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MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

August 5, 1993

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Mike Gates (Chair), Jim Gardner (Vice Chair), Sandi Hansen, Terri Moore, Judy Wyers

Chair Gates called the regular meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Consideration of January 21, 1993, February 4, 1993, February 18, 1993; March 18, 1993, April 1, 1993; April 7, 1993; April 15, 1993; May 6, 1993; May 20, 1993, June 3, 1993, and, June 17, 1993 Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion Councilor Hansen moved to approve the January 21, 1993; February 4, 1993, February 18, 1993; March 18, 1993; April 1, 1993; April 7, 1993, April 15, 1993; May 6, 1993, May 20, 1993, June 3, 1993, and, June 17, 1993 Governmental Affairs Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

Vote: Councilors Hansen, Moore, Wyers, Gardner and Gates voted aye

Chair Gates referenced a document from entitled "Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Consolidation of Regional Parks, Natural Areas, Golf Courses, Cemeteries, and Trade/Spectator Facilities Presently Owned and Operated by Multnomah County and Metro," concerning the proposed transfer of Multnomah County Parks to Metro authority. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record. Chair Gates requested Council Staff review the matter with the Committee further prior to the upcoming Metro Policy Advisory Committee meeting.

2. Communications from Local Governments

No communications.

3. Review of Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI) Recommendations on Council Meeting Times

Gail Cerveny, Chair, MCCI, presented a report to the Committee, noting the Council had requested MCCI to consider this issue and make a recommendation to the Council. The MCCI conducted a survey of citizens and organizations asking that they indicate their preference regarding times for the Council and Council Committees to meet. She recalled the survey showed the 5:30/6:30 p.m. times received 61% of the polling, 4:00/4:30 p.m. with controversial subjects at a later time received 33% of the polling, and a 2:00 p.m. meeting time received 6%.

The Committee as a whole thanked the MCCI for the work on the recommendations that was accomplished. The Committee further discussed a number of suggestions for starting times for the Committee meetings and Council meetings and optional later times for controversial topics and public hearings further noting that full Council meetings were a more formal process. Councilor Hansen expressed concern that earlier start times could hinder citizens in the workplace from running for the office of Metro Councilor.

Chair Gates requested Mr. Carlson make the recommendation formal and suggested Committee members attend an MCCI meeting at which the matter would be discussed.

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to direct Council Staff to prepare a resolution for review by the Governmental Affairs Committee; setting Council Committee meetings at 4:30 p.m. and full Council meetings at 5:30 p.m. with later times to be set for controversial topics, requests from citizens and/or public hearings.

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The following friendly amendments to the motion were discussed and agreed upon by consensus:

- 1) Councilor Gardner suggested the resolution be forwarded directly to the full Metro Council for consideration, rather than being brought back to the Governmental Affairs Committee for further review;
- 2) Mr. Carlson suggested final language of the resolution to be drafted in collaboration with the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee;
- 3) Councilor Gardner suggested language in the resolution include setting the times for items of significant public interest to no sooner than 1/2 hour after the meeting start time; i.e. 5:00 p.m. for Council Committees, 6:00 p.m. for full Council;
- 4) Councilor Moore suggested setting October 1, 1993 as the start date for the new time schedule to begin.

Vote on Motion as Amended: Councilors Hansen, Moore, Gardner and Gates voted aye Councilor Wyers voted no.

The motion passed

Councilor Wyers noted the August 26, 1993 Council meeting had been cancelled and that the next meeting of the Metro Council was scheduled for September 9, 1993.

Chair Gates noted a commentary and accompanying Citizen Involvement Participation - Failure to Follow Process Complaint Form had been submitted by Sid Bass, Vice Chair, MCCI. Chair Gates noted Mr. Carlson had responded to the matter by memorandum, which he asked Chair Cerveny to review. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record. Chair Gates suggested further dialogue between chairmanships prior to future agenda placement on either Governmental Affairs and MCCI.

4. Review of Committee Work Plans

Mr. Carlson referenced a memorandum from Casey Short, Council Analyst, dated July 29, 1993 and found in the agenda packet regarding the Committee Work Plan. He briefly outlined a review of accomplishments to date and the proposed Committee Work Plan through December as described in Mr. Short's memorandum.

The Committee as a whole discussed topics and matters for review and recommendation. Highlighted in their discussion was the proposed transfer of Multnomah County Parks and the Expo Center to Metro jurisdiction with accompanying budget impacts as well as Greenspaces.

Chair Gates suggested a resolution be prepared for review in September regarding sexual harassment policies, and asked that the matter be placed on the work plan. Councilor Wyers commented a resolution had been drafted by Dan Cooper, Legal Counsel, which she had mailed to a number of citizens for review and comment. She indicated numerous responses and comments had been received.

Chair Gates asked that a final report on legislation to go before the Council be placed on the work plan for the Committee.

5. Committee Review of July 15, FOCUS Meeting

Committee members who had attended the recent July FOCUS meeting gave individual observations and comments regarding the nature and substance of the meeting and an overview of FOCUS. The Committee as a whole discussed FOCUS. It was noted FOCUS members did not appear to understand the role of Metro in the region regarding transportation and 2040 planning.

Presiding Officer Wyers said she had been in discussion with Merrie Waylett, Office of Governmental Affairs, and she suggested a workshop for Mayors be put together at Metro for the general edification of the local jurisdictions. Chair Gates directed Mr. Carlson to contact the three counties to begin arrangements for a meeting with the region's Mayors.

6. Other Business

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Presiding Officer Wyers noted the potential of her availability at Committee meetings to bring forward miscellaneous matters of interest. She discussed the use of security gates in the new building and impacts on staff and others in attendance at meetings as related to the timing of closing the gates.

Presiding Officer Wyers discussed the Transportation Demand Policy, the process used for establishing the policy, and its impact on employees, both positive and negative. She indicated she was directing a memo to the Executive Officer requesting a response. Chair Gates noted the matter might be appropriate to the Planning Committee agenda.

Presiding Officer Wyers discussed ways and means to provide information to the public coming to Metro in order to guide them to the right department or person. She indicated she was working with Ms. Waylett and Lisa Creel on ideas, such as an At-A-Glance card to be made available in the Metro lobby.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Geary-Symons
Committee Recorder