize the functions of MPAC. Mr. Zehren said his view is consistent with Mr. Polk's, and that MPAC plays a critical role in

putting the charter in place. It's a compromise approach to addressing the tough issues of the metropolitan area, with the Council retaining ultimate authority. He sees the citizen members as providing a more general, grassroots view of issues than officials from specific jurisdictions.

Councilor Gardner asked Mr. Zehren his view of the constituency he would represent on MPAC and how he would go about accomplishing that representation. Mr. Zehren said MPAC is different from RPAC, on which he serves, and that his purpose on MPAC is to represent the citizens of the region. He will not be there to represent any specific geographic area. He said he will maintain contact with neighbors, with the media, and with urban and suburban jurisdictions. Councilor Gardner discussed the differences between RPAC and MPAC, and asked Mr. Zehren what he thought the relationship ought to be between MPAC and Metro, citing the issue of staffing as one to consider. Mr. Zehren said he was not familiar with discussions that may have taken place concerning the potential of MPAC having independent staff. He said he supported merging the functions of MPAC and RPAC, rather than having parallel functions. He did not support MPAC hiring its own independent staff, citing scarcity of funds and the ability of elected officials to make their viewpoints known under existing structures.

Under committee discussion, Councilor Hansen expressed her concern that the people being considered for MPAC appointment are from the same pool of people who generally serve in such functions, and that their backgrounds are limited to law and accounting. She would like to broaden the pool, and take more initiative to solicit people of more diverse backgrounds. There was some discussion of how many people applied for appointment and how many were interviewed. Mr. Rocks said he thought some 15-20 people applied, and eight or ten were interviewed.

The committee approved forwarding the nominations of Mr. Polk and Mr. Zehren to the full Council for confirmation. Ms. Suran will be interviewed in the future, and her nomination considered at that time.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 93-1742 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING CITIZEN MEMBER APPOINTEES TO THE METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC).

Date: January 27, 1993

Presented by Don Rocks

PROPOSED ACTION:

To adopt a resolution naming James Zehren, Susan Suran and Arnold Polk to serve as citizen members of MPAC representing Metro. Council approval constitutes confirmation as required by the Metro Charter and Metro Code Section 6.01.030.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The three Metro citizen representatives appointed by the Executive Officer have been interviewed, understand the commitment they are making and the importance of the MPAC responsibility. Each of the appointees has a history of involvement in public affairs and policy.

The appointees understand that MPAC's first job is one of organizing to conduct business. The Executive Officer has confidence in their ability to make a contribution to this initial phase.

Appointees also understand that they have not been appointed for a specific term and may at an unspecified future time be replaced even as the thrust of MPAC's work or the issues under consideration may benefit from specific or additional expertise.

Appointees have been selected with an eye to geographic distribution and balance, but are not and will not be named on a formula basis that would lock-in a requirement that a representative be named from each of the three counties.

Attachments to this staff report (Resume) will be provided as soon as received.