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To: Metro Council, Executive, Department Heads, Interested Parties
From: Betsy Bergstein *BB*
Regarding: Metro Charter Committee Schedule for June 1991

Charter Committee Meeting Schedule. The Charter Committee has moved up its schedule for the month of June due to the fact that Chair Hardy Myers will be out of town from June 17-28, 1991.

The next full committee meeting is Tuesday June 4, 1991, 6:00 p.m. in Room 440 at Metro. On their agenda is a review of the "History of Metro" presented by the author Carl Abbott and a discussion on "home rule" presented by Dan Cooper.

The next week, the full committee will meet again on Tuesday, June 11, 1991 to review the current services and functions of the Metropolitan Service District. Presiding Officer Tanya Collier and Executive Rena Cusma will present this information. This meeting will also be held in Room 440 at Metro at 6:00 p.m.

Preliminary Public Meetings. The Committee has decided to have a set of preliminary public meetings, one in each county during the week of June 24-July 2, 1991.

Public officials and other interested parties will receive an invitation to these meetings specifying what areas the Committee would like to see addressed. I am anticipating, based on conversations with Chair Myers and Ken Gervais, that the Committee will like to hear:

1. Views/opinions on what the powers/functions of regional government should be;
2. How regional government should be financed;
3. What form of governance structure is appropriate;
4. What kinds of limitations should be placed on it.

The preliminary schedule, suggested by Chair Myers, has these public hearings taking place the evenings of June 25, June 27 and July 2, 1991. One location has been reserved (at Chair Myers request), the Oregon Convention Center for the evening of June 27, 1991. This would be the public hearing for Multnomah County, although anyone can attend any of the meetings in the three counties. I am currently trying to locate space in Washington and Clackamas county.

In planning this first round of public meetings, there was expectation that individual Metro Councilors would attend. The idea for "early public meetings" came from Representative Ron Cease who felt that the Committee should solicit public input early in the process, rather than waiting to have hearings once a charter is drafted.

"History of Metro". The "History of Metro" will be distributed to the Committee, the Council and select parties the end of this week.

Job Announcement for Committee Administrator. We have mailed over 100 job announcements for the Committee Administrator to agencies from the Metro Personnel Department Affirmative Action list, universities and other places suggested by the Committee.

We have placed an ad for the Committee Administrator in the June 2 and June 9, 1991 Sunday Oregonian and Wednesday June 5 and June 12, 1991 Observer.

Please phone me (x540) if you have any questions, suggestions...or critiques. I know there is a Council meeting June 27, 1991. This date was selected by Chair Myers and is still subject to Committee review at the June 4, 1991 meeting.