

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

March 29, 1988

Committee Members Present: Councilors David Knowles (Chair),
Tanya Collier, Mike Ragsdale,
Richard Waker

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Mike Bonner

Other Councilors Present: Councilor Corky Kirkpatrick

Chair Knowles called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of March 1, 1988

Councilor Ragsdale moved minutes of the March 1, 1988, meeting be approved. Councilor Collier seconded, and minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-890, for the Purpose of Reviewing Fiscal Policies and Needs and Declining to Seek a Tax Base for the District in November 1988.

The following motion was made:

Motion: Councilor Waker moved, seconded by Councilor Ragsdale, that Resolution No. 88-890 be recommended for adoption by the full Council.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion of Testimony Before the Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government on the Governance of Metro.

Chair Knowles called for discussion of testimony before the Task Force regarding the governance of Metro to be presented by the Executive Officer and the Presiding Officer. He suggested this was a good opportunity for Presiding Officer Ragsdale to give his thoughts on what he would present to the Task Force and for this Committee to add their views.

Councilor Ragsdale informed the Committee that he and Executive Officer Cusma have had discussions on their joint appearance and stated that he will testify as an individual Council member, rather than as Presiding Officer. Councilor Ragsdale noted the testimony might touch upon the model and size of Metro governance and possibly lead into reapportionment considerations.

Councilor Waker put forth the idea that the Council should develop a position on these issues also, in order to have a unified position to present to the Task Force. It was suggested Council should be polled and a resolution drafted on the governance issue.

Councilor Kirkpatrick asked that the Presiding Officer and Executive Officer also talk about our funding situation, in particular the fact that the dues sunset in the next session of the legislature.

4. Briefing on Other Activities of the Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government.

Greg McMurdo, Government Relations Manager, briefed the Committee members on other activities of the Task Force, stressing the need for recommendations from Council and Executive Officer on issues such as governance, Boundary Commission, regional libraries and auditing. Councilor Ragsdale pointed out the need for a process to answer questions on such issues in a timely manner for Mr. McMurdo in the event he has need of a position without time to wait for Council or Committee meetings.

Councilor Collier suggested a list of questions Chair Otto wants answered could be obtained and Council polled. Councilor Waker requested that possible Resolutions be prepared following the poll on issues such as governance, financial matters, additional functions and mechanics.

5. Discussion of the Committee Work Plan.

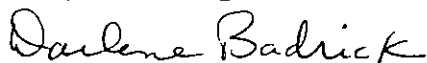
Discussion centered around the question of conducting a Council poll on issues and the Committee work plan. Chair Knowles suggested compiling a list of questions this Committee should begin to address in order, beginning with governance, and invite Councilors and others who are interested to come talk with the Committee about the issues. In a survey, he pointed out, Councilors are asked to make a decision in isolation without discussion.

Council Administrator Carlson recommended he and Greg McMurdo prepare a questionnaire from major issues and questions and, following tabulation of the questionnaire results, develop several resolutions for presentation to Councilors.

Chair Knowles reported the next meeting of this Committee will be April 12.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Darlene Badrick
Clerk