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# Metro | *Exposition Recreation Commission*

## Agenda

Meeting: Metro Exposition Recreation Commission Retreat  
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Place: Oregon Convention Center, VIP Suite B and Holladay Suites

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### **8:30 – 9:00 VIP Suite B**

#### **Room available for coffee, water, snacks, mingling**

*Attendees: Commissioners, Scott Cruickshank, Venue Directors, Nathan Sykes, Ben Rowe, Heather Back, Margie Helton, Scott Sadler (Facilitator)*

### **9:00**

#### **Welcome/Goals for the day - *Cruickshank***

### **9:05**

#### **Getting to know you – *Sadler***

Commissioners will each have a few minutes to share a bit about themselves and discuss the talents they bring to the board.

### **10:00**

#### **Venue Directors/MERC collaboration - *Sadler***

*Goal: Clarity on functions of commissioners and staff*

- What are the top things Directors want MERC commissioners to know about their venue?
- In what ways can commissioners be most effective in their support of the venues? How can the relationships between the commission and the venues be most beneficial for both?
- What role(s) make the most sense for MERC commissioners to fill with the venue(s) they are liaison to?

### **11:00**

#### **Commissioners' role to support and uplift MERC Venues - *Sadler***

*Goal: Ideas for profile elevation*

Discussion – MERC's roles have changed over the years and continue to change. What does a more robust role as policy influencers and venue advocates look like? How does the commission keep its role as proponents of racial equity alive?

### **Noon**

#### **Lunch – Holladay Suite**

### **1:00 – 1:15 Break**

### **1:15 Return to VIP Suite B**

**1:15**

**MERC Relationship with Metro Council - *Ina Zucker***

Goal: Clarity on functions of commissioners; better understanding of MERC/Metro relationship

- An introduction to Metro Councilors – understanding their constituents and their mission.

**Discussion – What are your expectations as far as MERC’s impacts on:**

- Metro Council
- The community

**2:00**

**Making connections with communities and committees to support the venues - *Sadler***

Goal: *Strategy for commissioners to be effective liaisons for the venues*

- Where do commissioners make connections?
  - Relationship with government entity that nominated them for MERC
  - Metro-related and other committee memberships Other boards
  - Community groups
  - Other city/county government connections
  - Travel and tourism related organizations

**3:00**

**Wrap up and MERC/Metro Council Work Session Planning - *Sadler***

What is your expected outcome of a joint session with Metro Council?

What is the timing for a joint work session?

**3:30**

**Adjourn to MERC meeting, Holladay Suite**