

Government Affairs Minutes



Friday, August 5th, 2011 • 1:30 pm Starker Conference Room

Call to Order

B. Grant

Meeting was called to order at 1:45pm.

Last Month's Action Items

B. Grant

- Speak w/Mark O'Brien re: South Bypass and status
- Survey membership (if necessary after speaking w/Mark O'Brien)
- Send Council a letter re: urgent need to work with ODOT on Bypass
- Schedule Senator Wyden for a luncheon
- Obtain location for legislative breakfasts

Approve Minutes

B. Grant

July Minutes – did not meet quorum, minutes not approved.

Local

South Bypass

B. Grant

No updates to report.

Discussion took place regarding Council unanimously voting on plan B. Not certain if this took place or not.

ACTION: Follow up with Mark O'Brien regarding Council's decision on the bypass. Email outcome to GAC members.

Lunch Forum – Attorney General Kroger

E. Wiedeman

The Attorney General will be here on August 10, 2011 at a Chamber luncheon at First Presbyterian Church from 12-1:30pm.

Discussion took place around business people's presence at meetings such as this. How do we pull business people into crucial conversations such as these?

ACTION: Continue to send notices to the committee regarding meetings that they should attend from a business standpoint moving forward.

Need to develop a clear concise message to bring to the Attorney General.

One possible topic to bring to forum:

*Tax reform

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ACTION: Email legislative platforms developed last fiscal year to GAC group. Identify a few areas to discuss at Attorney General Forum. GAC members attending forum will bring up items at forum.

State

Legislative Update

No update

Other

ACTION: Speak with McGraths regarding hosting legislative breakfasts

ACTION: Send committee current options for distributing information to a larger scale of people with constant messages for business. Identify current and future options of sending information to membership and beyond.

NW Natural is going to be installing a 12" high pressure pipeline to the energy center in Oregon State. They are looking for guidance with City Council as project moves forward. Kip to bring materials to GAC for review to decide the next step for potentially supporting the project.

Open

Other

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

Action Items for next meeting:

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