

To: Metro Council, Executive Management, Interested Others  
From: Ken Gervais  
Re: Charter Committee Meeting of 8/29/91

This meeting was an opportunity for invited members of local chambers of commerce, corridor associations and economic development associations to make input. They also heard from one water district.

A brief summary of this three hour meeting follows:

Rick Williams ASSOCIATION FOR PORTLAND PROGRESS  
APP sees two of its three foci, access and quality of life, as regional issues (third is development).

Downtown must play an active role in regional issues.

Delivery of services must be streamlined, METRO should play a lead role in this.

Bob Alexander FOREST GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE &  
CORNELIUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
Urged a zero base assumption on regional services, i.e. Charter Committee should make Metro justify every function. For transportation, greenspaces, and planning issues which cross jurisdictional lines Metro has a role as an agent of local governments.

Local governments are closer to people, 140 years of prosperity, don't duplicate, cities don't want to be homogenized.

Prefers council manager form.

Described desire of Forest Grove for 38 acres of industrial land, making it sound as though Metro had opposed it. In response to a question from Mary Tobias "if we were to shrink the Metro boundaries would F.G. mind being left out" he said No, they would just as soon deal directly with LCDC. He felt there should be more focus on sub-regional needs.

On questioning from Ray Phelps, Alexander said state law was the real problem and that Metro had not yet been a problem, but they were afraid it would be in the future.

Marilyn Wall NORTH CLACKAMAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Her group realizes there are regional aspects of government, especially in such areas as transportation and solid waste, but feels there should be accountability to local govt.

She feels that present form of govt. is very inefficient with exec. starting things, sending them to council and then back. Says exec should work for council. and that Metro generally

should be more accountable, it never gets anything finished, like costs of tipping fees just keep going up.

Need to define what is regional, not see us as a bedroom of Portland. Calls for a fair distribution of economic benefits; work with local governments and be part of local govt.

Urged holding Ruggos in abeyance put Regional back into RUGGO

In response to a question she clarified that exec. should be elected, but accountable to the council.

Betty Atterberry SUNSET CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

Duplication of services is a major concern, if Metro takes on a new service the old provider should get out of it altogether and it should be done for no more money, preferably less.

Feels local govt. is most responsive, developers can sit down with them and work things out. (find out requirements)

There needs to be an ongoing dialogue between business and govt, with a close link between regional and local govt.

On form, feels that we have been fortunate in having an exec. with skills and background in management, but worries someone unqualified could run.

In response to question by Hardy Myers on the identification of any duplication said the RUGGO process was similar to an LCDC study and that local governments felt they had not been involved in RUGGO and had not been part of what went on, mostly worried about what might happen.

Charlie Hales pointed out that her members were affected by land uses which created sprawl, did she see any option to a strong regional govt? She agreed, saying a regional transportation plan has been very valuable, they use to have to argue with ODOT against Wash. Co.

Hales asked if the same thing could be accomplished through cooperation and intergovernmental agreements? NO, it takes a regional authority.

Wes Myllenbeck asked if a stronger regional role was required? YES if necessary to get a regional transportation plan in place.

Earl Culbertson SUNNYSIDE 205 CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

Complained of lack of equitable treatment, e.g. only one of 16 Charter Committee members was from Clackamas Co.

Metro could be very functional in creating equality, should be doing planning, think regionally, work with providers to define regional strategies, not to deliver services.

On question per structure from Judy Carnahan, no opinion, thinks Rena is doing a great job, could be other people would not work, councilors must be regionally focused.

HALES pointed out that his area has major transportation problems and asked how Metro should help. Answer get everyone together, believes you can always reason things out.

**Frank Redford WILSONVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

After talking about how his organization and Wilsonville are growing he said people will take care of change, just do the best thing you can for the people you are serving.

When asked by Jon Egge if many residents thought growth was too fast, he said there is a small very vocal group, the majority feels that as long as there is responsibility there is no problem with growth. To Egge's question of whether local govt. is equipped to plan for growth he said "yes".

**Ann Nichols COLUMBIA CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION**

After only 4 days on this job she talked mostly from her experience as Milwaukie economic development coordinator, arguing that industrial development returns most to local governments and suggested there might be a sharing of such benefits.

**Gerry Doctor BEAVERTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Schools have had a virtual moratorium, 2,668 units sought in 3 months and 11% increase. Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation is our answer to open space.

JPAC is a vital role for Metro also solid waste, Zoo, Convention Center, water quality, air quality shared with DEQ.

Jon Egge asked about "no growth" sentiment, answer is they want managed growth, he asked if the City of Beaverton was capable of managing growth, answer services yes, wider, regional issues no.

Ned Look asked about annexation agreements, answer some are worked out others not. She pointed out that if whole region was a single city it would still not be a very big one.

**Mary Tobias TUALATIN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Her association of which she is Pres. and CEO is committed to strong econ. development in the Tualatin Valley and the whole County. She follows issues of urban growth, educational and its funding, and monitors the "no growth movement", not just promoting the construction of the Western By-pass.

Regional cooperation and coordination are growing, it is important for business to be a player. She is a member of the PSU President's Council and has been working with PDC in its study of Portland as a Region.

Jon Egge said he was glad to hear she is keeping an eye on the "no growth" folks. Mary, they are a minority, politically astute, part of them are anti-govt. have to turn that around. Jon, what has your group done to deal with anti-growth sentiment? Mary, we all have obligation to rebut obvious misrepresentations. e.g. equating by pass to LA, which is absolutely false. Jon is glad to see someone is taking this responsibility.

Charlie asked about STOP, Mary said she is generally against super citing, but it might be ok for the Western by-pass.

Ned Look asked for her opinion about annexation, answer, depends on ability to deliver services. Gave example of Sherwood when she was Mayor requiring annexation to deliver water. She mentioned the State Agency Council's efforts to determine the true costs of development. Said Washington County has great sensitivity to what it costs to deliver services. Ned asked if unincorporated areas were getting a free ride? Answer, Washington Co. won't deliver urban services for nothing, a question of equity.

Mary said she was very open on questions about the charter, her association had taken no position, but generally favored closest govt. to people.

#### Charles Harrison CLACKAMAS WATER DISTRICT

He had not planned to speak and as administrator of the district be at a later meeting to be sure their representative did represent them. He mentioned that at the conference at Timothy Lake there was agreement that cities, counties and special districts should be equal. He said the Committee might be surprised at the things that Clackamas County group wanted Metro to be involved in. He indicated that a position paper had been developed detailing which services should be provided by which governments. He said Metro should have a bigger role in the funding of bigger regional projects.

On structure his board favors an appointed exec.

In water he sees Metro funding urban reservoirs, and perhaps some major distribution pipes. He also thinks Metro may have to step into basin management to assure water quality.

The Chair asked about problems with intergovernmental agreements and Harrison said it was jobs and turf.

Egge asked about over subscription, answer, there may technically be a problem, not a practical one.

He discussed ORS 450 (water authorities) at length, making a case for the continuation of water districts after annexation.

Ray Phelps called the attention of the Committee to an Oregonian article about a public hearing on RUGGO at which no elected officials had appeared and said "we have been taking a lot of heat on this issue."

The agenda for this weeks meeting (Thursday, 9/5/91, at 5:30 pm) is more testimony of metropolitan growth issues. Invited are:

Don Clark

Mike Thorne (tentative)

Nohad Toulan

Bill Moshofsky (Oregonians in Action)

Keith Bartholomew (1000 Friends)

Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland