

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

February 17, 1993  
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Ruth McFarland (Chair), Susan McLain (Vice Chair), Sandi Hansen, and Ed Washington

Committee Members Absent: Jim Gardner

Other Councilors Present: Roger Buchanan

Chair McFarland called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1753, Authorizing an Exemption to Metro Code Chapter 2.04.041 (C) Competitive Bidding Procedures and Authorizing Issuance of a Request for Proposals for Relocating to Metro Regional Center

Flor Matias, Facilities Manager, presented the staff report. He stated the resolution was requesting an exemption from competitive bidding. He noted the Public Utility Commission (PUC) regulates the rates for movers. He noted moving companies cannot be held to a firm bid price for relocating offices and equipment. He stated if the actual cost varied ten percent from their proposal, the PUC would investigate.

Councilor Hansen asked the time frame for the move. Mr. Matias said the move would take two weekends. He said the downtime for staff and computer networks would be examined. Councilor Hansen asked if there were firms that specialized in office moves. Mr. Matias stated the request for proposals included questions about the bidders' experience in this type of move.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

Vote: Councilors Hansen, Washington, and McFarland votes aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was 3/0 and the vote was unanimous.

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the December 22, 1992 Regional Facilities Committee

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to approve the minutes.

Vote: Councilors Hansen, Washington, and McFarland voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was 3/0 and the minutes were adopted.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1762, Authorizing the Execution of a Lease for Work and Storage Space for ZooLights, ZooBoo, and ZooBloom Volunteer Activities

Jane Hartline, Zoo Marketing Director, presented the staff report. She introduced Russell Guinn, Technical Event Coordinator. Mr. Guinn reported the support groups for most event activities were volunteers. He noted a space needed to be provided for the volunteers to work on projects. He said no space currently existed at the Zoo to work on projects. He said the new space was in the Northwest Portland industrial area near Montgomery Park.

Chair McFarland asked what funding source was used. Ms. Hartline noted capital improvement money was identified in the budget. She said additional funds were derived from consolidating other storage spaces. Chair McFarland asked if additional funds would be sought from the budget. Ms. Hartline said no additional funds would be sought for the current year.

Councilor Washington asked what operating costs would be incurred. Mr. Guinn said electricity might average one-hundred dollars a month and gas would be minimal.

Councilor Hansen asked what the past costs were related to storage. Mr. Guinn noted ZooLights cost \$650 a month for workshop space. Councilor Hansen asked if any volunteers had space they might volunteer. Mr. Guinn stated he has asked, but no one has come forward. He said Bank of America was also asked to assist in locating a place. He noted the contract was a one-year lease and if an alternative were identified the Zoo could relocate the workshop.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

Vote: Councilors Washington, Hansen, and McFarland voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was 3/0 and the motion passed.

4. Status Report on Funding Task Force

Sherry Oeser, Project Manager, presented the staff report. She noted the task force was drafting a final report. She said a public opinion poll related to the project would be completed with early results prepared next week. She stated the poll results would be incorporated into the report.

Councilor Hansen asked how many people would be contacted in the poll. Ms. Oeser stated a ten or fifteen minute telephone poll would include 400 people.

5. Briefing from Regional Arts Council Transition Team

Pat Harrington briefed the Committee on the Regional Arts Council transition team activities. He stated the team held public hearings to present their findings to various jurisdictions.

Chair McFarland asked the origin of the group. Mr. Harrington stated the Metropolitan Arts Commission was under the City of Portland and Multnomah County and was autonomous from MERC.

Mr. Harrington discussed the issues of regional representation and participation in the arts program. He discussed structure for the Council. He said the group favored forming a private non-profit organization to contract services to Metro.

Mr. Harrington said a 21 member board was proposed with five members from each county, five City of Portland members and one Metro member. He said consideration might have to be made at a future date to include Clark County, Washington. He discussed the proposed appointing procedure for the board.

Mr. Harrington noted a mechanism for distributing funds would need to be developed. He stated that no formula had been determined.

Mr. Harrington said several Town Hall meetings were held to discuss RAC.

Roslyn Hill discussed the issue of diversity in the RAC. She stated existing cultural programs were being examined. She said RAC would continue to examine diversity issues and outreach. She favored RAC adopting existing cultural diversity programs into the plan. She noted a minority outreach existed for Metro and should continue with RAC.

Peter Journey discussed the regional aspects of RAC. He noted he was a Clackamas County representative. He said participation was strong from many communities. He spoke to participation by Clark County. He discussed the business community support for the proposal.

Chair McFarland asked about goals identified by the RAC. Donna Milrany, Metropolitan Arts Commission Associate Director, discussed the mission statement of the group.

Councilor Hansen noted PCPA discussed a friends program. She asked how RAC might participate with these groups to provide cooperation

and avoid competition for funding. Mr. Harrington spoke to the RAC as a coordinating organization. He said RAC would provide a forum for various people to communicate with each other.

Councilor McLain referred to the draft flow chart included in the record of this meeting. She discussed the function of Metro in collecting taxes. She noted RAC needed to address those people who do not support the arts that might be asked to pay taxes. She noted many other critical Metro programs needed funding. She expressed apprehension about Metro being the primary funding source for the project. Mr. Journey noted these problems were recognized by the task force. He said the task force continued to examine options.

Councilor Washington noted the regional concerns were being addressed by the task force. He favored including Clark County in the plan. He strongly encouraged diversity in the project.

Ms. Hill spoke to educating the outlying areas about art opportunities. She said many people from areas outside of Portland did not come into Portland.

#### 6. Status Report on Metro Regional Center Project

Berit Stevenson, Project Manager, distributed and summarized report number twenty-four, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Chair McFarland asked if adequate parking would be available for all employees. Neil Saling, Regional Facilities Director, noted more employees requested spaces than spaces available. He spoke to the transportation demand management (TDM) program. Chair McFarland recommended Metro employees be given preference to parking spaces. Councilor Washington concurred with Chair McFarland. Councilor Hansen noted few offices provided employees with parking. Chair McFarland noted Metro employees pay for parking spaces.

Ms. Stevenson discussed the TDM measures under review. She discussed a \$20 subsidy for Tri-Met passes; a \$10 per person carpool subsidy; and a \$20 refund for bicycle and walkers. She noted shower facilities would be provided and bicycles added to the fleet.

Councilor Hansen asked about office panels. Ms. Stevenson said new panels would be purchased and the existing panels would be offered to the Zoo and other Metro facilities. Councilor Hansen noted when panels were purchased for the Transportation Department, she was told they would be reused at the new facility. The Committee discussed chairs.

Councilor McLain asked for information about cost of Council lounge space. Mr. Saling stated he would address the issue of meeting space.

Mr. Saling discussed the budget reports contained in the record of this meeting.

Casey Short, Council Analyst, asked for verification on garage improvements. Mr. Saling noted elevator improvements were less than anticipated. He noted the new figure was much firmer than the former figure.

#### 7. Review of MERC Resolutions

Jeff Blosser, MERC Acting General Manager, summarized MERC Resolutions 214, 215, and 217, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting.

Robert Freedman, PCPA Director, was present to answer questions regarding Resolution 215.

Councilor Hansen discussed Resolution 217. She asked why Metro was paying for clean up when the source of contamination was not the Civic Stadium. Mr. Blosser noted the cost was minimal at this point.

Chair McFarland recessed the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Chair McFarland reconvened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

#### 8. Report on MERC Issues Meeting

Chair McFarland discussed the MERC issues meeting held February 8, 1993. She summarized issues discussed in a memorandum dated February 17, 1993 from Casey Short, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She spoke to the meeting as being a positive experience.

Mr. Short spoke to issues he felt needed to be addressed. He said the issues of the Spectator Facilities budget and the PCPA fund balance needed to be addressed. He said action by Metro might affect other issues.

Councilor McLain favored having a PCPA representative discuss the Wolf report with MERC and Metro.

#### 9. Status Report on End of the Oregon Trail Project

Councilor McLain noted the End of the Oregon Trail Project has been underway for over a year. She discussed the difficulties in addressing issues related to the project. She summarized the

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history of the project discussions. She said the Oregon Trail Foundation had hesitation in joining with Metro on the project. She stated the cost figures were not agreed upon. She said due to the Metro budget process, figures needed to be supplied for funding consideration. She said the position of the Foundation was to settle short term celebration needs and address long term issues at a later date.

Councilor McLain expressed budget concerns related to staffing. Mr. Saling said he discussed the project with David Knowles, Foundation Chair. He stated heavy marketing occurred to advertise the project. He said the preview center was behind. Related to budget, Mr. Saling stated one FTE would still be allocated to the project. He stated a theme park needed to be developed. He noted the staff would have other responsibilities aside from the EOT project.

With no further business before the committee, Chair McFarland adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee  
Committee Recorder