

Regional Policy Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
February 12, 1992

The first meeting of the RPAC was convened at 5:35 p.m., Wednesday, February 12, 1992.

Members in attendance included: Committee Chairman Jim Gardner, Commissioner Pauline Anderson, Councilman Earl Blumenauer, Mayor Larry Cole, Councilman Jack Gallager, Commissioner Darlene Hooley, Councilwoman Gretchen Kafoury, Councilman Richard Kidd, Mayor Robert Liddell, Councilor Susan McLain, Commissioner Linda Peters (Alternate), Commissioner Roy Rogers, Mayor Alice Schlenker, Councilman Bruce Thompson.

Others in attendance: John Andersen, Jerry Arnold, Charles Bahlman, Margaret Bax, Dick Benner, David Black, Jerry Call, Eric Carlson, Richard Carson, Greg Chew, Jeff Condit, Brent Curtis, George Dock, Peter Dehn, Allanyn Guenther, Kurt Harlan, Don Joyce, Jim Kitchin, Jeanne Leeson, Robert Liberty, Peggy Lynch, Mike McClary, Robin McArthur-Phillips, Lawretta Morris, Dennis Mulvihill, Fred Neal, Stan Perry, Raymond Saul, Ethan Seltzer, Alf Siddall, Michael R. Silvey, Robert Stacey, Alan Stone, Stuart Todd, Chris Utterback and Mark Turpel.

Chairman Gardner introduced and welcomed members.

The first agenda item was the setting of a consistent meeting time. Commissioner Hooley stated a preference for an earlier starting time, perhaps 4-4:30. Councilor McLain asked that 5:00pm be considered.

Action: After some discussion, it was the consensus of those members in attendance that the meeting time and date would be the second Wednesday of every month beginning at 5:00 p.m., with the next regular meeting of RPAC to be held on March 11, 1992.

Ethan Seltzer gave an update on the appointments of citizen members to RPAC. He stated that Clackamas County and Washington County were processing the applications and that Multnomah County was close to concluding a selection.

The next agenda item was the discussion of local government dues.

Ethan Seltzer gave an overview of dues - structure, past rates and options. He indicated that 43 cents was the rate used last year and a maximum of 51 cents was available for consideration.

Mayor Liddell asked what numbers were being used and where do they come from?

Ethan Seltzer stated that the population numbers were based upon state population estimates and that the maximum rate by state law was 51 cents.

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Commissioner Anderson asked if there would be consideration as to what will the market bear?

Councilman Blumenauer stated that the City of Portland was already using another number in their budget process. He indicated that some jurisdictions hit harder by Measure 5 than Metro.

Commissioner Rogers stated that the proposed rate will cost an additional \$10,000 to Washington County.

Councilman Blumenauer asked how much did Measure 5 hit Metro, how much did Metro cut?

Richard Carson stated that Metro's property tax levy is dedicated to the Zoo and that cuts were taken last year.

Mayor Cole stated that he wanted to see what the dues bought this year, and what the dues would be buying next year.

Mayor Liddell stated that RPAC should look at a .35 cent rate.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider .43 cents only. Councilman Blumenauer seconded the motion.

Mayor Schlenker suggested keeping the amount the same as last year (and not considering the rate).

Commissioner Rogers stated that reducing dues may be shortsighted - RPAC may want to look at what it can buy.

Mayor Schlenker asked about a 35 cent rate.

Commissioner Rogers stated that it might be better to come to any conclusions until RPAC can see what's proposed to be done with the dues.

Councilor Thompson stated that in the wake of Measure 5, prudent action should be taken.

Councilor Blumenauer asked about a \$125,000 carryover from last year.

Action: Mayor Cole called for the question, the motion for a rate up to .43 cents. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Mark Turpel gave an update of the Region 2040 project. Handouts were distributed summarizing the project including products, timeline, participants and process.

Ethan Seltzer provided a description of the periodic review process for the Urban Growth Boundary.

Chairman Gardner adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Turpel.