

MSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 1977 MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ray Miller, Chairman  
Sidney Bartels  
Mel Gordon  
Robert Schumacher  
James Robnett  
Connie McCready

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Lyle Salquist

ADVISORS IN ATTENDANCE

Dean Gisvold, Attorney  
Bob Brown, DEQ

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

List attached.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Charles Kemper  
Merle Irvine  
Warren Iliff  
Jean Woodman

METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT  
BOARD ACTION

NO. 77-771 DATE 3-25-77  
YES NO ABST.

BARTELS  
GORDON  
McCREADY  
ROBNETT  
SALQUIST  
SCHUMACHER  
MILLER, CHAIRMAN

	YES	NO	ABST.
BARTELS			
GORDON			
McCREADY			
ROBNETT			
SALQUIST			
SCHUMACHER			
MILLER, CHAIRMAN			

*[Signature]*  
Clerk of the Board

The clerk called the role and there being a quorum present, the Board considered the following items of business:

77-760 MINUTES

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 1977, as submitted. Councilman Bartels seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. (Commissioner McCready and Mayor Robnett were not present for this agenda item.)

77-761 PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Miller asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Board on matters not listed on the meeting agenda. There was no response.

77-762 CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Councilman Bartels moved to approve payment of Checks No. 2698 through 2800 in the total amount of \$45,948.10. Commissioner Gordon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. (Commissioner McCready was not present for this agenda item.)

77-763 CONTRACT 76-029 - MARTIN/SODERSTROM/MATTESON - CHIMPANZEE/ORANGUTAN EXHIBIT

Mr. Iliff reviewed the staff report recommending termination of the contract with Martin/Soderstrom/Matteson for design of the Zoo chimpanzee/orangutan exhibit. Mr. Iliff based his recommendation on the high cost of constructing the exhibit, and staff's present solicitation from planning agencies for an overall Zoo plan. He stated he was against expending a major portion of the Zoo's capital improvement fund on a project he felt may be altered by a successful request for proposals. Mr. Iliff's recommendation would cost the MSD approximately \$21,000 plus staff and attorney time for the project to date and would offer no return, (\$8,000 in conceptual designs already paid and \$13,780 owing for technical designs). In response, Mr. Gisvold presented an agreement for Martin's signature which would release \$13,780 owing to Martin in return for ownership by MSD of all design plans.

Mr. Will Martin, of Martin/Soderstrom/Matteson addressed the Board urging continuation of the project in the interest of time and money expended and inflation of costs due to delay. He stated that the release was not acceptable and that a matter of professional ethics would be involved in hiring another architect to complete the designs. The Board felt that there was also a matter of professional ethics involved in Martin's failure to fulfill his contract and provide MSD with true construction cost estimates on the project.

In discussion of the release and staff recommendation, Commissioner Schumacher and Councilman Bartels were in favor of stopping all work on the project without termination of the contract, until staff presented the results of the requests for proposals.

Commissioner Miller stated that he was not against expending 25% of the Zoo's capital improvement funding on the exhibit, as he felt this was a major item of interest to the public. He suggested cancellation of the contract without prejudice. Commissioner Gordon was in favor of cancelling the contract with the architect's release of the designs, and suggested that the MSD Attorney discuss the release with Martin's attorney. Commissioner McCready was also in favor of cancellation. She felt Martin was in violation of their contract and payment of monies owing should place the plans in MSD's possession.

Councilman Bartels moved to direct MSD counsel to meet with Martin/Soderstrom/Matteson and/or their attorney to reach an agreement on the \$13,780 owing and ownership of all designs, and if possible, without termination of the existing contract; and to bring the matter before the Board on March 25, 1977. Commissioner Schumacher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### 77-764 FOOD SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Iliff reviewed the meeting of the Food Services Advisory Committee discussing operation of the Zoo concessions. He stated that a plan of operation would be forthcoming developed by the new Visitor Services Manager, staff and the Advisory Committee. Staff recommendation was to continue MSD operation of the concession until the plan is developed. Mr. Iliff stated that the committee did feel, however, that some capital improvements would have to be made at this time, such as new ranges and refrigeration. Commissioner Gordon was concerned with expending monies on improvements that might better be considered if the Board determines the concession should be placed under private operation. Mr. Iliff assured him that any improvements made could be included for purchase if the concession is let to a concessionaire.

With a union negotiating date of May 1st before the Board, Commissioner Gordon asked staff for specific progress dates on when the Board might expect a final report from the Committee. Mr. Iliff stated that a report and capital improvements guidelines would be adopted by the Committee on Thursday, March 17, 1977, and would be before the Board at the March 25, meeting.

There was some discussion on the union May 1st negotiation date, and whether the Board would have time to discuss and make a decision on public or private concession operations. Mr. Gisvold did not feel that the negotiations would be extensive, in that wages and automatic termination of the contract would be the two main issues. There was some feeling that MSD should operate the concessions for at least another year, and some concern that even if the committee recommended private operation, a request for proposals would be a lengthy process extending beyond the May 1st date. Mr. Gisvold stated that under such a request, the members of the committee could not legally submit bids. Commissioner Gordon suggested they be contacted individually for submission of proposals. Mr. Gisvold will research the State Statutes to make a determination. Councilman Bartels stated that if MSD invests three million dollars in capital improvements, the results would be increase Zoo visitation and increased concession sales. He felt this should be a consideration for self operation.

A decision on this agenda item was delayed until March 25, 1977, at which time Mr. Iliff will provide a concession plan of operation which will address contracting or self-operation of the concession.

#### 77-765 MUSK OX PROJECT

Mr. Iliff reviewed staff request for an expenditure of \$6,000 for the capture of three musk oxen for the MSD Zoo. He stated that display of these animals was rare in the United States, and that to purchase a pair would cost \$27,000. He also stated that no monies would be expended until the animals were captured. Commissioner Gordon questioned the budget item listed in the staff report as contingency. Mr. Irvine stated that funds would have to be reappropriated by ordinance which would be brought before the Board at a later date.

Mayor Robnett moved to approve the musk ox project with an expenditure not to exceed \$6,000. Commissioner Schumacher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### 77-766 TRAVEL REQUEST

Mr. Iliff submitted a written request for Zoo travel for the remaining fiscal year in a total amount of \$1,948. In reviewing funds already expended, Commissioner McCready questioned Steve McCusker's travel from Texas. Mr. Iliff stated that these were moving expenses paid when Mr. McCusker was hired, and was approved by the Board.

Mayor Robnett moved to approve the following travel expenditures:

1. American Association of Museums Conference  
May 29 - June 2, Seattle, Washington  
Total cost of \$300
2. AAZPA Regional Conference (Education Department)  
May 8 - 12, Seattle, Washington  
Total cost of \$300
3. Western Psychological Association Meeting  
April 21 - 24, Seattle, Washington  
Total cost of \$250
4. AAZPA Regional Conference (Research)  
May 8 - 12, Seattle, Washington  
Total cost of \$300
5. American Association of Mammologists Conference  
June 19 - 23, East Lansing, Michigan  
Total cost of \$498
6. AAZPA Regional Conference (two keepers)  
May 8 - 12, Seattle, Washington  
Total cost of \$300

with the total cost not to exceed \$1,948. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schumacher. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### 77-767 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON PROJECT

Mr. Iliff reviewed the University of Oregon project for a Spring Seminar at the Zoo. This project is in cooperation with the Zoological Society and the Jackson Foundation with the Zoo providing space and some minor supplies. Mr. Iliff stated that in return, the Zoo will receive copies of designs and graphic treatments of the Zoo.

No action taken.

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#### OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Schumacher moved in favor of considering a Solid Waste Program trip request, and current legislative discussion item under Other Business. Commissioner McCready seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### 77-768 Contract 77-057 - Nancy Gilliam

This item removed from the agenda.

77-769 Trip Request Justification - Solid Waste Program

Mayor Robnett moved to approve the NSWMA meeting trip for Charles Kemper, May 13, 1977 through May 25, 1977, at a cost not to exceed \$1,100. Commissioner Schumacher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

77-770 Legislative Discussion - HB 2683

(Commissioners Schumacher and Gordon left the meeting.)

Staff presented engrossed HB 2683 which was developed in response to guidelines set by the Board. The Board discussed the bill briefly and took no action.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.