

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Terry Moore

Other Councilors Present: Jon Kvistad

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

1. Consideration of the January 19, and 25, 1994 Regional Facilities Committee

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to approve the minutes.

Vote: Councilors McFarland, Washington and Hansen voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 94-1903, Confirming the Appointment of Gary T. Baker to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission

Don Rocks, Executive Assistant, explained Resolution No. 93-1903 was being withdrawn. He explained that Don Carlson, Council Administrator, found that Mr. Baker was did not reside within the Metro boundary and therefor was not eligible to serve on the MERC.

3. Consideration of Request for Bids (RFB) for Construction of Visitor Transport Vehicle Garage/Station

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

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to authorize immediate release of the RFB.

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

UNSCHEDULED ITEM: Consideration of RFB for Penguinarium Wall Replacement

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

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to authorize immediate release of the RFB.

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

4. Zoo Updates

Elephant Yard Remodel - Oregon Exhibit

Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, updated the committee on the Elephant Yard Remodel RFB. She explained the bid process noting five bids were submitted. She stated some materials were donated for the project. She noted the accepted bid was higher than the architect's cost. She explained that the higher costs were associated with costly rock work (gunnite) on the exterior of the building and a barrier wall between the yard and the access road. She discussed shifting funding for the Oregon Project to the Elephant Yard Remodel this fiscal year. She discussed the advantages of proceeding with the project at this time.

Ms. Sheng discussed the Oregon Exhibit and construction related to the opening of the Westside light rail. She then discussed the Zoo partnerships and importance of the Oregon Exhibit in terms of heightening environmental awareness by the public. Councilor Gates advocated discussion of how the Zoo will be integrated into the activity of the Future Vision Commission.

Councilor Kvistad brought before the committee an idea to allow the Zoo to open competitive food services outside of the Zoo. Ms. Sheng welcomed the opportunity to examine additional revenue resources. She expressed some concerns about competing at other Metro facilities. She also stated public perception might be an area of concern. She stated if directed, she would devote staff time to further examine the concept. Chair Hansen suggested sale of signature items outside of the Zoo. She asked Casey Short, Council Analyst, to examine the legal issues involved.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 2-16-94