

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 00-41


Approval of the Expo Center Master Plan and authorizing staff to forward the plan to Metro Council for their consideration and approval, and further authorize staff to file the plan with the City of Portland, Office of Planning and Development Review, upon approval by Metro Council.

The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:

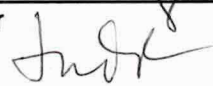
1. That the Conditional Use Permit associated with the current Exhibit Hall D construction project requires the submission of an Expo Center Master Plan application to the City of Portland, Office of Planning Development and Review, before any future developments will be permitted;
2. That Resolution 00-02 authorized Barney & Worth, Inc. to conduct Master Plan consulting services;
3. That Barney & Worth, Inc. have prepared and submitted an Expo Center Master Plan to the Commission for their approval;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission approves the Expo Center Master Plan and authorizes staff to forward the plan to Metro Council for their consideration and approval, and further authorizes staff to file the plan with the City of Portland, Office of Planning and Development Review, upon approval by Metro Council.

Passed by the Commission on November 15, 2000



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as to Form:
Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel



By: Senior Assistant Council

MERC STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item/Issue: Approval of the Expo Center Master Plan and authorizing staff to forward the plan to Metro Council for their consideration and approval, and further authorize staff to file the plan with the City of Portland, Office of Planning and Development Review, upon approval by Metro Council.

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Presented by: Chris Bailey

Background: Resolution 00-02 authorized Barney & Worth, Inc., to conduct Expo Center Master Planning consulting services and submit a Master Plan in accordance with requirements established by the City of Portland, Office of Planning Development and Review.

During the interim, Barney & Worth, Inc. and MERC/Expo staff has participated in the following major activities relative to developing the plan:

- Pre-application conference with the City of Portland, Office of Planning Development and Review
- Establishment of an Expo Center Master Plan Advisory Committee and subsequent meetings
- Two separate mailings of approximately 11,000 pieces each of Expo Center Master Plan "Fact Sheets" to local residences
- Major traffic study and analysis
- Two Master Plan "Open House" opportunities inviting comments from the general public
- Master Plan presentations/meetings at neighborhood associations, civic organizations and networking fair

The Master Plan identifies possible improvements to the Expo Center's property, the impact of such improvements and steps to prevent or mitigate any impacts on area residents, businesses and natural resources.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of this resolution.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission approve the Expo Center Master Plan and authorize staff to forward the plan to Metro Council for their consideration and approval, and further authorize staff to file the plan with the City of Portland, Office of Planning and Development Review, upon approval by Metro Council.