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## Minutes

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

12:45 PM

Joint Metro Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC)/Metro  
Council Work Session  
Oregon Convention Center, Room F151

**Council work session**

**1. Call to Order and Introductions (12:45 PM)**

Council President Hughes called the work session meeting of the Metro Council and the Metro Exposition Recreation Commission to order. He spoke to the future benefits of the hotel and recognized how the group in front of him has championed for the project all along the way. He acknowledged Mortenson Construction as a great project partner.

Chair Karis Stoudamire-Philips, MERC Commissioner: spoke to the enjoyment of the sales missions with Travel Portland and OCC staff to attract national and international conventions to the region. She further acknowledged that the addition of the Hyatt/Convention Center Hotel would promote Portland's ability to continue to attract more national and international conventions to the region, creating prosperity for all.

Mr. Scott Cruickshank, Metro Visito Venue General Manager: introduced the new Metro Deputy COO, Andrew Scott. Mr. Cruickshank thanked Ms. Alison Kean for her work at Metro. He noted that Ms. Kean had provided extensive legal expertise on the hotel project for many years. Mr. Cruickshank noted that the Hyatt Regency Portland is well underway and thanked everyone for their support of the project as well as understanding the significant economic benefits that the hotel will bring to the region. He went on to say that the completion of the project will fulfill the public need for an adjacent upscale hotel with a room block agreement available to Oregon Convention Center clients, while managing public risk.

**3. Work Session Topics:****2. General Manager: Outline of Today's Session (12:50 PM)**

Mr. Cruickshank provided a brief outline of the session.

**3.1 Construction Project and Schedule (1:00 PM)**

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Mr. Tom Lander, Vice President of Mortenson Development and Mr. Pat Clemmons, Senior Project Manager from Mortenson Portland shared details on the progress of construction. Mr. Clemons reported the following: the project was on schedule and on budget, there were no significant design changes, the project was on track to receive LEED silver certification, there were 135 craft on site daily, and there were over 160,00 work hours on the project to-date. Councilor Betty Dominguez expressed surprise that there were no change orders to-date.

### 3.2 Social Equity Progress (1:15 PM)

Ms. Eleonore Oshitoye, Diversity Inclusion Manager for Mortenson, provided an update on the work force equity goals and outreach. She provided slides detailing outreach in community trade shows, meetings, job/career fairs and other activities. She reported that Construction phase was at 23.3% MWESB . She also reported on the goals for Workforce through May. Mr. Clemons reviewed a slide with a graph showing workforce projections versus actuals for people of color and females. Ms. Oshitoye provided narratives on success stories during the design and construction phase and shared the journey of two apprentices.

### 3.3 Apprenticeship Program (1:30 PM)

Mr. David Fortney, Metro Construction Career Pathways Project Manager provided information on the apprenticeship program available due to Mortenson Construction and Metro's financial co-investment. He stated that this investment provided resources to enhance the apprenticeship opportunities and increase retention strategies for laborers of color and women. Mr. Fortney spoke of the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center.

*Council discussion*

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Councilor Dominguez noted that POIC and OIC both provide for educational opportunities for acquiring GEDs.

Councilor Shirley Craddick asked if people coming out of the apprenticeship program were working on the hotel project or other construction projects. Mr. Fortney responded in the affirmative.

#### **3.4 Advance Oregon Convention Center (OCC) Booking Report (1:40 PM)**

Ms. Cindy Wallace, Oregon Convention Center Director of Sales reviewed successful results with advance booking of convention at the Oregon Convention Center. She noted that in fiscal year 2018, 25 conventions contracted with the OCC because of the Hyatt Regency Portland. Ms. Wallace discussed that the original forecast for the Hyatt Regency Portland was that OCC would attract 5-10 additional conventions to Portland each year. She mentioned that the OCC confirmed 4-7 additional conventions each year starting in 2020. Councilor Dominguez asked about the types of convention booked. Ms. Wallace recited a sampling of the types of conventions booked.

Commissioner Malan referenced the City of Portland's efforts to ensure that Portland was a City of inclusiveness and asked if that was reflected in the association and meeting planners booking with OCC. Ms. Wallace responded that OCC receives a variety of firm bookings and interest from various multicultural associations and planners.

#### **3.5 Site Walk Briefing on Safety (1:55 PM)**

#### **4. Adjourn and Site Tour (2:15 PM)**