

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 54**

Regarding a gift of artwork for the Oregon Convention Center.

The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:

1. That in April, 1989, the Metro Council passed a Resolution that authorized the Metro Executive Officer to set aside a portion of the Oregon Convention Center site for the placement of a work of art dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr.

2. That the April, 1989, Metro Council Resolution authorized the Metro Executive to appoint a committee for the selection of such art.

3. That a committee was appointed by the Metro Executive, chaired by Senator Bill McCoy, and the committee has selected an artist and approved the design for a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

4. That the proposed location for the artwork is on the east side of the Oregon Convention Center, facing Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., close to the intersection with NE Oregon St.

5. That Metro's convention center art selection committee has chosen artists through a competitive process, for the "one percent for art" public funds for the project.

6. That the proposed Martin Luther King artwork will be paid for through private contributions, and will not be funded by the "one percent for art" or through other public funds.

7. That artwork should be appropriate and consistent with the appearance and architecture of the Oregon Convention Center.

8. That the Metropolitan Arts Commission exists as an organization with long-term experience in evaluating public art selection and siting processes.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:**

1. That the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission requests the Metropolitan Arts Commission to review the selection process and art work and provide an advisory opinion to MERC.

2. That the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission requests the OCC project architect to provide an opinion that the selected artwork is not inappropriate nor inconsistent with the appearance and architecture of the Oregon Convention Center.


3. That the Commission requests staff to work with the Metropolitan Service District and the Metropolitan Arts Commission to assist MERC in formulating procedures and guidelines for the acceptance of future gifts of art for MERC facilities.

Passed by the Commission on March 14, 1990.

  
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Chair

  
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Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Metro General Counsel