

Regional Facilities Committee  
August 3, 1994  
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Sandi Hansen (Chair), Ed Washington (Vice Chair), Terry Moore, Mike Gates

Committee Members Absent: Ruth McFarland

Chair Hansen called the regular meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Minutes

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Vote: Councilors Moore, Gates, Washington, and Hansen voted aye. Councilor McFarland was absent. The vote was 4/0 and the motion passed.

2. Councilor Updates

Councilor Moore noted Metro would host the Trails Conference on October 22, 1994.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 942007, Authorizing an Exemption to Metro Code Chapter 2.04.041 (C) to Enter into a Sole Source Contract with Dr. Joel Arick for the Evaluation of the Environmental Enrichment Science Education Workshops

Dr. David Shepherdson, Assistant Research Coordinator, presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Councilor Washington asked if any other individuals were qualified to perform the duties specified in the contract. Dr. Shepherdson stated Dr. Arick was the most qualified to perform the functions. In response to Councilor Washington, Dr. Shepherdson said he did not feel there would be concern raised about Dr. Arick preparing the proposal and then being hired to perform the work. Councilor Washington encouraged Dr. Shepherdson to perform a thorough outreach to include teachers in all geographic areas of the region in the training program.

In response to a question from Chair Hansen, Dr. Shepherdson stated an attitudinal survey would be completed prior to the teacher attendance at the workshop. He stated following training, evaluation would be performed. Chair Hansen asked that the evaluation of the workshops be forwarded to Casey Short, Councilor Analyst.

Councilor Moore requested that the amount and the duration of the contract be included in the title of the resolution.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was 4/0 and the motion passed.

4. Proposed Concept Design for an Interpretive Center in the Smith and Bybee Lakes Natural Area

Jim Morgan, Senior Regional Planner, presented his staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Patricia Iron, Friends of Tryon Creek State Park, spoke in favor of the project development process.

Leora Mahoney, St. Johns Neighborhood Association, discussed community involvement in the project. She stated she had a favorable experience.

Mary Maguire, Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes, stated the project was stunning. She said St. Johns had another bridge with the project. She noted at a public fair, public support of the concept was strong. She stated the facility would provide a gateway into the natural resources in the region.

Anne McLoughlin, Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes, stated she discussed the project with St. Johns residents. She stated the community supported and were excited about the project.

Troy Clark, Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes, states he visited the area frequently to bird watch. He noted the area was the last of wetlands in the region and the area had been abused over the years. He advocated for continued preservation of the area.

Councilor Washington gave kudos to the group. He discussed his childhood memories of the Smith & Bybee Lakes.

David Yamashita, Portland Parks, spoke favorably of the project. He stated if the center was built, it would be a landmark for the area. He discussed his involvement correlated to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Portland and Metro. Mr. Short noted the funds belonged to the City of Portland and Metro managed the area.

Donald Stastny, Stastny Architects, P.C., presented the conceptual design of the interpretive design. He noted his firm developed the Warms Springs Museum. The committee discussed the plan briefly with Mr. Stastny. Councilor Gates suggested a canoe trolley. Councilor Moore suggested a kitchen facility.

Related to the funding issue, Mr. Morgan explained a variety of methods for funding were being considered. He noted the project could be built in phases.

5. Executive Session Held Pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e) to Conduct Deliberation with Persons Designated by the Metro Council to Negotiate Real Property Transactions

The Committee held an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e). Staff present: Nancy Chase, Senior Planner; Larry Shaw, Senior Counsel; Pat Lee, Planning and Capital Development Manager; Doug Butler, General Services Director; and Casey Short, Senior Council Analyst.

6. Citizen Communications

No citizen communications were heard.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee  
Committee Recorder

**APPROVED**  
Date 8.17.94