

TRI-COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

March 18, 1976

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Ronald C. Cease, Chairman

This is to confirm the meeting of the Tri-County Local Government Commission:

Thursday Evening, March 18, 1976

7:30 p.m.

Portland State University

Smith Memorial Center - Room 327

S. W. Park & Montgomery

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A G E N D A

I. BUSINESS (7:30 - 8:00)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes for February 19
4. Reports:
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Neighborhood Organizations & Citizen Involvement
 - c. State-Local Relations
 - d. Local Government & Intergovernmental Relations
 - e. Regional Governments and Agencies
 - f. Finance and Taxation
5. Other

II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION (8:00 - 9:30)

1. Overview on the Governmental Reorganization Efforts of the Portland Metropolitan Study Commission -
What was proposed, what happened, and why -
by Robert G. Simpson, former chairman of PMSC
2. Other

MINUTES OF THE TRI-COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Held: March 18, 1976, 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cease, Chairman; Halvorson, Vice Chairman; Ballin, Blunt, Bogue, Coleman, Gregory, Hoover, Jaeger, Keller, Kirkpatrick, Linstone, Marsh, Montgomery, Moshofsky, Nees, Nightingale, Opray, Shepherd, Simpson, Snedecor, Stuhr, Telfer, Tippens, Yost.
Hugh Kalani - New Commission Member

EXCUSED: Burgess, Hays, Landauer, Sprecher
New Members - Bailey, Bayless, Buchanan, Clarno, Mattersdorff

Staff: Rich, Bukowsky, Bushong, Cross, Etlinger, Garbutt, Robinette

Guest Speakers: Robert Simpson, McKay Rich

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Cease. Roll call was taken. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The following people have resigned from the Commission: Cliff Campbell, Stuart Crosby, Roy Hemmingway, Mel Gordon, John Hakanson, John Olson, Ray Wilson.

At the March 17 meeting of the Executive Committee, the following appointments to the Commission were approved: John Bailey, Hugh Kalani, Marlene Bayless, G. H. Mattersdorff, Dennis Buchanan, Ted Clarno. In addition, the following people were recommended to serve on the Executive Committee: Donna Stuhr and John Bailey. A motion to approve was made and seconded by Telfer and Moshofsky.

TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE COMMITTEE REPORTS - The full report will be mailed to all Commission members April 2. A determined effort has been made to keep the committees on the track of identifying problems and not proposing solutions until Phase II. Ron Cease, Carl Halvorson and Kay Rich will go to Denver, March 31, for the NAPA Conference. Travel expenses will be paid by NAPA. An informal report on our progress will be made to the Denver Committee. Snedecor suggested the information received on their study in connection with ours might make a good press release.

Hoover asked if the committees will be restructured in Phase II. Cease noted this will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting. Anyone may choose to change committees if they wish.

Hoover suggested it would be difficult to read all the back information if one changed to another committee.

Coleman: If committees remained the same the scope may become too narrow.

Jaeger: Agreed a change in committees would be beneficial.

Robert Simpson, former chairman of Portland Metropolitan Study Commission, presented an overview on previous governmental reorganization efforts. A copy of his presentation will be mailed separately to all commission members. This was accompanied by a slide presentation by Kay Rich showing the history of governmental development in this area.

The following discussion followed the presentation.

Hoover feels MSD should be strengthened, but there remains the problem of how to provide them with enough funds.

Montgomery: Our tradition is keeping schools separate from other agencies.

Coleman: CRAG has been ipso facto created. Would you transfer power to MSD, if so why have CRAG? A regional government should be responsible for planning.

Shepherd: What changes would you recommend for TCLGC to avoid problems faced by the Study Commission.

Simpson: Their Metropolitan City concept was too complicated; the public was not ready for that proposal.

Coleman: Several models to review, such as the Minnesota Commission, etc., would be fruitful for the conference.

Gregory: What are we doing to market our ideas - presenting to the public?

Cease: Our public information program in Phase II will address this.

Bogue: Feasibility and marketability are not being given the same priority.
Cease: The implication of this will be discussed at the conference.

Linstone: Have comparisons with studies in other countries been made?

Simpson: Yes, London and Toronto - the two most efficient which are comparable to our proposals. There the Parliament can reorganize local government. Here reorganization proposals usually go to the voters and changes usually do not occur without a crisis.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tickets are still available for the Jr. Symphony concert which will be held at Otter Crest Inn, April 10, 8:00 p.m.

The Executive Board ruled that Sunday's meeting begin at 9:00 a.m.

Coleman asked for clarification on voting within the committees. Cease - is not a problem in the first phase, but will be resolved for Phase II.

ADJOURNED 9:25

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