

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held: March 2, 1977

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cease, Chairman; Nightingale, Nelson, Stuhr, Tippens

EXCUSED: Mays, Stevenson

STAFF: Rich, Garbutt, Cross

APPROVAL OF MINUTES was moved and seconded by Nelson and Tippens. The motion passed.

In the absence of Halvorson, the report on matching funds was postponed until the next Executive Committee meeting.

James Ridgway, the accountant from NAPA, will be here March 13 & 14 to review our financial situation.

Rich again reminded the committee that we have still not received the total matching funds from the local business community. Without it we may be forced to terminate the staff before the original date of May 31.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Intergovernmental Affairs Committee will hold a second work session Friday, March 4, at 1:30 to discuss possible amendments to HB2070. The biggest issue will be the question of boundaries. For most functions the smaller boundaries would make sense, but this leaves the planning problem unsolved.

One of the tools to contain the spread of urbanization could be a tax differential which might be worked out between the rural and urban areas. In the rural areas taxing and representation are considered more serious issues. The bill should provide for an appropriate mechanism for determining boundaries. It has been suggested that a new urban county be established for the Portland metro area.

Cease: If we propose too many amendments to HB2070 it might weaken it to a point where it would be difficult for anyone to support.

Tippens: In keeping with our essential objectives we should plan for the entire three county area, but if it becomes vital to passage of the bill, reduced boundaries may have to be accepted.

Another major concern is the veto authority of the chief executive officer. It was generally agreed that this feature of the bill could be changed.

Cease stressed that the continued support of all Commission members is still vital to the success of our proposal. Although we now have accomplished the task of getting HB2070 introduced, the work of the Commission is not finished. One of the current projects requiring assistance is the proposed citizens league.

Nightingale mentioned Dick Ham's statement that the merger of several fire districts and cities was the recommendation of this Commission.

It was agreed the Commission would formally respond to clarify Ham's remark. The Commission has not taken a stand on this issue. The staff will prepare a letter to send to Mayors and City Managers of those districts.

Nelson said it would be appropriate to also send the letter to Washington County.

AGENDA FOR MARCH 17 COMMISSION MEETING

An update on the activities of the legislature will be the main item on the agenda. Also included will be the adoption of reports from the City-County-Special Districts Committee and the Community & Neighborhood Organization Committee.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 a.m.

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