

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

July 28, 1992
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Susan McLain (Chair), Tanya Collier
(Vice Chair), Ruth McFarland, Ed
Washington

Committee Members Absent: Ed Gronke

Other Councilors Present: Roger Buchanan, George Van Bergen

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

1. Work Session to Consider Draft Resolution No. 92-1652,
Authorizing a Development Effort and Stating Metro's Intent to
Provide Financing via General Obligation Bonds for the End of
the Oregon Trail Project

Pam Erickson, Project Manager, summarized draft Resolution No. 92-1652, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. The Committee held a work session to discuss the resolution.

Councilor Van Bergen expressed an interest in having MERC operate the End of the Oregon Trail project.

3. Status Report on Facilities Funding Task Force

Ms. Erickson summarized the memorandum included in the record of this meeting.

UNSCHEDULED ITEM - Oregon Arena

Neil Saling, Regional Facilities Director, gave an update on the Oregon Arena negotiations held between the Trailblazers and the City of Portland.

Mr. Saling said the initial figure for the City of Portland's contribution to the project of \$34.5 million was no longer adequate. He noted the Trailblazers still desired to have indemnification from the City for the Memorial Coliseum. He stated the Trailblazers did not want to make the necessary seismic improvements to the Coliseum. He said the construction schedule for the arena was delayed due to the negotiations.

Mr. Saling said Marshall Glickman, Trailblazer Vice President, notified Bud Clark, Mayor of the City of Portland, that Paul Allen, Trailblazer Owner, ordered the work towards a ground breaking cease. He said Mr. Glickman requested that the Memorial Coliseum upgrade issue be resolved; the City's scope of work be cut, a funding source be identified, and the liability issue be resolved

prior to continuing the project. Mr. Saling said the issues could be reduced to those of time, money, and risk.

Councilor Collier asked what role Metro needed to assume in the negotiations. Mr. Saling said Metro's concerns were the timing of the Trailblazers assuming operation of Memorial Coliseum and identification of a funding source for improvements to the Memorial Coliseum.

The Committee discussed the history of the construction and operation of the Memorial Coliseum.

Councilor Van Bergen expressed he supported the effort the City of Portland was making towards negotiations. Councilor Collier concurred.

Councilor Washington asked if the Memorial Coliseum would need improvements regardless of the Oregon Arena Project. Mr. Saling said the seismic improvements would need to be made even without the Oregon Arena Project.

2. Status Report on Metro Headquarters Project

Berit Stevenson distributed report number eleven, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Ms. Stevenson introduced Carol Mayer-Reed, Principal-in-Charge of Mayer-Reed Landscape Architects. Ms. Mayer-Reed gave a presentation on the proposed landscape plan at the headquarters project.

Ms. Mayer-Reed said the firm was cooperating with the City Planning Commission in developing the landscaping plan. She said clean geometric forms would be used to enhance the strong geometry at the site. She noted pacific northwest indigenous plant materials would be used when possible. She said a demonstration project would be utilized to develop a water conservation approach to design.

Councilor McFarland said the design should refrain from the use of exotic and/or extensive care plants.

Ms. Mayer-Reed discussed a lawn alternative, "Fleur-de-Lawn," for use on the project. She said the lawn was a variety of wildflowers that required no irrigation. Councilor McFarland discussed the definition of a "weed."

Ms. Mayer-Reed asked the Committee if the proposed design was the appropriate approach for Metro. Councilor McFarland said the plan was good and an educational element about the project needed to be included.

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With no further business before the Committee, Chair McLain adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Lee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan Lee
Committee Clerk

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