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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND WORK SESSIONS -- MCCR Committee

(Please note: Date changes have been made from the original proposal. All hearings and meetings are scheduled for Monday evenings except two for Thursdays -- March 2 and May 25. May 15 is suggested for daytime.)

February 6 - Noon meeting (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) - Oregon Historical Society, 1230 SW Park - Beaver Hall

6 - Public Hearing in Sen. Dist. 12 - Mt. Hood Community College
26000 SE Stark, Gresham
(already set up - in Vista Room, 7:30 p.m.)

13 - Public Hearing in Sen. Dist. 11 - David Douglas High School
2900 SE 122nd
(already set up - in Room 51 - Junior Bldg. - 7:30 pm.)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE until May 25

Feb. 20 - Public Hearing for community-at-large (place to be selected)

BPA Aud.

March 2 - WORK SESSION

6 - Public Hearing for elected officials (place to be selected)

13 - Public Hearing in Sen. Dist. 5 - Lincoln High School
1600 SW Salmon

20 - Public Hearing for county government employees
(place to be selected)

27 - WORK SESSION

April 3 - Public Hearing in Sen. Dist. 6 - Duniway School
7700 SE Reed College Pl.
other possibilities- Jackson High School, Lewis & Clark Clge.

10 - Public Hearing in Sen. Dist. 7 - Cleveland H.S., 3400 SE 26

17 - Public Hearing in Sen. Dist. 8 - Roosevelt H.S., 6941 N. Central

24 - Public Hearing in Sen. Dist. 10 - Grant H.S., 2245 NE 36

May 1 - Public Hearing in Sen. Dist. 9 - Madison H.S., 2735 NE 82

8 - WORK SESSION

15 - Public Hearing for community-at-large in daytime
(place to be selected)

25 - WORK SESSION - For making decisions about holding future hearings; for arranging schedules for work sessions in the next 3 months (June, July, August) in order to evaluate testimony, make recommendations and draft preliminary amendments.

*Del Greenfield
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TO: Members of the Multnomah County Charter Review Commission

Dear Fellow Committee Members:

Some thoughts on our next meeting which I thought I ought to pass on to you in advance, so that you too can be thinking about this.

First, as a general approach, I suggest that we devote our efforts at the next meeting to completing the essentials of our committee organization. Then, I suggest that we hold public hearings before we do anything else, even before we decide on our general goals, draft a basic budget, or appoint committees. My thinking here is that I believe we should hear from the public what they think we ought to do, and then we should set our basic goals, budget, schedule, etc. Actually, I think just the basic organization will be a good night's work.

If you agree, I would suggest an agenda for Monday as follows:

1. Minutes.
2. Introductions of Committee Members.
3. Basic Committee Organization and Structure
(Rules of Procedure, offices).
4. Staff Needs. Do we need:
 - (a) A secretary?
 - (b) Legal counsel?
 - (c) Research Aide?
 - (d) Press Aide?
 - (e) Others?
5. What Next: Meetings, Study, Public Hearings?
6. Time and Place of Next Meeting (or Hearing).

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7. Election of Officers (optional; see comment below).
8. Public Comment (as time allows).
9. Adjournment.

A few words of explanation:

Item 3: Basic Organization. I suppose everyone will probably be agreeable to Roberts Rules of Order (maybe someone will even understand them). If not, we should decide what else. Also, we should decide what committee offices we will fill.

Item 4: Staff. I believe we can and should decide now what we will need, because we know that at least we are going to have to consider the four matters specified for us in the Charter, at page 14. I don't think we need to decide now who will hold the jobs; I think we will want to take a pretty good look at that.

Item 6: Meeting Places. I imagine you will probably want to have our public hearings in different places around the county, but have one place for our regular meetings. Norm Lindstedt tells me that the I.E.D. Board Room is available every night but Tuesdays, and he thinks it would be perfect. Let us know if you have any other ideas.

Item 7: Election. As I suggested last time, I think you may want to reconsider our vote to defer the election of permanent officers until the third meeting. If you let me go on for three meetings, you will probably figure you are stuck with me, like it or not. If you would like to make a change, it will be easier now. Also, I am already finding out that it is not the best thing to have a temporary chairperson representing the Committee in dealing with the press, county people, etc. Please think about that. As a personal note, I did not ask for the job but would be happy to do it. I am sure others could do as well. If you decide to go ahead and vote on this next time, perhaps we could do it at the end of the meeting and anyone else who is interested could arrange to have someone nominate them and say something about them.

I have discussed all of the above with my fellow "Agenda Committee" members, Norm Lindstedt and Terry Hannon, and they


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agree. However, that is just three votes, and nothing is written in granite. If any of you has any other ideas or any other items you want placed on the agenda, just speak up at the meeting or give me a call in advance.

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of our first meeting and the meeting notice. I hope to see you there.

Very truly yours,



John R. Faust, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Diane Trudo

P. S. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter I have written to Wally Priestly.

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Mr. Wally Priestly
6226 N. E. 32nd Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97211

Dear Wally:

Because of your particular interest in the charter review and your representation of the Save Our Charter Committee, I am writing you directly on the subject of our next meeting.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have written to the Committee members and a copy of the minutes of the last meeting. As you can see, I am proposing full public hearings before we do anything at all substantive. However, in order to get started on our job we are going to have to complete our organization, and so the number one priority at the next meeting is going to be the mechanics of organization. Of course, everyone is welcome to come to the meeting, and we hope that there will be time for public comment, but I wanted to emphasize what I said to you at the last meeting so that none of your people comes to the meeting under the impression that it is in the nature of a public hearing. It will be in the nature of a public work session, and I hope we will be able to complete that work so that we can get to the people, and let them get to us, on the substantive matters as soon as possible.

Kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,



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