

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 2, 2006
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Council President), Susan McLain, Carl Hosticka, Rod Park, Robert Liberty, Brian Newman

Councilors Absent: Susan McLain (excused), Rex Burkholder (excused)

Council President Bragdon convened the Metro Council Work Session Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

2. NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS GRANTS

Stacey Triplett and Janelle Geddes, Nature in Neighborhoods program, presented the results of the first round of grant funding. Applications had been categorized as fully funded, partially funded, and not recommended for funding. Council thought the decisions looked good. Council President Bragdon wondered about the next steps. Ms. Geddes said that next week Council would vote on a resolution to go forward. There would be some award recipients in the audience at that time. There was to be a photo opportunity, with over-sized versions of the grant checks. Non-recipients would be notified about the specifics of why their grant applications were not judged to be competitive.

Council President Bragdon asked about the press strategy. Ms. Geddes had information on award amounts by district. May 11 would be the official announcement. Karen Kane, Public Affairs, would be the point person. Ms. Triplett said that Councilors might wish to include appropriate information in their monthly newsletters. Ms. Geddes said she could provide a "blurb" about each grant if desired. Another round of funding was anticipated for late September, with another pre-application process, and awards to be made around the first of the year. They were eager to learn from the current experience.

Councilor Newman asked whether he could advertise the next round, as they were discussing current grants. Ms. Triplett said the exact time had not been set, but early fall was probably a safe estimate. Councilor Liberty asked about television coverage. Ms. Triplett was not aware of anything in the works. Councilor Park thought that the Wilkes project would have some news value. He thought the grant process was very good, staff worked very hard, and had good potential for tie-in with public relations. He would have liked the listening post to have been cablecast as part of the Council regular meeting television coverage.

Ms. Geddes stated that, if previously-awarded groups applied for the second round, we would need to evaluate what they had accomplished with their first grant.

3. BREAK

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(1)(i) AUTHORIZED TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE EMPLOYMENT RELATED PERFORMANCE OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND METRO ATTORNEY

Time Began: 2:20

Time Ended: 4:20

Members Present: Council President Bragdon, Councilor Liberty, Councilor Park, Councilor Newman, Councilor Hosticka, Michael Jordan, Dan Cooper

5. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Council President Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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