

# METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

## RESOLUTION NO. 98-37

Authorizing extension of the existing MERC Agreement with Friends of the Performing Arts Center to June 30, 2000.


### **The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:**

1. The existing Agreement has achieved the desired results in defining the relationship between the parties and facilitating the development of the FRIENDS as an effective advocate on behalf of the Portland Center of the Performing Arts; the activities initiated by the parties in 1994 are expected to continue, as the FRIENDS organization matures and grows.

2. Since PCPA is continuing to provide support including office space, telephone and computer services, it is desirable to extend the Agreement and to maintain the momentum that has been developed in the initial years.

Be it therefore resolved that the Amendments attached as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution be hereby approved and the General Manager is authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the Commission.

Passed by the Commission on August 19, 1998.

  
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Chairman  
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Secretary/Treasurer

Approved As to Form:

Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

By: 

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Kathleen A. Pool  
Senior Assistant Counsel

Amendment to Agreement Between  
Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission  
and  
Friends of the Performing Arts Center

**Recitals:**

The parties entered into an Agreement dated September 8, 1993 and extending through June 30, 1998; and

The parties have performed the respective duties and purposes with respect to the PCPA under the Agreement; and

The parties have determined that it is in the interest of both MERC and FRIENDS to continue the agreement for an extended term.

**Amendment**

Section 1. Term of the Agreement. This Agreement is effective as of the initial date will continue in force until June 30, 2000, unless terminated earlier by the parties.

Section 2. Amount and Payment. The maximum amount to be received from MERC for use by the FRIENDS is \$5,000 per MERC fiscal year, to be paid as requisitioned based on costs incurred or obligated.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall be continued without change.

This amendment was entered into between the parties on this nineteenth day of August, 1998.

Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission

by: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark B. Williams, General Manager

Friends of the Performing Arts Center

by: \_\_\_\_\_

Curt Jantz, President

## MERC STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item/Issue:** Approving extension of the existing MERC Agreement with Friends of the Performing Arts Center to June 30, 2000.

**Resolution No:** 98-37

**Date:** August 19, 1998 **Present by:** Harriet Sherburne

**BACKGROUND:** In fall, 1993, MERC entered into a general Agreement with the Friends of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts for a one year term ending September 30, 1994; the Parties also entered into a Marketing Services Agreement for \$25,000 to support start-up activities of the tax exempt, non-profit corporation. The General Agreement was amended to continue through June 30, 1998, and to provide continuing support including \$2,500 each fiscal year.

The FRIENDS organization has developed a broad-based program of advocacy, outreach and education in support of the Performing Arts Center and its resident non-profit arts organization. Regular program activity includes publication and distribution of the Calendar of PCPA Events, Brown Bag Lunch Series, Membership Programs, and capital enhancements of the PCPA facilities. In addition, FRIENDS has obtained contributed services and equipment for development and maintenance of a PCPA web page linked to the major users of the four theatres.

The FY 98-99 and projected 99-00 PCPA budgets provide for \$5,000 per year in support for expanded FRIENDS programs, necessitating the formal action to increase the amount from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and to extend the term of Agreement through June 30, 2000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The proposed amendment provides the necessary frame-work for conveying funds already budgeted for expenditure.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommend that the Commission approve the proposed extension amendment.