



MINUTES OF THE JOINT METRO COUNCIL AND MERC COMMISSION WORK SESSION MEETING

May 17, 2011
Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Tom Hughes (Council President), Kathryn Harrington, Rex Burkholder, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: Shirley Craddick, Carlotta Collette

Commissioners Present: Elisa Dozono, Judie Hammerstad, Cynthia Haruyama, Chris Erickson, Terry Goldman

Commissioners Absent: Ray Leary, Karis Stoudamire-Phillips

Council President Tom Hughes and Commissioner Elisa Dozono convened the Joint Metro Council and MERC Commission Work Session Meeting at 2:15 p.m.

1. UPCOMING EVENT UPDATES

Teri Dresler of Metro invited the Commission and Council to participate in the VIP opening of the Hoyt Street Station Café in front of the Metro Regional Center. Ms. Dresler also noted there would be an invitation arriving in July for a spotlight tour at the Kelly Auditorium.

2. MISSION OF MERCY PRESENTATION

Bill Zepp of the Oregon Dental Association presented a video on the Mission of Mercy event at the Oregon Convention Center (OCC). Mr. Zepp invited the Council and Commission to join in next year's event as well. Though there were some challenges from the Mission of Mercy event held at the OCC, Mr. Zepp noted there would be many improvements including adding a greater education component as well as cleaning every patient's teeth.

Discussion included support for the Mission of Mercy and disappointment in the negative coverage.

3. ARELENE SCHNITZER CONCERT HALL RENOVATIONS/MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROPOSAL.

Robin Williams of Metro and Karl Schulz of the inici Group provided a PowerPoint presentation on the concert hall renovations and project proposal. The Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall renovation is meant to provide necessary patron efficiencies and comforts, improve seating comfort and sightlines, increase restroom capacity, and enhance acoustics on and off stage. The Main Street development project proposal is meant to create flexible space to support the Hatfield Hall and the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, create new revenue opportunities, help create an iconic identity for the Portland Center for the Performing Arts and further the development of the Arts District.

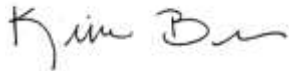
Council and Commission asked clarifying questions including if seat comfort included more leg room, the impact on revenue from these renovations, funding and the timeline. Concerns included loss of public access between the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall and the Hatfield Hall. There was consensus to continue working towards these projects, but asked for more information regarding the stated questions and concerns.

4. OREGON CONVENTION CENTER LONG RANGE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Council President Tom Hughes provided an introduction and explanation for the Oregon Convention Center discussion. Discussion included work Mayor Sam Adams has proposed including working with the Inn at the Convention Center and the Red Lion. Further discussion asked if there needed to be one large hotel or if blocks at several hotels could provide the same service. Commissioner Dozono expressed the need for a larger hotel near the OCC in order to obtain large conventions specifically international ones. The Council and Commission supported continuing this conversation and asked for all of the information available regarding a hotel near the OCC is provided before the next meeting including national projections for this type of business.

Adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Prepared by,

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
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Item	Topic	Doc. Date	Document Description	Doc. Number
1	Handout	5/17/11	2009 Aerial Photography of OCC and surrounding area	051711cw-1
2	Video	5/17/11	Mission of Mercy Portland, Oregon November 22-23, 2010	051711cw-2