

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE OFFICER INFORMAL MEETING

January 22, 2002

Metro Council Annex

Councilors Present: Carl Hosticka (Presiding Officer), Susan McLain (Deputy Presiding Officer), Rod Park, Bill Atherton, Rod Monroe, David Bragdon, Rex Burkholder

Others Present: Mike Burton

Presiding Officer Hosticka convened the Council/Executive Officer Informal Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

1. UPCOMING LEGISLATION

Jeff Stone, Legislative Affairs Officer, reviewed upcoming legislation at Council that included Ordinance No. 01-925D, the Exceptions and Extensions ordinance and an IGA with the City of Gresham.

2. OCC EXPANSION UPDATE

Scott Moss, Associate Director of Administrative Services, introduced Karl Schulz, Facility Director OCC and Jeff Blosser, Senior Project Manager, the other two members of the OCC Expansion team.

Karl Schulz, OCC Expansion Director, updated the Council on the Oregon Convention Center expansion and gave a power point presentation (a copy of which may be found in the meeting record). He spoke to the construction, project schedule and the future of the project. They were currently on schedule. He noted where the steel came from, some from the northwest. He reviewed the project scope, future scope and workforce program.

Councilor Park asked about the air wall.

Mr. Schulz explained the concept. He continued with current specs and the success of the WBE/MBE program. He spoke to the sustainability issue. The big feature was the rain garden.

Councilor Burkholder asked if everyone was aware that the City of Portland would not be supporting the eco-roof, a letter was addressed to Mr. Burton. He noted that Mr. Saltzman had been a big supporter.

Mr. Schulz said they had the structure in place, it was a question of money.

Councilor Monroe asked if it could be added on later?

Mr. Schulz said yes.

Councilor Bragdon said the proposed eco-roof plan hadn't penciled out. He acknowledged what the city had committed to.

Councilor Burkholder noted that the city's budget might have influenced their decision not to support the eco-roof.

Mr. Moss spoke to the evaluation of the project. The Council had passed a resolution to support the process. Completion will occur by April 2003.

Presiding Officer Hosticka asked about signage.

Mr. Blosser responded that they were in the process of planning for signage.

Mr. Schulz said they would like to present the designs being proposed at a future meeting.

Presiding Officer Hosticka noted the concerns about signage.

Councilor Monroe asked about electronic advertising in OCC. Mr. Blosser responded they could work something out to advertise other areas of Metro such as the Oregon Zoo.

3. ART PROPOSED FOR OCC

Eloise Damrosch, RACC Art Director, reviewed the OCC Expansion Public Art Committee membership, chaired by David Bragdon. She spoke to the two pieces of art that had been moved, the log and Martin Luther King Jr. statute. She noted the process they had gone through to identify artists for future art at the Convention Center.

Mr. Burton said he thought the project was to benefit Oregon artists.

Ms. Damrosch said the program had never been specific to Oregon artists. She reviewed the proposed pieces of art.

Councilor Park asked about the theme, had direction been given about livability issues? He asked about reflecting something unique about the quality of life.

Ms. Damrosch said she thought that many of the pieces reflected quality of life.

Councilor Bragdon said they were trying to make the art seamless.

Ms. Damrosch noted that four of the artists were Native American artists, she then showed renditions of the art (a copy of the proposed art is found in the meeting record). Sites for the art included VIP lounge, ballroom level plaques and scones, and restrooms.

Councilor McLain asked how much could they change from what was proposed.

Ms. Damrosch said the committee wouldn't be making the final decision until this Spring. They will see all of the imagery. Councilor Bragdon would report to the council. If there was any substantial change, they had to come back to the committee. She said if Councilor McLain wanted to talk to the artist she could arrange it.

Councilor Bragdon commented about the northwestern flavor of the art. He also thought that where the log and the statute were placed were much better.

Councilor Burkholder asked about the mockups. **Ms. Damrosch** said they were property of Metro.

Mr. Moss commented that they would be going to the Governmental Affairs Committee for approval of the resolution and staff report.

Councilor Burkholder said the next step would be the large pieces.

Councilor McLain said the art work had been mentioned by participants at both of the conventions she had attended at OCC.

Councilor Monroe asked about the marketing of the new space.

Mr. Blosser said he was seeing the economy start to bounce back. They already had some conventions that were going to use the whole building such as the auto show.

Mr. Burton commented that he and Councilor Park sat on the Visitor Development Fund. There were dollars that had been focused on this expansion.

2. CONFERENCE UPDATE

Pam Peck and Mike Hoglund, Planning Department, spoke to the "Let's Talk" upcoming conference, March 15-16, 2001. He reviewed the conference brochure, the councilor's roles, and suggested workshops. He spoke to the marketing and grass roots networking efforts for the conference.

Ms. Peck reviewed the pre-conference plan.

Mr. Hoglund talked more in detail about the conference including the keynote speaker, Jack Ohman. He spoke to the "Where do we grow from here" panel sessions.

Councilor McLain made some recommendations on who might moderate.

Mr. Hoglund continued with the overview, speaking to the format, question and answer time, and the panel tracks. He said that for each of the panels, they would need a councilor to introduce it.

John Donovan, Council Outreach Officer, gave more detail about what the expectations of the councilors would be.

Councilor Park asked if the text was final on the brochure. **Mr. Hoglund** said yes.

Ms. Peck talked about the luncheon, the intent was to include student projects. What it meant to be an Oregonian, livability, etc. High school, middle school and elementary students would be participating and would focus on UGB, transportation, natural resources and livability. She indicated that they would have students participating throughout the conference.

Mr. Hoglund spoke to the expenses of the conference and the registration fee. He noted scholarship opportunities.

Councilor McLain expressed concern about the fee. Could they give scholarships?

Ms. Peck said they had 200 comp tickets. The fees did not cover the true costs of the conference.

Councilor McLain said they wanted to get the public to the conference. They needed to be realistic about who they were going to draw.

Councilor Park asked what the final number they based the fees on?

Councilor Monroe said he would prefer giving partial scholarships.

Ms. Peck said there was information on the registration card about the scholarships.

Councilor McLain asked about the registration process and where the scholarship information was.

Ms. Peck clarified the process.

Councilor Park asked about the public agency, \$50 fee. Was this normal?

Ms. Peck said for some of the smaller jurisdictions there would be a hardship to pay more. They wanted to encourage as many as possible to attend. She spoke to whom the conference was geared to.

Presiding Officer Hosticka asked about checkpoints for registration.

Ms. Peck said they would be tracking daily and increase the effort if there was need for increased registration.

Mr. Hoglund continued with the afternoon session.

Presiding Officer Hosticka asked who was coordinating the councilors efforts.

Mr. Donovan indicated that he would be coordinating.

Mr. Hoglund continued explaining the session. There would be opportunity to state their opinion. He asked council about what types of questions would they like to hear.

Presiding Officer Hosticka suggested working with the committee chairs concerning the questions they would like to see asked.

Councilor McLain said she thought the questions should have the same flavor.

Mr. Donovan concurred with Councilor McLain. The focus of the questions should be consistent.

Ms. Peck said they needed to figure out what they wanted to get out of the conference, how do you move this to the next step.

Councilor McLain spoke to the ballot measures in May 2003. What were the trade-off scenarios? The question had to do with choices.

Mr. Burton suggested that each councilor let them know what would be helpful.

Councilor Burkholder said the importance of the conference also included outgoing information.

Mr. Hoglund said they were trying to keep within the context of state law.

Councilor McLain commented about the media issues. There was a higher level of folks involved on the media side.

Presiding Officer Hosticka suggested that John Donovan gather the questions and send them forward to committees.

Mr. Hoglund suggested that they talk about these issues at the pre-CPC and pre-NRC meetings.

Councilor Park suggested linkages. This may help translate some of this for the public.

Ms. Peck spoke to the town hall meeting discussion. She noted the program on Saturday and the need for councilor's participation as greeters and guides.

Mr. Donovan announced he would be meeting with each councilor about their questions.

Councilor Atherton asked about the town hall meeting.

Ms. Peck said it was Friday evening, at the KGW studio.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Mike Burton, Executive Officer, said Larry Eaton, bus buryer, was contacted by CBS and People Magazine. He noted that Washington County had suggested that they talk to Metro.

Councilor McLain asked about the Washington County Forum.

Councilor Park said he had given a talk to realtors.

Presiding Officer Hosticka added his comments about Mr. Eaton's property.

4. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Burkholder spoke to a white paper, concerning MCCI. They did a good job of the paper, he encouraged councilors to read it. He spoke to the Bicycle Transportation Alliance awards dinner on February 16th.

Mr. Burton reminded council of the Transition Advisory Task Force meeting tomorrow.

Councilor McLain said they were planning on having a Natural Resources Committee meeting next week and explained why. It would be on January 30th.

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Hosticka adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2002

TOPIC	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NUMBER
OCC EXPANSION POWER POINT PRESENTATION	1/22/02	PRESENTATION BY KARL SCHULZ, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER OF OCC EXPANSION TO METRO COUNCIL	012202CE-01
OCC EXPANSION PUBLIC ART PROGRAM	11/27/01	LIST OF ART BEING PROPOSED FOR OCC EXPANSION PRESENTED BY ELOISE DAMROSCH TO METRO COUNCIL	012202CE-02
LET'S TALK CONFERENCE BROCHURE	MARCH 15-16, 2002	WHERE DO WE GROW FROM HERE CONFERENCE BROCHURE PRESENTED BY PAM PECK AND MIKE HOGLUND TO THE METRO COUNCIL	012202CE-03
INVITATION	2/16/02	THE ALICE B TOECLIPS AWARD PARTY INVITATION FROM BTA TO METRO COUNCIL	012202CE-04