

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION

Resolution No. 06-24

For the Purpose of Recognizing Sheryl Manning's Contributions as a Commissioner and Officer of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.

WHEREAS, Sheryl Manning has served as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission as a representative of Metro, since January 2002; and

WHEREAS, during Manning's tenure, she served as an officer of the MERC Commission, including Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Manning served as a member of the Budget Committee from 2002-2006, providing guidance and direction for the development and management of MERC's \$35 million enterprise-driven budget; and

WHEREAS, Manning also served as MERC Interim General Manager on two occasions; and

WHEREAS, Manning brought substantial expertise and experience to the Commission; and during her leadership services, the Commission accomplished notable achievements that include:

- Completed the \$116 million expansion of the Oregon Convention Center, on time and under budget, which doubled the center's size and made it the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest.
- Provided leadership and advocacy with regional stakeholders on the development of a Portland convention headquarters hotel adjacent to the Oregon Convention Center.
- Provided leadership in negotiating an innovative performance-based marketing, sales and convention services agreement with the Portland Oregon Visitors Association.
- Collaborated with Metro to establish the Metro Tourism Opportunity and Competitiveness Account (MTOCA) for making investments in MERC to maximize the competitiveness, financial viability, economic impact, and continued success of the Oregon Convention Center.
- Approved an updated Fundraising and Marketing Cooperation Agreement with Friends of the Performing Arts Center, a nonprofit organization founded in 1993 to support the mission and activities of PCPA that allows them to continue to promote, enhance and support PCPA through advocacy and fundraising.
- Completed the purchase and implementation of an enterprise wide Event Business Management System to enhance MERC's capacity to use information technology to more effectively manage its business operations.
- Significant facility and system enhancements were completed at Oregon Convention Center, Keller Auditorium, New Theatre Building, and Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall to improve visitor service capacities and patron experiences, enhance energy savings, reduce costs, and use more environmentally sensitive technologies.

WHEREAS, the Commission and its staff appreciate Sheryl Manning's dedicated service as a member of the Commission,

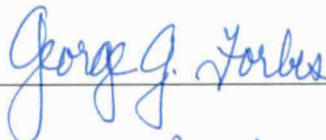
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Commission thanks Sheryl Manning for her service, leadership, enthusiasm and her willingness to share her business expertise in the many roles she so admirably filled during her tenure with MERC.

Passed by the Commission on December 13 2006.

Approved as to Form:
Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

By: 

Chair



Secretary-Treasurer

