

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE RE-) RESOLUTION NO. 06-3716
APPOINTMENT OF GARY CONKLING TO A)
FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE METROPOLITAN) Introduced by Council President David
EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION) Bragdon

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 6.01.030, provides that the Council confirms members to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Chair Tom Brian has re-nominated Gary Conkling to fill the Washington County position; and

WHEREAS, the Council President has re-appointed Gary Conkling to serve as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission; and

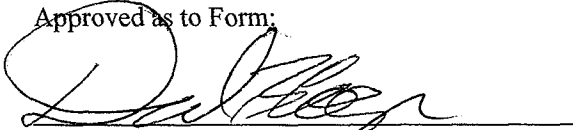
WHEREAS, the Council finds that Gary Conkling has the experience and expertise to continue his substantial contribution to the critical work before the commission; now therefore

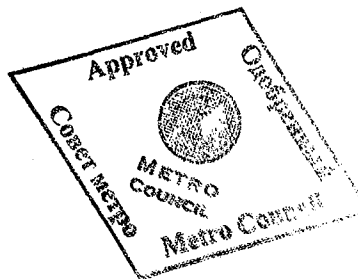
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby confirms Gary Conkling for re-appointment as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 6th day of July 2006.


David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-3716, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF GARY CONKLING TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: June 20, 2006

Prepared by: Cary Stacey

EXISTING LAW

Metro Code Section 6.01.030(a) gives the Metro Council President sole authority to appoint all members of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, subject to confirmation by the Council. Section 6.01.030(d)(3) of the Code allows the Council President to appoint two candidates to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission and to submit the nominees to the Council for confirmation.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Conkling has served as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission as a representative of Washington County since February 5, 1998. Mr. Conkling has served both as member of the commission and as chair. If his re-appointment is confirmed, Mr. Conkling would serve on the commission through July 6, 2010.

Mr. Conkling is both founding partner and president of Conkling Fiskum & McCormick, Inc, where his practice includes state lobbying and strategic communications. He is a founding member of the Business-Education Compact, a non-profit agency that delivers mental health services to people in the downtown area. Mr. Conkling is also an adjunct faculty member at Willamette University's Atkinson Graduate School of Management, where he teaches a course on issues management.

Washington County Chair Tom Brian's letter in support of Mr. Conkling's re-appointment is attached to this staff report.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

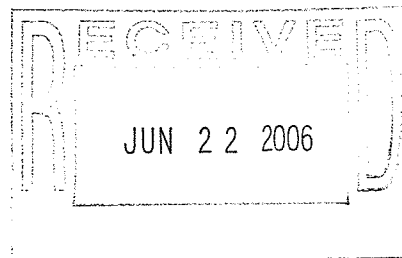
1. *Known Opposition* – None
2. *Legal Antecedents* – Metro Code, as referenced above.
3. *Anticipated Effects:* Reappointment of Mr. Conkling in the manner provided by Metro Code.
4. *Budget Impacts* – None.

RECOMMENDATION

The Metro Council President recommends approval of Resolution No. 05-3716 to confirm the re-appointment of Gary Conkling to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission and to continue serving immediately.



WASHINGTON COUNTY
OREGON



June 20, 2006

President David Bragdon
Metro Council
600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232

Dear President Bragdon,

This letter is to recommend the re-appointment of Gary Conkling to the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC). Washington County has appreciated the representation of Mr. Conkling on this commission and welcomes his continued service.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Regards,

Tom Brian
Chairman

Cc: Gary Conkling

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