

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

Regular Meeting
May 14, 1991

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

Committee members absent: David Knowles (Chair), Larry Bauer

Other Councilors present: Tom DeJardin, George Van Bergen

Vice Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

1. Update on Metro Financing Options for Westside LRT Local Match

Andy Cotugno, Transportation Director, reported on an upcoming resolution authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement with Tri-Met that would commit Metro to a transfer of \$2,000,000 to fund the Westside Light Rail Project. The resolution also deals with the probable funding source for Metro's contribution; charging for parking at the Zoo. The contribution is in recognition of the fact that users along the corridor stand to benefit more by light rail than the region at large. Other portions of the related staff reports dealt with obtaining endorsement of the City of Portland, the lessor of the parking lot, in principle, to the capital improvements needed to begin charging for parking. He also addressed deadlines Metro is operating under. The federal funding contract deadline is September 30, 1991. The regional deadline is mid-July. He discussed further language of the resolution and related contract.

Councilor Van Bergen asked whether the revenues from charging for parking would be considered enterprise revenue subject to an excise tax. Rena Cusma, Metro Executive Officer, indicated the matter of the excise tax would have to be negotiated between the three other governmental entities involved. Councilor Gardner indicated Metro was operating in a pass-through capacity for these funds. Councilor Van Bergen asked about the budgetary impact of capital improvements to establish a pay parking lot. Sherry Sheng, Metro Zoo Director, indicated this matter will be studied.

2. Consideration of Minutes of the January 3, 1991 Zoo Committee Meeting and the February 26, 1991 and March 27, 1991 Meetings of the Regional Facilities Committee

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to approve the minutes as written.

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

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 91-1450, Authorizing Appointment of a Committee to Consider Public Involvement in the Financing and Construction of a New Arena in the Metropolitan Area

Casey Short, Council Analyst, reported on Resolution 91-1450, stating the resolution was proposed in response to the Trail Blazer's announcement that they intended to build an arena, to be financed primarily with private funds. A copy of the resolution and related staff report and exhibits are included as part of the record. Executive Officer Cusma and Pamela Erickson, Regional Facilities Study Project Manager, gave brief reports, and the Committee discussed how appointments to the proposed committee would be made. Councilor McFarland requested that the Committee be given the opportunity to review and respond to the appointments set up by Exhibit A to the Resolution prior to the Resolution being brought before Council.

Councilor DeJardin asked how the proposed location of the new arena would address previous commitments to locate new regional facilities in either Washington or Clackamas counties. Executive Officer Cusma indicated Metro had not made any commitments to locate the next regional facility outside of Multnomah County; and that Clackamas County was not interested in having a domed stadium within the county.

Council Van Bergen expressed concern about the time frame involved, stating that there would not be enough time to perform an adequate study of the situation.

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend Council adoption of the Resolution, with the caveat that the proposed committee appointments set forth by Exhibit A be reviewed by the Regional Facilities Committee prior to referral to Council; and that staff be given the opportunity to study the proposal to make sure it is acceptable to the governmental agencies involved.

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

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 91-1448, Authorizing a Contract with Homawa Foundation for African Cultural Performance

Kay Rich, Assistant Zoo Director, reviewed Resolution No. 91-1448, authorizing a contract with Homawa Foundation, funded by a grant from The Red Lion organization. The Homawa Foundation would provide an African cultural performance at the Zoo throughout the summer.

Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to recommend Council adoption of the Resolution.

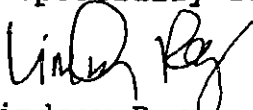
Vote: Councilors Buchanan, Gardner, and McFarland voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Zoo Master Plan Update

Ms. Sheng provided an update of the Zoo Master Plan. She explained how the plan was developed; and stated the plan was more important at this time than ever before, due to budget constraints and cuts brought about by Measure 5. The plan is presented in detail in a progress report, which is included as part of the record. Ms. Sheng also presented a large map detailing future additions proposed for the Zoo. Councilor McFarland requested that this map presentation be brought before the full Council at an upcoming Council meeting. Mr. Short will make arrangements with Councilor Knowles to do so.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lindsey Ray,
Committee Clerk