

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

March 31, 1992

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Susan McLain (Chair), Tanya Collier
(Vice Chair), Tom DeJardin

Committee Members Absent: Ruth McFarland, Ed Washington

Chair McLain called the special meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1589, Establishing a
Metropolitan Sports Authority Task Force

Pam Erickson, Project Manager, presented the staff report. She said an ordinance establishing a Sports Authority in the Metro Code had earlier been considered and tabled by the Committee. She said that ordinance projected a budget of some \$50,000 for Metro staff support of the Authority. She said questions on the ordinance related to budget, the relationship with the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission (MERC), need to create another Metro bureaucracy, and permanence.

She said the Task Force authorized in the Resolution would be for the Fiscal Year (FY) 1991-92 only. She said the purpose was to propose the development of a sports promotional entity, which would probably be a private, non-profit body. She said the charge of the Task Force was included as Exhibit A (a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting). She said a report should be completed by the Task Force by June 30, 1992. She distributed a revised Exhibit B including the names of the people to be appointed to the Task Force (a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting). She said the revised list did not include representatives of commercial sports promotion entities, though there were two people from private, non-profit sports entities. She said it also included representatives of corporations that contribute to sports promotional programs, which were seen as critical to the success of a sports authority.

Councilor Collier asked if the by-laws and organization recommended by the Task Force would be presented to the Council at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Ms. Erickson said that was the expectation. Councilor Collier asked where the budget would come from. Ms. Erickson said the task force would propose the source of funds, which were expected to be private, though there may be request for public funds. Councilor DeJardin asked if some of the people on the Task Force would also serve on the Sports Authority expected to be created. Ms. Erickson said she expected that to happen. She added that MERC was involved in the project, and Commissioner Dick Waker had been appointed as MERC's representative. Councilor Collier recommended the Sports Authority

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be housed at MERC rather than Metro when it was formed. Commissioner Waker said it would be housed at neither agency: it would be private, self-supporting, and not directly affiliated with either Metro or MERC. He said it should have a symbiotic relation with MERC rather than be an arm of MERC.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1589A, as amended with the revised exhibit B.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Work Session to Discuss Budget Issues regarding MERC and the Regional Facilities Department

The Committee held a work session to discuss budget issues.

Ron Kawamoto, MERC Commissioner, appeared to testify on the matter of staff reductions and transfers. Commissioner Kawamoto opposed reducing MERC staff to two people. He said they needed four Full Time Equivalents (FTE) employees at the MERC to complete event settlements. The Committee discussed the issue.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to recommend the Budget Committee approve transferring two MERC staff to Metro staff and reducing the remaining accounting staff to two FTE.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The Committee then discussed the facilities management plans. Robert Freedman, Portland Center for the Performing Arts (PCPA) Director; Jeff Blosser, Oregon Convention Center Director, and Tim Fennell, Coliseum/Stadium Director; discussed the facilities plans. Councilor DeJardin discussed mission statements and marketing plans for the facilities. Councilor DeJardin said there should be individual facility plans and a comprehensive plan for all the facilities. Councilor DeJardin said there needed to be clearer definition of what the plans should include.

Motion: Councilor Collier moved to implement the development and regular updating of business plans for all the facilities within MERC.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

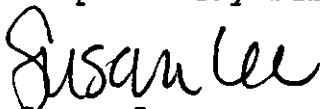
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Ms. Erickson distributed and summarized a report on the End of the Oregon Trail Project, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Neil Saling, Regional Facilities Director, noted that Clackamas County considered the End of the Oregon Trail project as a priority project. Councilor DeJardin concurred and stated that Metro should use caution and carefully record the expectations and extent of Metro work on the project in writing.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk

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