

From: HEARN Pat * DAS GSPC
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 12:01 PM
To: 'Therese Bottomly'
Subject: RE: Thanks for any help you can give
GSPC Staff Opinion No. 06S-005

Ms. Bottomly,

I have had a chance to review your draft and I do have some comments to offer. Since the pages are not numbered and the page breaks may be different on your computer than they are on mine, I have referenced the comments in the order of the questions that appear in your draft so that the first question will be referred to as question No. 1, etc.

My comments/suggestions are as follows:

Question No.7

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Insert the word "do" between "to" and "some" in the second sentence of the answer to the question.

Question No. 12

In the second sentence of the answer you state "As long as the executive session and its general subject are announced..." That is incorrect. The *specific* subject must be announced. For example, ORS 192.660(2)(a), (b) and (i) each deal with issues related to personnel; however, each is a specific provision. Accordingly, even though governing bodies frequently do so, it does not suffice to simply announce that an executive session is being convened "...pursuant to ORS 192.660, personnel." The specific sub-paragraph of 192.660 must be cited.

Question No. 21

In the question, you use "budget committee" as an example of an advisory committee. Budget committees are provided for in statute and have significantly more authority than the typical advisory committee that is appointed by a city council or other governing body. I suggest that your example refer to a "parks development advisory committee," a "library expansion advisory committee" or something of that nature.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to review your draft. It appears that the document will be a handy resource for reporters.

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From: Therese Bottomly [mailto:theresebottomly@news.oregonian.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2006 9:26 AM
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Hi, Mr. Hearn. I hope your move went well and your computers are up and running. As I mentioned on the phone the other day, I am the managing editor for news at The Oregonian and Kevin Neely recommended I seek your guidance on an open meetings manual/brochure I am writing for Oregon journalists.

I realize you are busy, but is there any chance I could get your input? I mainly want to make sure I am not promulgating bad advice. I have attached the booklet in the hopes you would have time to read through it (it's about 10 pages). Therese