

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

March 16, 1989

Committee Members Present:

Councilors: Tanya Collier (Chair), George Van Bergen (Vice
Chair), Richard Devlin, Jim Gardner and Judy
Wyers

Citizens: Tom Balmer, Gretchen Buehner, Steven Harloff,
Michael Hill and Patricia Jernberg

Committee Members Absent:

Councilors: None

Citizens: None

Chair Collier called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing program overviews for the Convention Center Project, Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission and Zoo Department. Overview presentations included brief histories of each major area, a review of significant programs and activities, and a discussion of how programs and staffing would change from the previous budget year. Requests from the committee and specific concerns are noted below.

CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT

Presented by Neil McFarlane, Public Facilities Analyst; and Neil Saling, Interim Project Director

- * Mr. Hill requested statistics concerning the numbers of women and minority construction workers on the Convention Center job site. Mr. Saling said he would provide that information to all Budget Committee members.
- * The Committee expressed concern regarding the status of Metro and City of Portland negotiations to merge the City Exposition-Recreation Commission with the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission.

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

Presented by Lee Ferencamp, General Manager; Dominick Buffetta, Assistant General Manager; and Jeff Blossor, Manager of the Oregon Convention Center

- * Councilor Van Bergen asked that when bids were solicited for the food and beverage service contract for the Convention Center, thorough background checks be done concerning vendors' histories. He explained that some racketeering problems had surfaced on the east coast involving food and beverage vending companies.

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ZOO DEPARTMENT

Presented by Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director; and Kay Rich, Assistant
Zoo Director

- * Ms. Buehner asked Ms. Sheng to find out the individual or institution supplying birds for the Zoo's Birds of Prey show.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Marie Nelson
Clerk of the Council