

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

November 10, 1988

Committee members present: Councilors Mike Ragsdale (Chair),
Elsa Coleman (V. Chair) and David
Knowles

Committee members absent: Councilors Tanya Collier and Corky
Kirkpatrick

Also present: Councilor Gary Hansen

Chair Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of October 13, 1988

Motion: Councilor Coleman moved approval of the minutes of
October 13, 1988.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in the three
committee members present voting aye.

The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-1010, for the Purpose of
Revising the Duties and Responsibilities of the North
Portland Enhancement Committee as Established by Resolution
No. 86-682

Council Solid Waste Committee Chair, Gary Hansen, introduced the resolution and provided background information. He said earlier during the year, the North Portland Enhancement Committee (NPEC) had been asked by members of the North Portland community to support a proposal for developing a major film studio in the St. Johns area. The NPEC subsequently met several times with the project developers and agreed they would like to support and encourage the project.

Councilor Hansen said the NPEC was charged with conserving the principal of the Enhancement Fund by limiting expenditures annually to the amount of interest earnings; supporting the film studio proposal would require an expenditure of fund principal--approximately one-third of the total Enhancement Fund. He said adoption of Resolution No. 88-1010 would allow the NPEC to request a waiver from Council to spend principal, however, Resolution No. 88-1010 would not grant a waiver nor approve a specific project. Councilor Hansen said at public meetings held in the community attended by approximately 100 people, testimony heard was generally supportive of the proposal and use of Enhancement Funds in financing. He said, however, some testimony was received questioning the appropriateness of using Enhancement

Fund principal for the project. He also said public testimony strongly favored local control of the Fund.

Councilor Knowles said he strongly favored local advocacy and felt the community should have flexibility in deciding expenditures from the fund. He asked questions regarding the level of community commitment to the film studio project, which components of the proposal would be funded should a waiver be granted and whether other projects had been considered. Councilor Hansen replied the proposal requested Enhancement Funds be used for greenway enhancement and job training scholarships. He noted there were also potential other funds for those purposes that could be identified.

Councilor Coleman noted that at such time the waiver request came before the Council a feasibility market study including information on the longevity of film making centers should be furnished, along with information on percent of return on investment, a breakdown of revenue sources and fund balance projections. Councilor Ragsdale said he supported Resolution No. 88-1010 and had introduced Councilor Hansen to a consultant to assist in analyzing the film studio proposal.

Motion: Councilor Coleman moved the Committee recommend the Council adopt Resolution No. 88-1010.

Vote: The vote was unanimous with the three committee members present voting aye.

The motion carried.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gwen Ware-Barrett
Council Committee Clerk

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