

5/15 Subcommittee



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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Meeting of the Regional Issues Subcommittee

Tuesday, May 15, 1990
12 Noon (brown bag lunch)
Portland Building
15th Floor Conference Room
1120 S.W. Fifth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204

AGENDA

WORK SESSION ON THE FORMATION OF A COMMISSION TO STUDY REGIONAL ISSUES.

- I. Discuss Options
 - A. No change.
 - B. Make a recommendation to the board only.
 - C. Forward a ballot measure to the voters creating a commission to study local government organizational structures and delivery of services.

This meeting is a work session. The public is welcome to attend but no public testimony will be allowed.



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Pursuant to notice by press release to newspapers of local circulation throughout Multnomah County and mailed to persons on the mailing list of the committee, a public meeting of the Multnomah County Charter Review Regional Issues Subcommittee was held at The Portland Building, 1120 S.W. Fifth Avenue, Suite 1500, Portland, Oregon 97204. The meeting convened at 12:00 noon.

Members Present

Nicholas Teeny, Subcommittee Chair
Florence Bancroft
La Velle Vanden Berg
Ann Porter, ex officio member

Staff Present

Bill Rapp, Administrator

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION:

Work Session on Regional Issues

Nicholas Teeny began by recommending city/county consolidation as a first step towards regionalism.

Ann Porter stated that she felt a citizens commission should decide what recommendations to make on this issue.

Rapp stated that the goal of the subcommittee is to address the feasibility of appointing a commission to study regional issues.

Florence Bancroft stated that she could arrange for the committee to meet with individuals in Clackamas County to discuss a possible regional committee. Bancroft

continued that the meeting would also provide information as to the interest in regionalism within Clackamas and Washington Counties.

Teeny stated that he felt a recommendation should be made to the board of commissioners that a committee be appointed to study regionalism.

Florence Bancroft responded that questions regarding regionalism need to be answered before recommendations can be made by the board of commissioners. Bancroft continued that an education process must also take place for the voters.

Rapp stated that there are three options that the committee can take on regionalism:

- 1) No change.
- 2) Charter Review Committee recommendation that the board of county commissioners pursue a citizen commission with involvement by both Washington and Clackamas counties.
- 3) Adopt a ballot measure which would create a regionalism commission.

Ann Porter stated that she prefers placing a measure on the ballot to create a regionalism commission within Multnomah County. Porter continued by saying that both Washington and Clackamas Counties would be encouraged to participate in the commission and place their own citizen members on the commission.

Bancroft stated that she prefers both options two and three which would require involvement by the county commissioners and placement of a measure on the ballot to create a citizen commission.

Rapp stated that he could include recommendations on regional issues to the board in the charter review report in August.

Vanden Berg asked if someone is going to educate the voters on the issue of regionalism.

Porter stated that a ballot measure committee is being formed which will educate the voters on the issues. Porter continued by saying that all of the ballot measures placed on the ballot by the Charter Review Committee will have at a minimum, an explanation in the voters' pamphlet.

Rapp continued that the ballot measure committee will also offer a speakers bureau which will educate neighborhood groups and various clubs within the community. Rapp stated that the committee

will also write newspaper articles and advertise as the committee's funds allow.

Rapp, responding to questions regarding the time limits for placing arguments on the November ballot, stated that the deadline for placing arguments in the voters' pamphlet is August 21, 1990.

Bancroft asked if the full committee could address this issue before the June 6th meeting.

Bancroft recommended that the subcommittee prepare a motion to be voted on by the Charter Review Committee that recommends that the board of county commissioners participate in a timely manner with Washington and Clackamas Counties in establishing a regional citizen commission.

Rapp asked when these recommendations to the board would take place. Porter responded "right away."

Vanden Berg recommended language to read "formation of a commission to study regional issues." Vanden Berg stated that she feels the language is non-threatening.

Porter stated that she would like to see language include "local government reorganization."

Language was recommended to read "formation of a commission to study local government reorganization."

Rapp reiterated that the subcommittee had agreed that the Charter Review Committee would recommend that the board of county commissioners encourage Washington and Clackamas Counties to participate in the regional commission and that a measure would be put on the ballot to create this commission.

Rapp then asked if the committee would make more specific recommendations on what the role of the commissioners will be in the regionalism issue. Porter stated that the role of commissioners will be to involve the two other counties.

Rapp stated that he would prepare the language for the motion to read "The Charter Review Committee will recommend to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners that the commissioners encourage Washington and Clackamas Counties to participate in the citizen commission to study regional issues and will place a measure on the ballot to create the citizen commission." This subcommittee recommendation passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

PROPOSAL FOR THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
TO ESTABLISH A CITIZEN COMMISSION TO REVIEW, EVALUATE
AND RECOMMEND A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN

There shall be convened a ____ member citizen commission for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of local government units, tax structures, service roles and delivery and any related issues. Factors to consider shall include accountability, constituent representation, administration and service needs and resources.

Based on the commission's findings, a proposal may be submitted to the people of Multnomah County.

The commission operating, research and public outreach expenses shall be paid from the county general fund not to exceed \$____. In addition, the commission may accept and utilize other monies from grants or private sector funding sources.

The commission shall have balanced community representation, however it shall not have as members anyone who works directly for, or contracts directly with, any of the governmental bodies within Multnomah County.

Commission members shall be nominated by the Citizen Involvement Committee and appointed by the County Board of Commissioners no later than _____ 1990.

At least ninety-five days prior to the primary or general election or both of 1990, the commission shall report to the people and to the Board of County Commissioners their findings, conclusions and recommendations including any amendments they propose to the Charter.

Commission proposals shall be submitted to the people of Multnomah County at the 1992 primary or general election, or both.