

Minutes of the Metro Regional Facilities Committee
November 2, 1994
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: None

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

1. Executive Session Held Pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e), To Conduct Deliberations 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).

Present: Larry Shaw, Senior Assistant Counsel; Nancy Chase, Senior Regional Planner; Charlie Ceicko, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Director; Pat Lee, Planning and Capital Development Manager; Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner; Don Rocks, Executive Assistant; Casey Short, Senior Council Analyst; Gregory Tokes, Oregonian.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to enter executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e).

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1981, Entering into an Agreement with Portland General Electric to Negotiate an Option for their Property along the Willamette River

Motion: Washington moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 94-1981 without an attachment A.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1982, Entering into an Agreement with the Portland Area Campfire Council to negotiate an Option for Several Properties

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

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to approve negotiation for Tualatin River property and directed staff prepare a resolution to present to the full Council.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

4. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1975, Amending the Local Share Allocation Formulas and Guidelines in the Greenspaces Master Plan

Councilor Gates noted he would not participate in, or discuss items four and five because the decision may affect his personal residence and a conflict of interest existed.

Mr. Ceicko presented an update related to items four and five.

Mr. Huie distributed and summarized amendments to the Greenspaces Master Plan, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting (blue handout). Mr. Ciecko noted the amendments were supported by local jurisdictions.

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

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

5. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-2049, Modifying the Submission to the Voters of a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness to Proceed with the Acquisition of Land for a Regional System of Greenspaces

Mr. Ciecko presented the staff report, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Councilor McFarland discussed Greenspaces designation issues related to the City of Fairview. She noted she and staff had met with interested parties in the Fairview area. She noted the area of dispute was approximately eight acres. She said the City of Fairview recognized the property as a regional resource but that they did not want the property designated in the Metro proposal. She recommended removing the property from the proposal and the corresponding \$2.8 million. She noted the City of Fairview had placed the request in writing. She said that if the item was not removed, the four East Multnomah County Mayors would oppose the Greenspaces bond measure.

Councilor Moore asked if the City of Fairview had an advisory group to oversee the designation of the property. Councilor McFarland noted interest groups would be working with the City of Fairview. She stated Metro staff might continue to monitor the development of the area as it was still considered a regional resource. She said a specific plan of action was not established. Councilor Moore called for Metro staff's facilitation of coordinating efforts. Councilor McFarland noted Metro assistance may not be welcomed by the City of Fairview at the current time. She discussed the ongoing discussions related to the property.

Councilor Moore suggested maintaining approximately \$1 million for other properties. Mr. Ciecko discussed reallocation of the funds. He stated the reallocation should occur in the same geographical area. He noted no other property was available in the area for reallocation. He discussed the difficulty in moving a substitute property through advisory committees.

Mr. Huie discussed the proposed sites under the local option component, copies which are included in the record of this meeting. In response to Councilor Washington, Mr. Ciecko noted that the assumption was that Metro would operate any parks proposed for acquisition by Multnomah County, under the current agreement. Councilor Washington noted AmeriCorp was an important component in the projected projects. Mr. Huie noted the component was fostering interjurisdiction discussions.

Mr. Huie noted the City of Cornelius did not submit a request because they did not support the bond measure. Mr. Ciecko gave kudos to Mr. Huie for his work in developing the resolution.

Mr. Ciecko stated it would jeopardize the credibility of Metro if it allowed Cornelius to submit items should the bond pass. He suggested removing the amounts Cornelius might have been eligible for from the bond measure. He suggested legal counsel drafting a letter to the City of Cornelius explaining the Metro position. Councilor Washington noted any such letter should be carefully drafted to respond directly to the City of Cornelius's issues. Mr. Shaw favored allowing for some flexibility in drafting the language for the measure publication.

Mr. Lee discussed the "fine tuning" adjustments to the resolution on pages 33, 35, and 38, related to the \$135.5 million and \$24.9 million figures and \$0.22 per thousand. He proposed adding the text related to local projects and cost as opposed to acreage in blank lines (page 39) and providing for substitution sites on local projects.

Motion: Councilor Moore moved to recommend Council adoption of the resolution understanding the staff may submit changes as discussed by staff to be distributed at the Council meeting.

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

6. Work Session to Consideration of Resolution No. 94-2044, Submitting to the Voters a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$27.2 Million for the Oregon Territory! Exhibit and New Entrance at the Metro Washington Park Zoo

Chair Hansen noted the discussions to date on the resolution would be summarized and presented to the new Council in January 1995. She noted the item would not be scheduled again at the Committee.

The Committee held a work session to discuss Resolution No. 94-2044. Friends of the Zoo, Board President, Dan Spalding, discussed the Friends' position and support of the proposed resolution. Doug Butler, General Services Manager and Berit Stevenson, Project Manager, discussed the cost estimates prepared by the architects, generally agreeing with those proposals. Theresa Metke, Visitor Services Supervisor, reviewed the increases in retail and restaurant increases.

Councilor Gates noted the attendance projections should extend back further than ten years, noting the last ten years were that of a drought and the climate affected attendance. He suggested climate would be changing.

Councilor Moore expressed concerns about the many requests for funding. She called for backup plans if a bond measure did not pass.

Councilor Washington discussed concerns related to timing and other funding requests Metro had placed on the ballot.

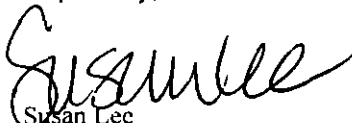
The Committee thanked staff for their work on the project.

7. Citizen Communications

None

With no further business before the committee, Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Prepared by,


Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
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