

Metro Charter Committee

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AGENDA

DATE: September 11, 1991
MEETING: Planning Subcommittee
DAY: Wednesday
TIME: 5:30 p.m. *
PLACE: Law firm of Stoel Rives Boley Jones & Grey, 24
West conference room, Standard Insurance Center, 900 SW
5th Avenue, Portland

5:30 Call meeting to order.

Discussion of retreat agenda for recommendation to full
Charter Committee on September 12. Facilitator, Don
Barney, participating.

7:30 Adjourn meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
FOR THE CHARTER COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

September 11, 1991

West conference room, 24th floor, Standard Insurance Center

Subcommittee Members Present: Hardy Myers (Chair), Jon Egge,
Frank Josselson, Wes
Myllenbeck, Mary Tobias

Subcommittee Members Absent: Ned Look, Isaac Regenstreif,
Mimi Urbigkeit

Chair Myers called the subcommittee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Myers introduced Don Barney, the facilitator for the retreat on Saturday, September 14, 1991.

Don Barney stated that his proposal for the retreat agenda is based on the large amount of information and the lack of time the Committee has had to discuss the information among each other. The intent of the proposal is to pick up on some of the ideas that have been brought to the Committee, provide an opportunity for the Committee to discuss the ideas, and allow individual members to collect his or her thoughts. Don Barney walked the subcommittee through the agenda and explained how the worksheets would fit into the agenda. The original worksheets asked the members to write their vision of regional government by listing the key concepts, financing features, and structural features. The key functions were listed in a matrix for the members to determine which form of government should be the leading role for the function. The intent of the worksheets is to allow the members to quickly collect their thoughts as to the basic mission and vision of the charter. The initial thoughts would then be discussed with the whole group in a round table discussion.

Wes Myllenbeck asked if the Committee has ever been told what a charter is and what it should do. He explained that there are many definitions of a charter and the Committee should be aware of the intent of the final product as they work through the early stages. The subcommittee discussed the different definitions for a charter and the complexity of the definitions. The subcommittee came to the conclusion that a general definition of a charter should be given by Chair Myers during his opening remarks at the retreat.

Jon Egge asked Don Barney what he expects out of the retreat.

Don Barney explained that he found it very important that the group begin to interact. No decisions should be made but a common understanding of the big picture and concept should be discovered. The Committee will also begin to realize the depth of decisions

that will be made by the group on the functional side. The main purpose is to allow the members to share their thoughts and bring the Committee together.

Chair Myers asked for suggestions as to the objectives of the retreat.

Jon Egge stated that any agreement on a function for Metro would be a significant step since the group does not really know what other members think. It would also be helpful to identify areas where the Committee does not agree.

Frank Josselson asked what the difference was between concepts and functions.

Don Barney gave an example of a concept as Metro being in partnership with local governments for its authority. Another example of a concept would be Metro emerging as a regional authority. Under each concept comes the functions that would be most appropriate or important. Functions could be a directive or coordinative activity.

There was general discussion regarding the big picture and vision concepts.

Mary Tobias suggested adding a third worksheet to be done in advance which would ask the members to look at the area with no restrictions regarding boundaries or other limitations and come up with important characteristics or elements for the area. This would also cut steps out of the agenda.

There was general discussion regarding the structure of Metro.

Mary Tobias brought up the need for everyone to use similar language and definitions. In order to make discussions easier and for the group to obtain a common understanding of each other, the definitions for words such as functions and planning need to be defined as a group.

There was general discussion regarding the quality of life and livability. The subcommittee came up with a list of general quality of life issues to provide the Committee with direction for the third worksheet. Rather than say "what are the five most important characteristics for the best governance of this area which would assure livability and quality of life", the worksheet would read "what are the (1-5) most important characteristics for the best government of this area which would assure personal mobility, access to clean air and water, personal safety, affordable housing, economic opportunity, and educational opportunity."

Don Barney explained that the subcommittee's approach will be to first take a broad, big picture overview for the next 50-100 years. This would substitute for part B on the agenda and the Key Concepts

part on the first worksheet.

Mary Tobias suggested eliminating the Key Financing Features on the worksheet since there is no time to discuss the results and it is not germane to the information being discussed at the retreat.

Chair Myers suggested eliminating the Key Structural Features also.

Ken Gervais shared that the Committee has not dealt with the question of the real scope of its activity. The Committee needs to decide if it is just going to write a charter and/or make additional suggestions to the legislature regarding changes for the region, such as changing the boundary. The subcommittee discussed the Committee's authority regarding Metro's boundary and the Urban Growth Boundary.

Chair Myers adjourned the subcommittee at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimi Iboshi

Reviewed by,



Janet Whitfield