

Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government
Tuesday, October 4, 2011

FIRST MEETING

MINUTES

Members Present:

Representative Scott, Chair
Representative Holberg
Representative Hornstein
Representative Leidiger
Representative Peterson
Representative Scalze
Senator Chamberlain
Senator Dibble
Senator Lillie
Senator Sieben
Senator Wiger

Members Excused:

Representative Buesgens
Senator Kruse
Senator Thompson

Representative Scott called the meeting of the Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government to order at 9:17 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

A quorum was present.

Members and staff introduced themselves.

Election of Officers

Representative Holberg nominated Representative Scott for the position of chair. The motion prevailed.

Non-partisan House Research Presentation

Deborah Dyson, House Research, reviewed the powers and duties of the Commission and presented an overview of the Metropolitan Council.

Commission discussion followed.

Presentation and Budget Overview from the Metropolitan Council

Patrick Born, Metropolitan Council Regional Administrator, presented an overview of the organizational structure of the Metropolitan Council.

Judd Schetnan, Metropolitan Council Director of Government Affairs, presented an overview of the planning and operation functions of the Metropolitan Council.

Guy Peterson, Director of the Community Development Division, addressed questions related to Livable Communities accounts and the Housing Redevelopment Authority.

Jason Willet, Finance Director for the Environmental Services Division, addressed questions related to the Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) fee and comparative retail sewer rates.

Steve True, Metro Transit, addressed questions regarding transit fare and the cost of ridership.

Patrick Born addressed questions regarding the Metropolitan Council risk analysis of the Arden Hills stadium proposal.

Mary Bogie, Chief Financial Officer for the Metropolitan Council, presented an overview of the 2012 Metropolitan Council preliminary operating budget.

Commission discussion followed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.