

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 00-33**

Accepting the Martin Luther King Jr. statue, "The Dream" as a dedicated artwork gift to the Oregon Convention Center from the Martin Luther King Jr. Statue Foundation.

**The Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission finds:**

1. The Metro Council adopted Resolution 89-906 on April 13, 1989 which in part authorized that a portion of the Oregon Convention Center site be set aside for the placement of a work of art dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr. and to appoint a committee for the selection of such art.

2. The Selection Committee, chaired by the late Senator Bill McCoy, chose an artist, commissioned a piece of artwork and proceeded to solicit private, donated funds to pay for expenses incurred.

3. On August 28, 1998, the Martin Luther King Jr. statue, "The Dream" was dedicated and placed at the Oregon Convention Center site.

4. The Martin Luther King Jr. Statue Foundation has dedicated and gifted "The Dream" to the Oregon Convention Center.

**BE THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission hereby accepts the Martin Luther King Jr. statue, "The Dream", as a gift from the Martin Luther King Jr. Statue Foundation.

Passed by the Commission on September 20, 2000.

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Chair

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Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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Kathleen Pool  
Senior Assistant Counsel

## MERC Staff Report

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**Presented By:** Jeffrey A. Blosser

**Date:** September 20, 2000

**Background and Analysis:** On April 13, 1989, the Metro Council adopted Resolution 89-906, which in part, authorized that a portion of the Oregon Convention Center site be set aside for the placement of a work of art dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr. and to appoint a committee for the selection of such art. This action was taken prior to the R.A.C.C. agreement with MERC. The Selection Committee, which was chaired by the late Senator Bill McCoy, chose an artist, commissioned a piece of artwork and proceeded to solicit private, donated funds to pay for expenses incurred. On August 29, 1998, the Martin Luther King Jr. statue, "The Dream" was dedicated and placed at the Oregon Convention Center site. In July of 2000, the Martin Luther King Jr. Statue Foundation sent a letter to the Director of the Oregon Convention Center dedicating and gifting the statue to the Center for all to enjoy. With this gift, the Foundation asked that the governing body of the Center take the responsibility for upkeep and maintenance of the statue. Further, any changes made in regards to the statue, the artist, Michael Florin Dente, and the Foundation be included as a part of the decision making process.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission accept the Martin Luther King Jr. statue "The Dream" as a dedicated artwork gift to the Oregon Convention Center from the Martin Luther King Jr. Statue Foundation.