METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 25

Authorizing the expenditure of \$15,000 to assist in a pilot project targeted at solving the community crime problem.

The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:

- 1. That gang activity and crime in the community is growing at a rapid rate, and the area from the Lloyd Center to the Memorial Coliseum is witnessing the same rapid increase in criminal activity.
- 2. That the Oregon Convention Center is situated in the middle of the affected area and is scheduled to open in September, 1990.
- 3. That Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt and the Multnomah County District Attorney, Michael Schrunk, are recommending the initiation of a pilot project for neighborhood-based prosecution in the Oregon Convention Center/Memorial Coliseum/Lloyd Center area.
- 4. That the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will be responsible for the operation of this pilot project.
- 5. That an Assistant District Attorney and support staff will be assembled to conduct this pilot project which has a one year budget of \$90,000; further that six \$15,000 grants from major public and private organizations within this area are being sought to fund the project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Commission authorizes the expenditure of \$15,000 to give funding assistance to the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office for a pilot project of neighborhood-based crime prosecution in the Lloyd District surrounding the Oregon Convention Center and with the following conditions:
 - a. the remaining \$75,000 of the total \$90,000 budget for the program is to be raised elsewhere;

- b. this is a one year, pilot program only, and the Commission does not intend to provide further funding;
- c. the Commission will receive statistical information quarterly in order to measure the effectiveness of the program.
- 2. That staff is directed to communicate with City of Portland and Multnomah County officials, explaining the Commission's position, and strongly encouraging them to meet their responsibilities to secure funding to continue this program.

Passed by the Commission on July 11, 1989.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Secretary/Treasure