

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING) RESOLUTION NO. 95-2163A
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT)
CONTRACTS BETWEEN METRO AND EIGHT) Introduced by
CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORIZING THE) Mike Burton, Executive Officer
EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE)
AMENDMENTS AS NECESSARY TO)
COMPLETE THE PROJECTS)

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan identifies citizen environmental awareness and education of urban natural area as a goal; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Council approved Resolution 92-1720 which established program guidelines and funding criteria for the environmental education grant program; and

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WHEREAS, Eight (8) contractors have requested time extensions from the original completion dates for the environmental education projects, and

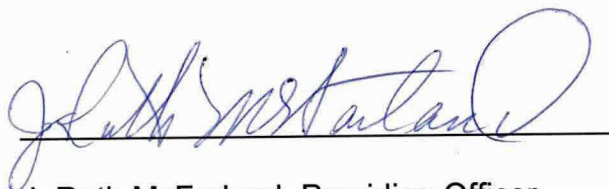
WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.04.045 requires the Council, to approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute any amendments to contracts originally established by Council action; and

WHEREAS, The intergovernmental agreements for those eight (8) projects are not governed by any critical time constraints, and remain incomplete; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED

- 1.) That the Metro Council hereby approves eight (8) environmental education contract extensions listed in Exhibit A.
- 2.) That the Metro Council authorizes the Executive Officer to execute the contract extensions and any/all subsequent amendments necessary to facilitate and ensure completion of the projects.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council on this 6 day of July, 1995.



J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer

Exhibit A

Greenspaces Environmental Education Grant Contract Extensions

Contractor	Contract Number.	Project	Extension Date
Wilsonville Primary School	903564	Boeckman Crk monitoring, video	6/30 7/31/95
CE Mason School	903566	Hall Crk mitigation site for Light Rail	6/30 7/31/95
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REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 95-2163, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT CONTRACTS BETWEEN METRO AND EIGHT CONTRACTORS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE PROJECTS

Date: June 29, 1995

Presented by: Councilor McCaig

Committee Recommendation: At the June 27 meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 95-2163. Voting in favor: Councilors McCaig, Morissette and Washington.

Committee Issues/Discussion: Ron Klein, Regional Parks and Greenspaces, presented the staff report. He noted that eight of the grantees that had received funds from the second year of the Greenspaces Environmental Education Grant Program were unable to complete their projects by the closing date specified in their contract or intergovernmental agreement. Most of these closing dates occurred earlier this spring. A variety of factors contributed to the delays in completing these projects including logistics, participant workload and underestimating the amount of time that would be needed.

The purpose of this resolution would be to allow the Executive Officer to extend the closing dates for the affected intergovernmental agreements and contracts to allow adequate time for them to be completed. Klein submitted an amended Exhibit A to further extend those projects that had been proposed to be extended to June 30, 1995. The new proposed extension date would be July 31, 1995. Klein noted that several of these projects had submitted incomplete reimbursement vouchers and that Metro would need additional time to process these vouchers.

The committee approved the proposed amended Exhibit A.

STAFF REPORT

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Date: June 5, 1995

Presented by: Ron Klein

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Resolution No. 95-2163 requests the amendment of eight (8) contracts for the purpose of extending Greenspace Environmental Education Grants. On December 22, 1992, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 92-1720 which established program guidelines and funding criteria for the grant program. On March 10, 1994, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 94-1908A for the purpose of funding second year Greenspaces Environmental Education Grants to 16 grantees.

The intergovernmental agreement or contract with each grantee specified a completion date of the education grant project (i.e. March 31, 1995). Eight (8) grantees have requested extensions of time to complete their projects as specified in Exhibit A. Delays in the 2nd-year grant program by Metro, difficulty in grantee partner logistics, teacher workload, and simply needing more time to complete the project were among the reasons cited for an extension.

Approval of the contract extensions would allow the completion of the projects and produce additional environmental education materials and methods for future use. These activities also directly support the goals of the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan to encourage citizen awareness and understanding of urban natural areas.

FISCAL IMPACT

The extensions of time and changes to the contracts do not require any additional funds. At the April 20, 1995 Budget Committee hearing, technical adjustments to carry-over these projects were approved and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service revenue expenditure authority provided in the FY95-96 budget.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 95-2163.

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