METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 87

Authorizing the expenditure of \$30,000 to assist in a pilot project to address community crime problems.

The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:

- 1. That the Commission authorized the expenditure of \$15,000 to give funding assistance to the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office for assistance in solving community crime, on July 11, 1989, by Resolution No. 25, subject to funding of the total project costs from other sources and a firm understanding that this was a one-year pilot project only.
- 2. That the Exposition-Recreation Commission authorized the expenditure of \$15,000 to give funding assistance to the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office for the same purpose, on April 12, 1989, by Resolution No. 605.
- 3. That both expenditures were contingent upon the raising of other funds.
- 4. That the Holladay District Association has sought funding from state sources and from its membership.
- 5. That the application for grant funds from the State of Oregon was not approved.
- 6. That cash and in-kind donations from Holladay District Association members together with the previously authorized funds of \$15,000 from MERC and \$15,000 from ERC are sufficient to support the project for one year.
- 7. That the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission has funding to cover this expenditure in their Central Management FY 1990-91 Budget.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Chairman and Secretary/ Treasurer are authorized to sign on behalf of the Commission an agreement which authorizes the expenditure of \$30,000 to assist in solving community crime through a neighborhood based prosecution project.

Passed by the Commission on August 8, 1990.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Secretary/Treasurer



Civic Stadium

August 3, 1990

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission

FROM:

Lee Fehrenkamp, General Manager,

SUBJECT: Neighborhood Based Prosecution Project

Background

In the Spring of 1989, the Holladay District Association began exploring the possibility of a neighborhood based prosecution pilot project. Working with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, the association outlined their concerns over the lack of consequences for criminal activity that continually affected their businesses. The pilot project was drafted to address their concerns, and funding from district interests was solicited. The City Exposition-Recreation Commission (by Resolution No. 605) and the Metro Exposition-Recreation Commission (by Resolution No. 25) approved the allocation of \$15,000 each for this project. These funds were contingent upon raising the remainder of the funding, six \$15,000 grants, from major public and private organizations within the targeted area. This effort was unsuccessful and the project was stalled.

Update

In Januay, 1990, a series of meetings among commercial and residential interests in the Holladay District was convened by Metro Councilor David Knowles, and Matt Klein, Chair of the Holladay District Association. The result of those meetings was the preparation of the Holladay District Public Safety Action Plan. One of the strategies identified in the plan was the pilot prosecution project.

In May, 1990, grant funding for the project was sought through the Governor's Drug and Violent Crime Policy Board. The concept paper was accepted for full grant application, but was not successful in receiving funding when the final decisions were made in July, 1990.

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With the opening of the Oregon Convention Center in September and many other major developmental changes coming in the area, the Holladay District Association is again seeking funding for this project.

Concept

The Neighborhood Based Prosecution Project will assign a deputy district attorney to work in the Holladay District. The deputy will direct the prosecutorial resources of the district. Specifically, the deputy will:

- Work with an advisory council composed of law enforcement, business, private security, MERC special services department, and neighborhood representatives. The council will oversee the project.
- Coordinate the investigation, issuance, and prosecution of target cases selected according to criteria approved by the council.
- Assist deputy district attorneys in preparation and resolution of target cases.
 Encourage citizen input on custody status and sentencing decisions. Monitor all probation files and aggressively pursue probation violations. Link community service and alternative progams with misdemeanant defendants. Assume complete responsibility for special cases.
- Assist district citizens in preparation for court proceedings.
- Participate in regular meetings with law enforcement, private security, commercial citizen representatives.
- Monitor all district cases and provide case status information.
- Prepare a monthly written report for the District Attorney, the Chief Deputy of District Court, and the advisory council. Include statistical information for evaluation of the program. Recommend changes in the scope, objectives or duties of the project as appropriate.

Metro Councilor David Knowles, Matt Klein, and Multnomah County District Attorney Michael Schrunk will be at the Commission's August meeting to review this project and answer any questions you may have.

Resolution No. _____, attached, would approve this \$30,000 expenditure. Included in Metro ERC's Central Management FY 1990-91 Budget, Fund No. 751, is \$132,216 for Miscellaneous Professional Services that could be used to cover this expenditure.