

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL FACILITIES AND METRO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 25, 2001

Council Chamber

Members Present: Rex Burkholder (Chair), Rod Park

Members Absent: Carl Hosticka (Vice Chair),

Chair Burkholder called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM

1. Consideration of the Minutes of December 6, 2000 Metro Operations Committee Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Park moved to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2000 Metro Operations Committee meeting without revision.

Vote: Councilors Burkholder and Park voted aye. The vote was 2 aye/0 nay/0 abstain, and the motion passed.

2. Committee Workplan 2001

Chair Burkholder reviewed the draft memo, *Committee Work Plan*. A copy is included in the public record. **Councilor Park** said he felt a good dialogue between Council and internal departments was in place, but he was concerned about the dialogue with those that Metro served, e.g. those who interact with the Oregon Zoo might see the Zoo's mission differently than Council saw it. The same held true for interaction with the Oregon Convention Center (OCC), etc. He suggested that the work plan might be disseminated more widely in order to provide an opportunity for participation by a broader audience of interested parties.

Jeff Stone, Council Chief of Staff, suggested that affixing Metro's logo to each of Metro's public facilities should be considered. Last year he met with Mark Williams, Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Center (MERC) General Manager to discuss using the kiosk at OCC to show pictures of Blue Lake and Oxbow Parks and other Metro facilities in an effort to further public education. **Chair Burkholder** responded that it was covered in 1a) of the memo. He agreed that both issues should be noted under that section. **Councilor Park** suggested that a formal resolution might be drafted from the Council with input from Metro departments addressing this subject. **Chair Burkholder** thought it should be a discussion item for Council.

3. Resolution 01-3024 For the Purpose of Adding a New Advisory Committee to the Oregon Convention Center.

Motion: Councilor Park moved to forward Resolution 01-3024 to Council with the requested amendments.

Vote: Councilors Park and Burkholder voted aye. The vote was 2 aye/0 nay/0 abstain, and the motion passed.

Mr. Stone explained that the resolution came about because of IGAs (Intergovernmental Agreements) between Metro, City of Portland and Multnomah County regarding the tax levied on the industry in

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support of tourism that was approved by Council in December 2000. A copy is included in the public record of the meeting. While Mr. Stone was reluctant to add another task force, he felt this was an opportunity to establish a better venue for communication between Metro and its IGA partners. **Councilor Park** suggested that 2a) of Exhibit A of the resolution should specify that the Multnomah County representative should be from "East Multnomah County outside the City of Portland" since the tax was collected as far outside Portland as Cascade Locks. The person could come from East County and still be from within Portland's boundary as it was currently written. He felt his constituents would feel better about the tax they paid for OCC if they had representation on the committee, and further, he hoped that some day Clackamas and Washington County people would participate. **Chair Burkholder** agreed. **Mr. Stone** said that such an amendment would be drafted.

Chair Burkholder hoped that people from Washington and Clackamas Counties would be actively recruited; he wanted a large pool of applicants in order to choose a broad cross-section of interests and perspectives. **Mr. Stone** suggested that the pool of possible members should include users of OCC, e.g. the Oregon Association of Nurserymen with the Farwest Nursery Show. **Councilor Park** asked if membership was limited to those living within the Tri-County area. **Mr. Stone** said he had crafted the criteria to allow wide latitude in the choice of membership by the Council. **Peggy Coats** asked for clarification that Metro could make such a change to a document that had already been signed by all parties. **Mr. Stone** said that since the committee was advisory to Metro Council it could be done.

Chair Burkholder asked for clarification with reference to MERC and OCC and what the scope of the committee would be. **Mr. Stone** responded that the thought was to advise initially on OCC and the questions raised during the IGA negotiations regarding the expansion, but it was not limited to those subjects; it could go beyond that focus if desired. **Executive Officer Mike Burton** noted that there was a cost to Metro for each advisory committee in terms of staffing. He discussed the distribution of additional tax revenues as a result of the OCC Expansion project over the 30 years of the bond measure. He felt that any revenues beyond those already earmarked for specific uses (POVA [Portland Oregon Visitors Association], the lodging association for collecting the taxes and VDF [Visitor Development Fund]) should be put into an operational reserve fund for the facilities. He hoped that the 'citizen' members would clearly come from outside the lodging and car rental industries and represent the broader perspective of the community. **Chair Burkholder** suggested that under Scope in Exhibit A, the bullets be replaced with a numerical list of the key issues by priority.

4. Councilor Communications

Chair Burkholder adjourned the meeting at 10:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Weathers
Council Assistant

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2001

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

<u>ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION</u>	<u>DOCUMENT DATE</u>	<u>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DOCUMENT No.</u>
	1/25/01	Committee Work Plan (Draft)	012501rfom-1

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