

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
October 6, 1993  
Metro Regional Center  
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Present: Susan McLain (Vice Chair), Jim Gardner

Other Councilors Present: Judy Wyers

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

1. Consideration of the September 15, 1993 Regional Facilities Committee Minutes

Motion: Sandi Hansen moved to approve the minutes as written.

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

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-1835, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Bernard Foster to the Metropolitan Exposition -Recreation Commission

Don Rocks, Executive Assistant, presented the staff report. Introduced Bernard Foster. Mr. Foster introduced himself and discussed his background. The committee queried Mr. Foster.

Motion: Sandi Hansen moved to recommend Council adoption of the Resolution.

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

3. Status Report on Regional Funding Task Force

Pam Erickson, Project Manager, summarized a memorandum from David Knowles, Chair of the Regional Funding Task Force, dated September 28, 1993, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

4. Status Report on Metro Regional Center Project and Metro Center Leasing

Neil Saling, Regional Facilities Director, presented report number thirty seven, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Mr. Saling then discussed leasing options on the Metro Center building. Brad Pihas, CB Commercial, was available to answer questions. Mr. Saling stated he would be forwarding a proposal for extension of the lease to the Council. He noted any prospective tenant would require tenant improvements and amortization of those expenses would require extension of the current lease to recover costs.

5. Status Report on MERC Business Plan

Pat LaCrosse, MERC General Manager, discussed the MERC Business Plan. He noted the schedule of meetings were included in the record of this meeting. He discussed issues related to the development of the business plan and the process used to develop the plan.

In response to a Committee question, Mr. LaCrosse noted there had been some inquiries from parties to purchase the Civic Stadium. He noted the Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC) had first right of refusal on any purchase negotiations.

Casey Short, Senior Council Analyst, noted discussions at the meetings focused on mission statements for the Portland Center for the Performing Arts (PCPA). He also asked if there would be a baseball team playing at Civic Stadium next summer. Mr. LaCrosse stated it was unlikely that baseball games would be held at the Civic Stadium next year. He noted the rights for baseball for next year were purchased by Calgary. He stated in the interim some updates would be made at the facility. Additionally, he noted no financial hardship would occur due to a lack of a baseball tenant.

6. Status Report on Zoo Activities

Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, updated the Committee on the activity at the Metro Washington Park Zoo. She discussed the results of the visitor survey, the elephant exhibit improvements, and parking lot issues. She noted the bus stops on Sunset Highway will be eliminated in late October or early November. She said the Oregon exhibit would be brought before the Committee some time in November.

Councilor Washington asked if shuttle buses were considered to aid in the alleviation of hardships due to the Sunset construction projects. Ms. Sheng said they were discussed. Councilor Washington advocated consideration of selling "stock" in the elephants to school children.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Lee  
Committee Clerk

**APPROVED**  
Date 10-20-93