

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 1998

Metro Council Chamber

Members Present: Ruth McFarland (Chair), Patricia McCaig (Vice Chair)

Members Absent: Rod Monroe

Chair McFarland called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM. She noted that Councilor Monroe would not be present as he had a funeral to attend.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 1998

Chair McFarland approved the minutes of October 7, 1998.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 98-2719, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE M. JAMES GLEASON BOAT RAMP AND BROUGHTON BEACH IMPROVEMENTS

Berit Stevenson, Metro Property Services Division, briefly summarized the purpose of the resolution. She said the contract needs Council approval because it would be a multi-year contract. She recalled for the committee that the master plan for which these design services would be executed had been approved by the Council last March. She said this is the next step--to proceed with the capital improvements in that master plan. She said that at this stage most of the elements would be designed. The reason for designing everything now, regardless of the implementation timeline, is so that utilities can be coordinated.

Ms. Stevenson said this project has several partners. Multnomah County has participated in the master planning all along. It would lead the design effort and fund its own part of the design and improvements, which are mainly those associated with the river patrol. The Oregon State Marine Board has also been involved since the beginning of this project. The Marine Board and the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department will provide a grant to pay for the design of the boating facilities. The Marine Board has also said it will help fund the improvements when the time comes. Metro's part centers on the beach-users and day-use areas, which includes the parking lot.

Ms. Stevenson recalled for the committee that when the master plan was discussed last March, three possible scenarios were presented for the parking lot. One would be to build the entire parking lot. Scenario two would build half as much initially and build the second half if and when the need arises. Scenario three would build half as much as paved surface and the other half gravel. The procedure would be to work with the city to decide which scenario to pursue. Building the parking lot would require several reviews, including one for planning, land use, and environmental, and those issues will be addressed. The final decision will depend on those reviews and discussions with the contractor.

Ms. Stevenson said that this authorization is also subject to completion of a real estate transaction with the Port of Portland on the purchase of two parcels. One of the parcels is the portage marina property, a 1-1/3 acre parcel to the west; the other is the beach, is a nine-acre parcel to the east. Those acquisitions will come as part of measure 20-26, to be voted on November 3 and to appear before the Council on November 12. The RFP would not be issued until all parties have agreed to the real estate transaction. The reason for seeking approval now is timing on the grant from the Oregon State Marine Board on design. The RFP for design needs to be issued in order to have enough design work done to apply for the grants to do the improvements.

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Chair McFarland said she is particularly enthusiastic about the fact that this is a multiple-funding approach, which makes it more effective than if the funds came from any one group by itself.

Motion:

Councilor McCaig moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 98-2719.

Vote:

Chair McFarland and Councilor McCaig voted aye. Councilor Monroe was absent. The vote was 2/0, and the motion passed.

Councilor McCaig will carry the resolution to a meeting of the full Council.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 98-2698, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE GREENSPACES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charlie Ciecko, Regional Parks and Greenspaces, said this is a housekeeping measure. The original advisory committee was created by resolution in 1990. Much has happened since then, including the creation of the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department and, even more important, creation of a Regional Framework Plan. The existing resolution is outdated and obsolete. (The old resolution is contained in the meeting record.) This new resolution clarifies the roles and responsibilities as well as the membership in this advisory committee. The resolution gives the Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee a specific charge: to provide the Department with technical advice and assistance with respect to development of a functional plan for Chapter 3 of the Regional Framework Plan. It establishes the Department Director as the Chair, consistent with the way the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) is set up. It creates a sunset date for the committee, which is four years from the date of adoption. For the GTAC to continue, Council would need to extend and reclarify the committee's charge. It gives appointment authority to the affected organizations, agencies, and jurisdictions, rather than having to burden the executive officer or the Council with each one. It specifies the composition of the GTAC, which as written includes 37 seats. All parties have indicated an interest in participating, and many have made financial contributions to the process.

Councilor McCaig asked if the new resolution created any differences in membership composition. Mr. Ciecko said there are some slight changes. As before, the four counties and all the local jurisdictions would be included. In addition, there would be federal representation from a couple of agencies and from a couple of non-profits, such as the Audobon Society and the Nature Conservancy. The new resolution gives formal representation to the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District and North Clackamas Park and Recreation District. The latter did not exist when the original resolution was passed.

Councilor McCaig asked about the appointment format. Mr. Ciecko reiterated that in the past appointments passed through the executive officer and through the Council. Now each jurisdiction would appoint a representative, rather than requiring each one to seek Council approval.

Chair McFarland expressed some misgivings about the appointment process, but said she could see how it might be appropriate.

Motion:

Councilor McCaig moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 98-2698.

Vote:

Chair McFarland and Councilor McCaig voted aye. Councilor Monroe was absent. The vote was 2/0, and the motion passed.

Councilor McFarland will carry the resolution to a meeting of the full Council.

8. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

None.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM.

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