

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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The topic of the September noon membership meeting is "WATERWAY USER FEES". Panelists will be Lloyd Anderson, Executive Director of the Port of Portland and Jack Weisser, Assistant General Counsel, Union Pacific Railroad. Boyd Levet, news reporter for KGW, Channel 8 television, will moderate the discussion, pose questions of his own to the panelists and field questions from the audience.

Call the office (229-3097) before Tuesday noon, September 22 to make your luncheon reservation. Bring a friend and introduce him or her to the MCL.

Date:	Wednesday, September 23
Time:	Noon
Place:	Tuck Lung Restaurant 140 N.W. 4th
Price:	\$5.50 (pay at the door)

Please note: Because we will be charged for all lunches ordered, reservations must be cancelled by noon, September 22, or member will be billed for the lunch.

PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS - Robert G. Simpson

Neither the Columbia River nor Portland will be ocean ports in the next century. The potholes in your streets are never going to be fixed. Sewage is poisoning your drinking water. These predictions need not come true. Projects for future MCL action are announced in this first issue of the NEWSLETTER and these subjects and more will be addressed. I urge each of you to call the office and sign up for one or more committee. Do it now. Don't miss the first meeting!\*\*

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE & FINANCE - Ron Cease

Last year, a number of governmental officials addressed the committee about problems and issues affecting the metro area. Proposed legislation was reviewed and recommendations made to the Board. Testimony and letters were presented to appropriate legislative committees in support of the extension of dues to METRO.

LAND USE AND URBAN SERVICES - Wm. Moshofsky

Our committee met over a dozen times last year pending state legislation impacting the metropolitan area. Primary focus was on the extent the state land control agency (LCDC) is controlling land use decisions - and the process it uses. The committee was also concerned about the potential overlap between the functions of LCDC and the Metropolitan Service District on land use controls. Policies and positions were developed and, with approval of the Board, presented to the state legislature. Legislative action this past session did reflect some of the committees' concerns by reducing the role of LCDC and improving procedures.

\*\* See the attached sheet for the scope of this year's studies. Return the tear-off sheet, call the chairman or just appear at the first meeting to get involved in the committee of your choice!



BUDGET AND FINANCE - Pat Giardina

Budget for fiscal year ending May 31, 1982	\$11,000
Balance in accounts as of September 10, 1981	<u>4,455</u>
(From membership dues and contributions)	
Needed to balance*	\$ 6,545

\*Contributions are encouraged and gratefully accepted!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Metropolitan Citizens League is open to anyone interested in governmental and related issues and problems that impact on the greater Portland metropolitan area. There are currently 152 MCL members.

Bringing a friend or co-worker to a program meeting is a good way to introduce people to our organization. Individual membership dues are \$25.00. For more information, call 229-3097.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<u>TRI-MET</u>	Last Monday of each month
Board of Directors	Water Services Bldg., 1800 SW 6th
	10:00 AM 238-4981
<u>METRO</u>	1st and 4th Thursdays
Council	Metropolitan Service District, 527 SW Hall
	7:30 PM 221-1646
<u>PORT OF PORTLAND</u>	2nd Wednesday of each month
Commission	Lloyd Bldg., 13th Floor Board room
	700 NE Multnomah
	9:00 AM 231-5000
<u>METROPOLITAN BOUNDARY</u>	Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19
<u>COMMISSION</u>	Mult. County Courthouse - Room 602
	7:00 PM 229-5307

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Finance	Wanda Mays
Public Relations	Beth Blunt
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PROGRAM FOR 1981-82

Land Use & Urban Services - Wm. Moshofsky, Chr. (222-5561)

Develop an action plan for providing urban services to the citizens within the unincorporated portions of the Urban Growth Boundaries of Clark County, Washington and the Oregon Metropolitan area. Identify the geographic areas of major concern, present service providers and assess the adequacy of that service, potential providers that could deliver more adequate services and prepare a plan of action. In particular, address the provision of sewer services in mid-Mult. County.

Transportation - Roy Schnaible, Chr. (242-5162)

Meeting: Wednesday, September 30  
7:30 AM, Ione Terrace Bar & Grill, 1717 SW Park

Develop an action plan to assure an effective surface transportation system. Identify the existing system providing this service, define the problems with that system including those of finance, possible duplication, lack of jurisdiction, etc. and identify a preferred system and action plan to attain it.

Government Structure & Finance - Ron Cease (229-3920)

Meeting: Thursday, September 17  
4:00 PM, PSU Cramer Hall, Room 159

1. Initiate review of legislation passed affecting metro area;
2. Begin discussion of proposed redistricting of METRO districts;
3. Begin to explore how to go about major project for the year.

Develop an action plan to assure an effective port system for the lower Columbia River. Become acquainted with the existing port system serving the lower Columbia River communities and identify problems associated therewith including financing and areas of jurisdiction.

Review proposals of the Secretary of State and METRO for new boundaries for the councillor districts based on reapportionment. Prepare a recommendation to the Board as soon as possible.

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Please contact me to serve on the following committee(s):

_____ Land Use & Urban Services	_____ Finance
_____ Transportation	_____ Membership
_____ Gov't Structure & Finance	_____ Public Relations

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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September 23, 1981

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✓ Chown, Austin (2)

✓ Rich, Kay (2)

✓ Cease, Ron (2)

✓ Carlson, Don

✓ D Dingler, Lyn

✓ E Emerick, Paul

✓ Egger, Jan

✓ F Frost, Barbara

✓ G Goldy, Rusty (1)

✓ Goldman, Muriel

✓ Goldy, Dan

✓ H Kies, Delyn

✓ K Kemper, Cheryl

✓ L Lemley, Darlene

✓ Lansing, Jewel

✓ L Larson, Oliver (2)

✓ Look, Ned

✓ M MacColl, LeeAnne

✓ Mays, Wanda

✓ Milne, Eleanor

✓ McCracken, Sally

✓ M McFarling, Mr.

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✓ N Simpson, Bob

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Sandra Russell } Dean -  
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Guests:  
Mike Hartfield (Oliver)  
Morris Engstrom - Buchanan office  
Bruce Clary - PSU (Rom)  
Public Admin. - PO Box 751 -  
PSU - 97207

mailing list:  
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(2600 SE Stuk  
Graham 97030)

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Note the new location for this meeting. We are trying to find an acceptable place and price for our luncheon meetings. Your comments will be greatly appreciated. Call the office (229-3097) before Tuesday noon, November 24, to make your reservation.

Date:	Wednesday, November 25
Time:	Noon
Place:	Portland State University Smith Memorial Center, Room 327 1825 S.W. Broadway (Use Harrison St. Entrance)
Price:	\$3.50 (pay at the door)

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The topic of the January noon membership meeting is "LOOKING AT THE PLANNING IMPACT OF THE NEW I-205 BRIDGE: WHAT'S AHEAD ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER".

BEBE RUCKER, a senior planner with the Multnomah County Planning Commission, with emphasis on transportation, will be one of our panelists. She was Project Manager for the transit station area planning program for land use around nine light rail transit stops.

Dave Sturdevant, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for Clark County will be the other panelist.

Michael Hartfield, a local Public Affairs Executive will serve as moderator.

You are urged to call the office and make a reservation for this most timely subject.

DATE: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27th  
TIME: NOON  
PLACE: PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY  
CASCADE ROOM  
PRICE: \$ 3.50 (Pay at door)

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (229-3097) BEFORE NOON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26th.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS - BOB SIMPSON

Members of your Board have been meeting for the last several months with representatives of the City Club, Portland Chamber of Commerce and Metro to explore the feasibility of sponsoring a "Futures" Conference. The study group has concluded that the project is feasible, will be called "Critical Choices for Greater Portland" and will be held in early March. Interested members of the Metropolitan Citizens League should call the office (229-3097) and request an invitation.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE & FINANCE - Ron Cease, Chairman (229-3920)

The committee on Government Structure and Finance is beginning its study leading to an action plan for providing port services for the lower Columbia River. Members who have an interest in this subject are encouraged to call Ron Cease. The committee meets every other Wednesday at 4:00 P.M.

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LAND USE AND URBAN AFFAIRS - Gene Peterson, Chairman (253-2972)

The Land Use and Urban Services Committee heard advocates of two competing solutions to the urban service problems of East Multnomah County at the committee's December 15, 1981 meeting. Bill Dirker, annexation coordinator for the City of Portland, and Bonnie McKnight, a member of the Mid-County Future Alternatives Committee (MCFAC) discussed the merits of annexation or incorporation of the urbanized area between Portland and Gresham. The committee has been charged to recommend ways to improve the facilities and services - sewers, water, streets, police, etc. - in unincorporated areas within the regional urban growth boundary.

MCFAC, a group of mid-county residents, advocates consolidation of the vast (150,000 people) urban area with the tiny (population 1800) City of Fairview, which would create a new municipality larger than Eugene. Mr. Dirker pointed to the City of Portland's established ability to provide facilities and services as the chief benefit to annexation.

The committee plans the following series of meetings. At each meeting the committee will hear presentations from public officials and citizen advocates on specific aspects of the issue.

January 19	Structural and	March 30	Water Service
	Legal Concepts	April 13	Fire Service
February 2	Sewer Service	April 27	Storm Sewers
March 2	Streets & Roads	May 11	Advocates of
March 16	Parks & Recreation		Different Govt.
			Structures

MEMBERSHIP - Bob Weil - Chairman (297-6196)

Call Bob Weil with names of interested parties for membership. Half-yearly memberships are available for \$12.50, to the end of the fiscal year, May 31, 1982 and \$25.00 for the year beginning June 1, 1982.

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THE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY is the topic of our March 24, 1982 membership meeting. Michael Hartfield will serve as moderator for our panel: the invited panelists are; Dr. David Charlton, a noted bio-chemist; John Trout, the representative for the Teamsters Union 281 for the Garbage Haulers; Craig Berkman, liaison to the Energy Recovery Project from METRO; Jim Johnson, an Oregon City Commissioner; and William Lesh of Publishers Paper.

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VIKING ROOM # 126  
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MARCH 22nd

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS - Bob Simpson

The need for citizen involvement in the governmental process is heightened by recent events; financial affairs at MSD, cost of public transit, cut back in Federal support. You can help. Join a MCL committee on: Urban Services, MSD review, Port Development or Transportation.

The annual meeting is scheduled for May 26, 1982. There will be an election of members to the Board of Directors. Any member who is interested in serving on the Board or in any other capacity, please call me at 222-9981.

METRO REVIEW COMMITTEE - Ron Cease - 229-3920

The METRO Committee meets every Friday at the Ione Terrace Restaurant at 7:30 AM. The focus has been the assessment of performance, structure and financial operation. To date, they have had as guest speakers, Don McIntyre of EIEIO; Jack Nelson, mayor of Beaverton; Joy Burgess, Mayor of Milwaukie; and Lucille Warren, a Washington County Commissioner. The committee, with the help of these people, is looking for recommendations for METRO. A report will be given at the annual meeting on May 26, 1982.

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LAND USE AND URBAN AFFAIRS - Gene Peterson, Chairman 253-2972

The Land Use and Urban Affairs Committee continues its' inquiry into the problems of providing urban services to unincorporated areas within the regional urban growth boundary. On March 2nd, the committee heard presentations on the provision of police protection from Multnomah County Commissioner Dennis Buchanan, Clackamas County Sheriff Paul McAllister and Washington County Administrator Gordon Mulleneaux. On February 16th, the committee reviewed sewer service with Dave Abraham, Administrator of Clackamas County Service District No. 1, and representative of the Washington County Unified Sewerage Agency.

The committee will study streets and roads, parks, water and other services in the weeks ahead, in preparation for its' report to the League on means to improve the delivery of urban services in the region as a whole and in east Multnomah County in particular. The committee will next meet on March 16th, March 30th and April 13th at 7:30 AM at the Ione Terrace Restaurant.

MEMBERSHIP - Bob Weil - Chairman 297-6196

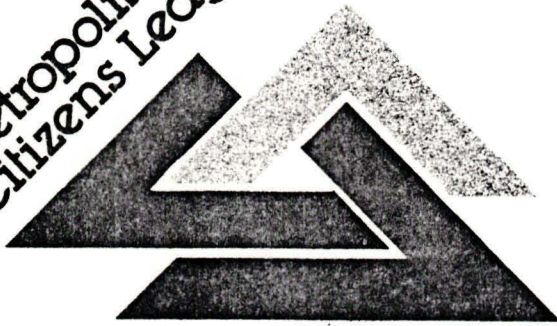
Bob Weil's committee has been busy recruiting new members for MCL. The committee suggests to the membership to ask people who are interested in the metro area if they would like to join MCL. We will be sending out statements for the new fiscal year shortly, and if anyone has any names, please contact Bob Weil, or call the office and leave a message if Sue is not in. Also, you are encouraged to bring a guest to the luncheon meeting on March 24th. Be sure to give name and address of guest when making the reservations, so we have a record in the office for follow-up.

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NEWSLETTER

Volume 1, July 1984

Dear Members,

This first newsletter is our way of thanking you for your excellent responses to our recent membership renewal drive for 1984-85, and bringing you up-to-date on recent Citizens League activities.

The Library Committee completed its study on library systems in April. The Committee's findings and recommendations were included in a report entitled, "Libraries in Transition", which was aired at a press conference in May and received excellent media coverage. Reports have been sent to librarians, public officials and interested citizens in the tri-county area, to be used as a basis for discussion at a library systems conference MCL has scheduled for July 20th. Additional copies are available at the office for interested members. A summary appears on Page 3.

Following close behind is a "Study of Financing Basic Capital Services Within the Portland Metropolitan Area", recently completed by the Local Government Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its June meeting. Copies have been sent to the media and are also available at the MCL office. A summary appears on Page 2.

The Parks Committee is completing its research into regional parks and will soon have a report ready. A new committee, Regional Government Structures, chaired by Jane Rhodes, was formed earlier this year. The Committee will be reviewing legislative bills being considered by Glenn Otto's Interim Task Force on Regional Governments and will develop recommendations for Board consideration.

Two members, Tom Questad and Eleanor Milne, have graciously volunteered their services as co-executive directors, replacing Beth Blunt, who left earlier this year. Eleanor will handle office activities such as meeting notices and other membership mailings, luncheon arrangements and bookkeeping. Tom will concentrate on membership recruitment and public affairs.



A by-law change was adopted by the Board in June, eliminating specified dues amounts from the by-laws for various types of memberships. Instead, the amount of dues for each membership category will be reviewed annually by the Board, prior to sending renewal notices to the membership. Members will be advised of the change with their dues notices.

Currently, individual memberships are \$35. Senior citizen and student memberships are available at \$10. Business contributions begin at \$100; however, contributions in any amount are accepted from any and all. If your name does not appear on the thank you list in this newsletter, it means you have not yet renewed your membership. Checks should be sent to Metropolitan Citizen's League; The Ondine, Room 252; 1912 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 25 at 12 Noon, and bring a friend. Our monthly membership luncheon at the Portland Motor Hotel will feature Multnomah County Executive, Dennis Buchanan. He will be discussing the unused capacity of an important regional facility in Multnomah County. No Board meeting is scheduled for August. Monthly luncheon and other activities will resume in September. Please take a few minutes to fill out the attached interest sheet. We will be forming new study committees in September and welcome your involvement.

Sincerely,  
Muriel Goldman, President

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES FIRST REPORT

The eleven members of the Local Government Finance Committee, chaired by Charles Kemper, issued its first report, titled: "Financing Basic Capital Services Within the Portland Metropolitan Area." The Committee was formed in 1983 to study the limitations to financing basic capital development services such as storm drainage, sewers, water supplies, and roads within the Portland metro area. Their report is a first step in an effort to describe a less expensive way to meet future needs.

Local governments are being forced to cut back drastically on capital investments or consider new methods to finance them because of federal aid cut backs, shrinking tax sources and high interest rates. Historically, intergovernmental transfers from the federal level have been a major method to finance basic capital services of local governments. But now the federal government is telling local governments to stop looking to Washington for assistance.

The Committee detailed seven work tasks to complete of which this study is a partial report. Included are interviews with five public officials who are intimately involved with financing capital improvement projects for the major jurisdictions in the area. There is a very interesting survey of 35 local agencies that lists some of the problems and concerns they have with obtaining public support for capital improvements. The findings and recommendations address the cut backs in federal aid and the need to develop citizen involvement in an advisory capacity to determine the priorities for capital improvements.

The final section discusses the proper revenue mix for capital improvement projects considering the three groups now providing funds: general taxpayers, facility users and owners of benefited property. The question is raised of whether the price system or the political system is the proper determinant of the amount of service which should be provided. The report concludes that whatever method is chosen to determine the revenue mix it should include consideration of the economic efficiency of collection, equity, political accountability, and administrative feasibility.



LIBRARIES IN TRANSITION: A Follow-Up  
JULY 20th MEETING PLANNED

The Library Systems Committee of the Metropolitan Citizen's League issued its final report and held a press conference in May. The report was described by the major Portland daily, two television stations and a radio station. An editorial in the same major Portland daily, several weeks after the press conference, promoted the Committee's concept of developing regional library cooperation in commenting about a dispute over local library user fees.

The Library Systems Committee is concerned that there is little long-term planning or coordination among libraries and that long-term funding is a problem for almost all the local libraries. In each county, the libraries report to a different governing body and they compete with other general government programs for funding.

On July 20th, the Metropolitan Citizens League will hold a meeting for all interested librarians and members of the public to help develop cooperation and resource sharing within the metropolitan area. If there is enough interest in this concept, we will encourage the formation of a tri-county consortium to begin development of regional, library resource sharing.



## ISSUES SURVEY

METROPOLITAN CITIZENS LEAGUE seeks your help in setting priorities on issues for study leading to public positions. Please check:

Basic Issues (number in order of concern to you, 1-9)

- ☐ Transportation (surface, marine, air, mass transit)
- ☐ Land Use (comprehensive plans, LCDC-local government interface)
- ☐ Utility and Related Service (water supply, sewerage, solid waste, cable TV)
- ☐ Social Services (health, welfare, aging, housing)
- ☐ Public Facilities (Zoo, parks, sports arenas, recreational or cultural facilities)
- ☐ Economics and the Environment (economic development, natural resources, energy, pollution)
- ☐ Public Safety (criminal justice - courts, fire protection, police services, corrections, emergency services)
- ☐ Education (primary and secondary education, higher education, special education)
- ☐ Governmental Review and Oversight (MSD, Port of Portland, Tri-Met, local governments, intergovernmental relations, state government)

Subsidiary Issues (select five sub-categories from within the Basic Issues and list them in priority, with 1. as the most vital to you)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Additional areas of interest or study you feel should be included: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate willingness to serve the METROPOLITAN CITIZENS LEAGUE on a research committee for your area of interest: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you.