

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

Regular Meeting
November 13, 1990

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

Committee members absent: Councilor Gary Hansen

Chair Knowles called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. Consideration of September 25 and October 9, 1990 Minutes

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved for approval of the minutes of September 25 and October 9, 1990.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

The Chair said item no. 3 would be considered next.

. Consideration of a Recommendation to the Finance Committee to Support the Allocation of Funds from General Fund Contingency to Support Arts Plan 2000+

Neil Saling, Action Director of Finance and Administration, presented the staff report and said the amount of support funding being requested was \$10,000. He then introduced Bing Sheldon and Ann Mason from the Arts Plan 2000 Plus Steering Committee. Mr. Sheldon, Chair of the Steering Committee, submitted a report and scope of work for the Arts Plan 2000 Plus, which has been made part of these minutes by reference. He summarized the report and told the Committee the total cost of the project was approximately \$200,000.

In response to Councilors questions, Mr. Sheldon said the whole tri-county area would be included in the study, along with some of Clark County, Washington. He noted this request would be one time only and most of the funding has already been raised.

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to recommend support of the Arts Plan 2000+ to the Finance Committee.

Motion: Councilors Buchanan, Knowles, McFarland and Van Bergen voted aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

. Report on Handicapped Accessibility At the Oregon Convention Center

Neil Saling, Acting Director of Finance and Administration, reviewed with the Committee the handicapped features which were considered unacceptable

by the representatives of the handicapped community. He summarized his memorandum of October 29, 1990, in which he listed the problems and recommended corrective actions. He said the estimated cost of making the corrections (without additional elevators) was \$50,000; with the elevators the cost could be as high as \$200,000.

After further discussion, it was the pleasure of the Committee that Mr. Saling continue to monitor the handicapped problems and report back to the Committee if there were continued or additional problems.

Councilor Van Bergen noted he continued to be concerned about the cost of the opening ceremonies for the Convention Center and would like to see a review of the budget for the grand opening on the next Committee agenda.

4. Metro Headquarters (Sears Building) Due Diligence Progress Report

Neil McFarlane, Project Operations Manager, presented the staff report. Berit Younie, Senior Management Analyst, addressed the Committee regarding the work that has been done to date by the consultants, noting they have been working on the project about 2-1/2 weeks. She said the market feasibility report was on schedule and the major reports were expected by December 3, with the completed progress report before the whole Council at their December 13 meeting. Councilor Van Bergen noted he had a possible conflict of interest regarding this project.

5. Worksession to Discuss Items for Possible Inclusion in Metro's 1991 Legislative Agenda

Chair Knowles noted the Intergovernmental Relations Committee had requested all committees refer any items to be included in the 1991 Legislative Agenda by the end of November. At this time, the Convention and Visitor Facilities Committee had no items for that Agenda.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Brunson
Committee Clerk