

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held: November 17, 1976 - 7:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cease, Chairman; Halvorson, Vice-Chairman; Kirkpatrick
Nelson, Tippens

STAFF: Rich, Garbutt, Cross

GUESTS: Ray Polani, Jim Howell

MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of October 20 Executive Committee meeting was moved and seconded by Nelson and Halvorson. The motion passed.

ACCOUNTS

Approval of accounts (telephone \$115.22 and printing \$109.78) was moved and seconded by Nelson and Halvorson. The motion passed.

MATCHING FUNDS

Halvorson reported that the funding committee was sending out a letter this week through the Chamber of Commerce.

DECEMBER 3 CONFERENCE

Cross reported that the conference committee is sending out the second invitation this week to approximately 2000 individuals. A luncheon at noon will kick off the conference. Kent Mathewson's speech will be followed by a break, after which the ten workshops will be conducted by discussion leaders.

Kirkpatrick said the purpose of the conference is to obtain public response and to share the progress this Commission has made so far. A questionnaire would give everyone a chance to express an opinion. We are expecting 300 people to attend.

There followed a discussion on the value and content of the draft questionnaire which is to be handed out at the conference. It was generally agreed it should be brief and not too detailed. Tomorrow there will be a meeting of the conference committee to discuss the wording of the questions. Cease asked Roberts to assist the staff in preparing the questionnaire.

Kirkpatrick reported that the conference committee has raised \$500 to date, and asked approval for five more hours, \$75, for consultant Elaine Cogan. This was approved.

INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING

Cease said the November 15 meeting went very well, and the Interim Committee has agreed to introduce the Commission bill with very little change. Members of the Commission as well as the staff will be asked to attend legislative sessions in Salem when the bill is introduced.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Rich introduced Ray Polani, who heads a citizen's committee to affect changes in Tri-Met, and had asked to be invited to speak to the Executive Committee.

Polani: Jim Howell and I have been involved with Tri-Met for 3-4 years advocating changes in the design of the transportation system. We feel management is not expert in transportation; they are a part-time board. The main problem is that the board is appointed rather than elected. Even though the board members are appointed by the Governor they are selected locally by the Mayor of Portland; they could more appropriately be elected.

Howell: An election has the potential to give the public an opportunity to at least express their opinions even though this may not be a final solution to all the transportation problems.

Rich pointed out that our legislative proposal calls for Tri-Met to be taken over by the Tri-County Council with a 15-member board elected by district.

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