

METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING OBJECTIVES FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ZOO BY THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT.

RECITALS

1. THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT (MSD) IS A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ORS CHAPTER 268; AND
2. THE MSD IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICES WHICH, BECAUSE OF THE EXISTING GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE IN THE AREA, ARE NOT ADEQUATELY PROVIDED; AND
3. THE 1975 LEGISLATURE APPROVED SB937 AUTHORIZING THE MSD TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, ALTER, MAINTAIN, ADMINISTER AND OPERATE METROPOLITAN ZOO FACILITIES; AND
4. THE CITY OF PORTLAND (CITY) PRESENTLY OPERATES, BY OWNERSHIP AND THROUGH A CONTRACT FOR LEASE AND SERVICES WITH THE PORTLAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, THE PORTLAND ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS (Zoo); AND
5. THE CITY HAS BEEN PROVIDING ANNUALLY ABOUT 45% OF THE Zoo's OPERATING BUDGET AND MAY BE UNABLE TO CONTINUE ITS PRESENT LEVEL OF FUNDING; AND
6. THE MSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTED ORDINANCE No. 35 ON FEBRUARY 13, 1976 SETTING MAY 25, 1976, AS THE DATE FOR AN ELECTION OF A SERIAL LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 PER YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS, A TOTAL OF \$10,000,000 TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE Zoo; AND
7. THE CITY HAS INDICATED ITS DESIRE TO TRANSFER ALL Zoo RELATED ASSETS TO MSD, SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL OF THE SERIAL LEVY; AND

8. THE MSD BOARD IS DESIROUS OF ADOPTING OBJECTIVES FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ZOO THAT WILL LEAD TO INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS AND USAGE OF THE ZOO FACILITIES.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ZOO:

1. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

AT FACILITIES - THE ZOO'S EXHIBITS WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO MORE NATURAL HABITAT ENCLOSURES OR CONTAIN CAGE FURNITURE THAT ALLOWS FOR NATURAL BEHAVIOR AND NATURAL SOCIAL GROUPINGS. WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THESE EXHIBITS SHALL BE COMPLIMENTED BY MUSEUM-TYPE EXHIBITS AND GRAPHICS THAT WILL ENHANCE THE EDUCATIONAL IMPACT OF THE ANIMAL DISPLAYS.

AWAY FROM FACILITIES - THE ZOO WILL CONTINUE TO ENHANCE AND BROADEN ITS EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH TO THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY AND SCHOOLS THROUGH ITS CHILDREN'S ZOO, ZOOMOBILE, GUIDED AND SELF-GUIDED TOURS, ZOO FOR THE BLIND AND DEAF PROGRAMS AND SUCH OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WILL MAKE THE ZOO A GREATER EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT.

2. RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

THE ZOO WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS THAT APPEAL TO THE BROAD PUBLIC AND ALLOW FOR THE ULTIMATE IN VISITOR SERVICES. WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE ZOO SHALL PROVIDE ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES SUCH AS ANIMAL DEMONSTRATION THEATERS

AND ANIMAL SCULPTURE GARDENS WHERE LEARNING CAN BE FUN AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL.

3. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/NEW EXHIBITS

THE ZOO WILL RENOVATE OR REPLACE ITS EXHIBITS FOR PRIMATES, FELINES, AND AFRICAN AND ASIAN PLAINS ANIMALS AND ADD NEW (OR NEWLY RENOVATED) FACILITIES FOR SUCH NEW ANIMALS AS BIRDS, REPTILES, INVERTEBRATES, SEALS, SEA LIONS AND SEA OTTERS, AND NORTHWEST ANIMALS.

4. FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

THE ZOO WILL BE MAINTAINED IN THE CLEANEST, SAFEST AND MOST AESTHETIC MANNER POSSIBLE SO AS TO PRESENT ITSELF CONTINUALLY AS A FACILITY OF WHICH ALL ITS CITIZENS CAN BE EXTREMELY PROUD.

5. RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

THE ZOO WILL INCORPORATE THESE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES INTO THE ROUTINE AND PROFESSIONAL ANIMAL CARE PROGRAMS SO THAT THE ANIMALS WITHIN THIS CARE WILL BENEFIT DIRECTLY AS WELL AS THOSE THAT HOPEFULLY CAN BE PRESERVED AND PROTECTED IN THE WILD.

APPROVED METROPOLITAN
SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION NO. 76-527

DATE 5-14-76

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CLERK OF THE BOARD