

MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held: August 31, 1976

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gisvold, Chairperson; Herrell, Vice-Chairperson; Blunt  
Jaeger, Lang, Thorgerson

STAFF: Rich, Garbutt

The Chairperson opened the meeting and reviewed the schedule for the next two weeks. The long range land use topic may require more than one meeting session.

Brickley: What procedure do we use for getting from the short range to the long range plan?

Herrell: We should get the structural model in place for the short range and put the functional in the long range.

Thorgerson: School growth and planning should be included in the recommendations.

Lang mentioned a proposal for five year capital improvement plans which would be submitted to the state for review but not necessarily approval. The school districts were not included in this.

Gisvold: Could we insert in the recommendation that a capital improvement plan for city, county and school districts be submitted to the council for review and comment?

This was generally agreed by those present.

Herrell expressed concern with creating another layer of government.

Blunt feels we need to be more specific in stating the present problems we are examining and in presenting our proposals to the public. So far we have been too vague.

Rich pointed out that the idea of tiers does not necessarily mean that everything goes either up or down, e.g. parks - some are local and others regional.

Gisvold: We are talking about the mechanism, one where the voters are involved.

Jaeger: Parks such as Forest Park are metro and should be supported by the entire area.

Blunt: The auditorium, coliseum and parks were voted on by the city people; how can we now declare them regional and expect the county people to pay for them?

Gisvold: Has the staff or Executive Committee considered or discussed the mechanism for getting from the short range to the long range?

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Herrell: Our recommendation should state the metro agency should have the power to deal with the park bureau the same as for zoos.

Jaeger: MSD legislation gives them the authority to do much more than they have done. If our metro council uses MSD as a base it may wind up the same way.

Gisvold: The metro council should have the authority to administer metro parks, cultural activities and land use with a wide source of financing methods.

Blunt: When are we going to look at what the other committees have done so we can consolidate our recommendations?

Rich: This will be done in October. At Thursday's Commission meeting the commission agreed to use MSD legislation. This committee had suggested adding certain library functions to their authorization. Other committees have suggested other items such as jails, water services, etc.

Brickley: The council themselves could decide at some time to appoint a coordinator if they are given the authority.

Rich: MSD legislation says the people can add functions by vote.

Gisvold: The MSD present statute has condemnation authority.

Rich: If this were tested, it would have to pass home rule. You also have the option of repealing CRAG statute 769 and giving a refined planning role to MSD.

One of the most difficult problems for this committee and a most significant contribution you can make is to recommend the legislation to define the proper planning roles for the region and the cities and counties.

Herrell: We already made the judgement that the Tri-County Council is not going to be a planning body.

Gisvold: In order to focus the attention on specifics we need something in writing. The staff will prepare a draft to hand out at next weeks meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1:35 p.m.

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