

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGIONAL FACILITIES
COMMITTEE OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
March 12, 1991

Committee members present: David Knowles (Chair), Jim Gardner (Vice Chair), Roger Buchanan, and Ruth McFarland

Committee members absent: Larry Bauer

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

1. Consideration of Minutes of January 22, 1991

Motion: Councilor Ruth McFarland moved to approve the minutes.

Vote: Councilors Knowles, Gardner, Buchanan, and McFarland voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Introduction of Portland Center for the Performing Arts (PCPA) Advisory Committee

Mr. Don Rocks, Metro Executive Assistant, introduced PCPA Advisory Committee member Richard Ransom and PCPA General Manager Robert Freedman. Both men gave brief statements to the Committee. Councilor Jim Gardner requested Mr. Rocks provide a written informational briefing regarding the Advisory Committee in lieu of requesting remaining members to appear at the next Regional Facilities Committee meeting. Mr. Rocks will provide a written report to the Committee.

3. Discussion of Regional Facilities Committee's Role in Development of the Zoo Master Plan Update

Ms. Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, requested input from the Committee regarding the appropriate role for the Committee in developing the Zoo Master Plan Update. She distributed materials relating to the Update; these materials are part of the record. Councilor David Knowles said Committee members have the opportunity to attend the work sessions devoted to the Master Plan and provide their input at that time. Ms. Sheng indicated ideally, the draft version of the Master Plan would be available for review by the middle of April. She asked if the Committee would be able to accommodate this time frame; stating it would take two hours to go over the Master Plan. Following discussion, Councilor Knowles indicated he would contact Committee members to schedule a meeting.

4. Work Session to Identify Budget Issues for Budget Committee Consideration

Councilor Knowles addressed budget issues for Budget Committee consideration. These issues are detailed in writing in a memorandum to the Committee dated March 6, 1991 from Casey Short. A copy of this memorandum, which was included in the agenda, is part of the record.

Councilor Roger Buchanan suggested the proposed Hanna Property purchase be added to the list of budget issues. Councilor Knowles instructed staff to add this item to the list of MERC budget issues. In response to a question by staff, Councilor Knowles said the construction of a Light Rail station at the Zoo would not be an issue for next year's budget. Councilor Gardner indicated it would not be appropriate for the Committee to address the third item listed under Regional Facilities issues, pertaining to Finance and Administration's monitoring system.

5. Review of MERC Resolutions

Mr. Casey Short, Council Analyst, reviewed MERC Resolutions No. 115 through 119. A copy of MERC Resolution No. 115 is part of the record. Copies of the remaining Resolutions are not yet available; Committee members will receive copies as soon as Council staff receive them. Mr. Short also gave a brief review of the MERC meeting he had attended earlier that day.

6. Consideration of Ordinance No. 91-387, Amending Ordinance No. 90-340A Revising the FY 1990-91 Budget and Appropriations Schedule for the Purpose of Funding Initial Financing and Purchase Costs of the Hanna Property

Mr. Short pointed out the Finance Committee has already given conditional approval of Ordinance No. 91-387, subject to a recommendation by this Committee to approve the Ordinance. He then reviewed a Staff Report prepared by Mr. Dominic Buffetta, MERC Assistant General Manager, and Ms. Jennifer Sims, Metro's Manager of Financial Services, pertaining to the Ordinance, which is part of the record.

Mr. Richard Waker, MERC Commissioner, reported the Ordinance would authorize a \$200,000 expenditure which would facilitate acquisition and renovation of the Hanna property by the Metro E-R Commission. The property would provide 200 additional parking spaces for the Memorial Coliseum and the Oregon Convention Center. He pointed out the Trail Blazers had waived their requirements for parking revenues in order to make this purchase feasible.

According to Mr. Dan Cooper, Metro General Counsel, because the purchase would be made from funds derived from the Memorial Coliseum, the agreement between the City of Portland and Metro would require title to the property to rest with the City of Portland. Councilors Gardner and Buchanan expressed concern about purchasing property in the City's name. Councilor Gardner asked if Oregon Convention Center reserve funds could be used instead, thereby allowing Metro to take title. Mr. Waker pointed out the Coliseum was in a better fiscal position to fund the purchase. Councilor Knowles added that Oregon Convention Center reserve funds were already tentatively earmarked for several projects that had been addressed in earlier Committee meetings.

Councilor Knowles then opened a Public Hearing to discuss the Ordinance. No testimony was forthcoming. Councilor Knowles then closed the Public Hearing.

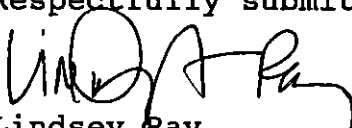
Motion: Councilor Ruth McFarland moved to recommend Council adoption of Ordinance No. 90-387.

Vote: Councilors Knowles, Buchanan and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Gardner abstained. The motion carried.

Councilor Buchanan will bring the Ordinance before the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lindsey Ray,
Committee Clerk

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