

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

July 7, 1993  
Metro Regional Center  
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: Jim Gardner

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

2. Consideration of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Design of Repairs to and Remodel of the Research Building at Metro Washington Park Zoo

Jim Moeller, Project Coordinator, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the agenda record of this meeting.

Casey Short, Senior Council Analyst, noted the conditional use permit should be obtained from the City of Portland Bureau of Planning. He said the change in schedule also needed to be noted in the documents. Mr. Moeller agreed to make those changes prior to release of the RFP.

Councilor McLain asked if the structure would affect construction of the proposed new entrance. Mr. Moeller stated the structure was located away from the proposed new entrance.

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to authorize immediate release of the RFP.

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

1. Consideration of the May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16, 1993 Regional Facilities Committee Minutes

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to recommend adoption of the minutes amending the May 19, 1993 minutes to include the time of adjournment.

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

Councilor McLain commented to Kay Rich, Assistant Zoo Director, about a recent visit to the Metro Washington Park Zoo. She asked why dirt was used as ground material in the African Rain Forest pygmy goat area. Dr. Rich stated the material was crushed granite and was the best material to maintain the health of the animals. Councilor McLain noted a lot of activity was taking place in the elk meadow construction area. She expressed safety concerns with regards to the trucks in the area. Dr. Rich said the majority of the traffic exited through the back area of the Cascades Exhibit. He said he would try and improve safety in the construction area.

3. Status Report on Metro Regional Center Project

Neil Saling, Regional Facilities Director, distributed and summarized the July 7, 1993 Project Briefing Report Number 33, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

The Committee discussed the request for additional office space for Planning Department staff.

Mr. Saling discussed the lease of the former Metro Center building.

In a response to a question from Mr. Short, Mr. Saling reported the claims with Hoffman related to the retail improvements were settled.

4. Discussion of Zoo Parking Lot Project

Don Rocks, Executive Assistant, presented a staff report, a copy of which is included in the agenda record of this meeting.

5. Introductory Discussion with MERC General Manager Pat LaCrosse

Pat LaCrosse, MERC General Manager, introduced himself to the Committee. He discussed his background and the interview process. He stated ways he sought to improve operations of the MERC.

In response to a question from Chair McFarland, Mr. LaCrosse stated Candy Cavanagh was selected as the manager of the Civic Stadium.

The Committee discussed MERC and Metro issues with Mr. LaCrosse.

UNSCHEDULED ITEM - MERC Resolution Nos. 335 and 336

Mr. Short distributed MERC Resolution Nos. 335 and 336, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting. Mr. LaCrosse summarized the resolutions.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair McFarland adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee  
Committee Recorder

**APPROVED**  
Date 7.21.93