

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL CONVENTION CENTER AND VISITOR FACILITIES
COMMITTEE OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
February 27, 1990

Committee members present: Councilors David Knowles (Chair),
Roger Buchanan (Vice Chair), Gary
Hansen, and George Van Bergen

Committee members absent: Councilor Ruth McFarland

Other Councilors present: Councilor Jim Gardner

Chair Knowles called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

1. Minutes of January 23, 1990 Meeting

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved approval of the minutes
of January 23, 1990.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Knowles and Van Bergen voted
aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 90-1226, For the Purpose of Supporting the
Retention of the Name Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
as the Name of That Street

Councilor Gardner introduced his resolution to the Committee. He requested the title of the resolution end after the word Boulevard and then summarized his report. He cited a personal experience he had with Dr. King, saying that experience contributed to his feeling that the City of Portland should publicly commemorate Dr. King's goals of peace. Councilor Gardner added he hoped the voters would realize that renaming Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard was not the way to remedy any problems in the original City action.

Councilor Buchanan spoke in favor of retaining the name of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and said he agreed with Councilor Gardner. Councilor Hansen also expressed agreement, noting he was a co-sponsor of Metro's original resolution to rename Union Avenue. He felt there was a great deal of support among the citizens to retain the King name and was convinced that putting the question to a vote would be a mistake.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to recommend Council
adoption of Resolution No. 90-1226.

On further discussion, Chair Knowles expressed agreement with previous comments and said he felt changing the name back to Union Avenue could adversely affect both the image of the City of Portland and the future success of the Oregon Convention Center.

Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Hansen, Knowles and Van Bergen voted aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Convention Center Capital Project Budget Review

Neil McFarlane, Project Operations Manager, presented the Project Budget Review report to the Committee, which report has been incorporated into these records by reference. It was noted by Chair Knowles there would be no Executive Session at the meeting. The Executive Session would be held at the next Committee meeting on March 13 in order to allow time for publication of a notice. In response to questions from the Committee, he said there would be no discussion of MERC at this time.

Mr. McFarlane then began a review of the Convention Center Project budget, starting with resources. He noted the actual amount for the Local Improvement District was \$5.0 million, but because of delinquencies and additional costs the estimated amount to be received by Metro was \$4.7 million. Councilor Van Bergen asked if the \$300,000 would be deferred to another budget period. Mr. McFarlane confirmed it would be deferred. He summarized the remaining miscellaneous project revenue and said the total of all resources was \$91.2 million. In response to Committee questions, Mr. McFarlane said none of the project revenue items would be subject to reduction.

Mr. McFarlane continued on to page three of his report and summarized budget uses. He noted the report showed a budget amount, an estimated indicated outcome and the difference between the two amounts. He added there were outstanding claims for relocation costs from Rose City Plating and potential legal action from the Venetian Blind Company, who has asked for a Writ of Review. Monica Little, Legal Counsel, explained the Writ of Review for the Committee, saying the Venetian Blind Company was challenging Metro's process and the legality of the actions of the Council.

Councilor Van Bergen asked if the \$443.865 difference between the budgeted amount for real estate and the estimated outcome was realistic. Mr. McFarlane said the site had a clean bill of health from DEQ and staff felt it was a realistic amount. Councilor Van Bergen then asked if staff could provide a breakout of the \$2.3 million shown for offsite construction and, if so, he would like a copy. Mr. McFarlane said he would provide that for Councilor Van Bergen.

Mr. McFarlane then covered Project Management, suggesting that perhaps another breakdown would be helpful to the Committee in explaining this category. He noted staff expected to be within budget on this category, but did expect some line item adjustments. Councilor Van Bergen expressed concern about the Metro staff and overhead aspect of this budget item and asked staff about the numbers for these two line items. Mr. McFarlane said they would be part of the Executive Officer's budget before the Council on March 8. He continued his summary of budget uses, noting construction and furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) were broken down in greater detail further on in the report.

On page four of the report, Mr. McFarlane explained that the FF&E process was approximately 56 percent complete, but noted this figure represented only about 1/3 of the items needed. He then explained for the Committee the process that would be used when bidding items not yet bid.

Mr. McFarlane next explained the construction contracts status. He told the Committee there were three construction contracts; the steel contract, the site work contract and the general contractor. All costs for the steel contract were now included with the Hoffman-Marmolejo (general contractor) contract as a subcontractor. In response to Councilor's questions, Mr. McFarlane explained how the figures on pages three, five and six tie together. It was noted by staff the construction total (\$58.9 million) included all claims at full value. Page six represented a detailed breakdown of bid package 3 (general contractor) from page five.

Chair Knowles told the Committee he would like to defer further discussion on claims until the next meeting when an Executive Session would be scheduled. The Committee expressed agreement with the Chair. In response to Committee questions, Mr. McFarlane said the cost for the opening ceremony was carried in the MERC budget.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk

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