

Committee writes rules for Metro

The Metro Charter Committee will hold three public hearings in July to get public comment on a proposed home-rule charter for the Metropolitan Service District. The hearings are scheduled at 7 p.m. as follows:

- Tuesday, July 2, Portland State, Smith Center, Vaupurt Room.
- Monday, July 8, Milwaukie Senior Center Community Room, 5440 Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie.
- Tuesday, July 9, PGE Community Room, 14655 SW Old Scholls Ferry Road (corner of Southwest Murray and Old Scholls Ferry), Beaverton.

The 16-member Metro Charter Committee was appointed pursuant to the passage last November of Ballot Measure 1, a constitutional amendment that gives the voters of the Metropolitan Service District the right to adopt a home-rule charter. It is an independent citizen committee empowered to draft a charter for Metro and refer that charter to a vote of the residents of the district. Currently, Metro's authority is statutory and can be changed only by the Legislature, not by the voters of the district.

Plans are that the committee, which began meeting in May, will complete its work this fall and refer a charter to the voters in May or November 1992. For more information, contact Betsy Rerestein at 220-1540.

Oyler appointed to commission

SHERWOOD — Former Sherwood Mayor Norma Oyler has been appointed to the Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission.

Oyler, 48, was nominated for membership on the commission by Richard Devlin, the Metropolitan Service District council member representing southeast Washington County and Lake Oswego. Rena Gusnifa, Metro's executive officer, made the appointment.

Oyler's term on the 12-member commission expires in 1994.

Sherwood City Manager Jim Rapp called Oyler a good choice for the committee. She brings years of experience on Sherwood's City Council, budget and planning committees, and she initiated a comprehensive annexation plan in Sherwood when she became mayor, Rapp said.

Hearing set July 9 on Metro charter

The committee drafting a Metropolitan Service District charter for the region's voters to consider will hold a public hearing in Beaverton next Tuesday, July 9.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Portland General Electric, at the northwest corner of Old Scholls Ferry Road and Murray Boulevard.

The powers that Metro exercises now—such as coordinating regional transportation and solid waste planning—were assigned by the Legislature.

If a charter is adopted, Metro can become a "home rule" agency, and regional voters, not the Legislature,

would decide what functions they want it to perform—and how to pay for them.

The Legislature authorized creation of a 16-member committee to hold hearings and write a proposed charter, which will be submitted to voters next year, either during the May primary election or the November general election.

The committee is just beginning its work and wants to hear from local residents before deciding what the draft charter should deal with.

One issue sure to come up is how many members Metro's governing council should have. It has 12, which permits the voters. The Legislature passed a new law calling for 13, but

that requirement could be superseded by the charter, if adopted.

Last week the Washington County Board named attorney Larry Derr of Raleigh Hills to replace the late DeMar Batchelor of Hillsboro as one of three Washington County members of the committee.

The other members are former

county board chairman Wes Myllenbeck and Mary Tobias, executive director of the Tualatin Valley Economic Development Corp. Myllenbeck lives in Cedar Hills, and Tobias is from Sherwood.

The charter committee also is holding public hearings in Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

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