

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

October 27, 1992
Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Susan McLain (Chair), Ed Gronke,
Ruth McFarland, Ed Washington

Committee Members Absent: Tanya Collier (Vice Chair)

Other Councilors Present: George Van Bergen

Councilor McFarland called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the November 25, 1991, June 23, September 22, and October 13, 1992

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

Vote: Councilors Gronke, McFarland and Washington voted aye. Councilor McLain was absent. The vote was 3-3-0 and the minutes were adopted.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-1682, Designating the New Metro Headquarters Building as "Metro Regional Center"

Don Rocks, Executive Assistant, presented the staff report. He said the resolution was drafted from the intent of the Committee at the October 13, 1992 meeting.

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

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

3. Review of Expenditure Plan for Capital Outlay from Convention Center Project Capital Fund

Neil Saling, Regional Facilities Director, presented the staff report. He said the 1992-93 Metro budget provided \$982,500 in Capital Outlay. He discussed six projects proposed; tiered seating, lighting controls, audio/video system upgrades, ballroom theatrical lights and equipment, skyview and ticket signage, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) retrofit and new requirements.

Mr. Saling stated Jeff Blosser, Director of the Oregon Convention Center, recommends the following projects for completion: centralized lighting controls (\$25,000), audio video theatrical

equipment for ballroom (\$52,378), upgrades of audio system in meeting rooms (\$41,896), and hearing impaired equipment (\$1,200). He noted the upgrades of the audio system in the meeting rooms would be a sole source contract.

Mr. Saling said the remaining two projects, seating and skyview and ticket signage, would come before the Committee at a later date.

Councilor McFarland asked if the electrical surge problems were fixed. Mr. Saling said the problem had been corrected.

Councilor Gronke asked if the audio video sound improvements would utilize an infra red or a loop system. Mr. Saling said an infra red system was to be installed.

Casey Short, Council Analyst, informed the Committee that a budget note in the 1992-93 budget required the Committee to approve the proposed capital outlay. Mr. Saling said future projects would be brought to the Committee for approval as they were developed.

Motion: Councilor Gronke moved Committee approval of the expenditure plan.

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

6. Review of MERC Resolution Nos. 200-206

Mr. Short read the resolutions by title and discussed the intent of each resolution.

Tim Fennel, Coliseum/Stadium Manager, responded to questions on changes to rental rates and concession prices.

Related to MERC Resolution No. 205 and 206, increasing salaries, Mr. Short expressed some concerns about funding availability.

4. Status Report on Metro Headquarters Project

Berit Stevenson, Project Manager, distributed and summarized report number seventeen, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. The Committee requested that a separate discussion item be scheduled to discuss the child care facility. The Committee requested an update be presented to the full Council. The Committee asked that copies of all the project reports be distributed to the full Council prior to the meeting.

Mr. Saling distributed and summarized a project budget, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. The handout indicated the project's contingency had become quite low.

Mr. Saling noted the expected interest income was \$81,511 below the projected budget. He said the project management portion of the project was \$39,456 above projections. Councilor Gronke asked if the amounts were projected or actual costs to date. Mr. Saling said they were projected costs. Ms. Stevenson clarified that the project management costs were Metro staff salaries. She stated the consultant services for the daycare, audio video system and telecommunications came in lower than budget. She said some of the figures may actually be lower than the projected figures reflected in the handout.

Mr. Saling discussed a shortfall in the contingency fund. He said the shortfall was a result of revisions to the plaza required by the City of Portland Planning Commission. He said staff would attempt to negotiate some of the requirements. Councilor Gronke asked if the changes were anticipated. Staff said they were not. Ms. Stevenson said the architect did not even anticipate the degree of changes required by the Planning Commission. Glenn Taylor, Construction Project Manager, the Planning Commission staff was surprised by the changes proposed by the Commission.

In response to questions by Councilor Gronke, staff and Committee members explained the design/build approach to construction of the project.

Councilor Washington expressed irritation at the ability of the Planning Commission to impose the significant and costly changes to the project. Councilor Van Bergen noted the situation was not isolated to the City of Portland. He said changes are imposed by planning commissions in every jurisdiction.

Councilor Van Bergen asked if the fees associated with the architect as a result of the changes were included in the contract. Ms. Stevenson said the changes were included in the contract and no additional charges would be submitted from the architect as a result of the changes.

Councilor McLain asked whether tradeouts would be made to offset the increased costs. Ms. Stevenson said furniture and fixture and the daycare facility funds might be affected.

UNSCHEDULED ITEM - End of the Oregon Trail Project

Sherry Oeser, Project Manager, reported on the status of the membership of the group to develop the Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU) for the End of the Oregon Trail Project. She said Clackamas County would not be submitting names until after the November 3, 1992 election results were available.

Ms. Oeser said she had not discussed the issue with the Executive Officer. She said the staff recommended appointments to the Committee from Metro include both staff and Councilors. She said the staff would develop a MOU to present to the Committee.

Councilor McLain expressed opposition to the proposed staff plan. She said the group should direct the staff in the development of the MOU. She said the intent of forming the Committee was to have the interested parties meet together to resolve issues of concern. Councilor Gronke concurred.

Ms. Oeser said she would discuss the matter with the Executive Officer and redevelop the approach.

5. Status Report on Facilities Funding Task Force

Pam Erickson, Project Manger, summarized her September 14, 1992 memorandum, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Clerk