

MINUTES OF THE AD HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE
ON AN APPOINTMENT TO THE INTERIM TASK FORCE ON
METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

January 7, 1988

Committee Members Present: Councilors David Knowles (Chair),
Larry Cooper, Tom DeJardin, Corky
Kirkpatrick and Mike Ragsdale

Others Present: Donald Carlson and John Houser

Chairman Knowles called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing a draft report and recommendation to the Council for presentation on January 14, 1988. After discussion of the draft report, the committee took the following action:

1. With Councilor Kirkpatrick casting the only dissenting vote, the Committee adopted a motion to recommend Ed Whelan be appointed by the Council as Metro's representative to the Interim Task Force.

Councilor Kirkpatrick did not think Mr. Whelan could adequately represent the Council based on his role in the Executive Officer's transition team on personnel issues and based on his reply to questions asked at the December 29 committee meeting. She was concerned Mr. Whelan had not respected Metro's Personnel Rules when advising the Executive on transition personnel issues. She also pointed out that when asked on December 29 how he would represent the Council, Mr. Whelan had replied he would report to the Council on Task Force developments. He had not responded that he would seek Council advice.

2. The committee unanimously recommended that future appointments requiring mutual consent of the Council and Executive not be approved by the Council unless the Council had been involved in advance. The committee concluded that the Executive's failure to involve the Council leadership left the impression she was ignoring the Council's legitimate policy role.
3. The committee unanimously recommended the Presiding Officer develop a procedure for considering Metro appointments. In the meantime, the committee recommended that future appointments of whatever nature be referred to an appropriate committee prior to consideration by the full Council.

Chairman Knowles adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Marie Nelson
Clerk of the Council