

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE
October 20, 1993
Metro Regional Center
Council Chamber

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

Committee Members Absent: Jim Gardner

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

3. Status Report on MERC Business Plan Development

Candy Cavanagh, Civic Stadium Manager, distributed and summarized the Civic Stadium Business Plan, a copy of which is provided in the record of this meeting.

In response to a question by Chair McFarland, Ms. Cavanagh explained that the Civic Stadium broke even in the last three years, but that may have been because Memorial Coliseum absorbed certain labor costs. She confirmed that there was no replacement and renewal fund for the Civic Stadium.

Councilor McLain expressed concerns about loss of revenues by not having a baseball team play in the stadium for at least one year. Ms. Cavanagh explained concerts were going to be marketed for temporary replacement for those revenues.

Councilor Washington expressed some concerns about making any substantial improvements at the Civic Stadium when there is a lack of revenue at the facility.

1. Consideration of the October 6, 1993 Regional Facilities Committee Minutes

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved to recommend approval of the minutes.

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

Unscheduled Item

RFB For Outdoor Primate Caging

Jill Mellen, Research Coordinator, presented the Request for Bid for the Outdoor Primate Caging at the Zoo, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Motion: Councilor Washington moved to release the RFB.

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

2. Review of MERC Resolutions

Pat LaCrosse, MERC General Manager, Presented MERC Resolutions Nos. 93-15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting.

Ms. Cavanagh was available to discuss MERC Resolution No. 93-17 related to support of a one-year option for the Calgary Cannons bid to move the team to Portland.

Jeff Blosser, Oregon Convention Center Manager, explained MERC Resolution No. 93-18 and 19 related to collective bargaining agreements, copies of which are included in the record of this meeting.

Unscheduled Items:
Project Briefing

Neil Saling, Regional Facilities Director, distributed Report No. 38, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Greg Flakus, Multnomah County Fair Task Force, appeared before the Committee. He notified the Committee that the Multnomah County Commission approved the plan for the 1994 County Fair. He stated some \$50,000 in private and corporate donations would be sought to pay for the fair costs. He stated no public funds would be sought. He noted a fair administrator was necessary for a six month assignment to assist in the fair preparations. He distributed the Executive Summary of Recommendations from the Multnomah County Fair Task Force, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Councilor McLain noted the intent of the IGA was to reserve the last week in July for the Multnomah County Fair.

4. Status Report on Convention Center Minority Marketing Contract

Councilor Washington updated the Committee on the minority marketing contract. He stated the finalists would be meeting this week. He anticipated award of the contract by weeks' end. Mr. Blosser concurred, noting there may be a possibility of a special MERC meeting to approve the contract. In response to Councilor Hansen, Mr. Blosser said the proposals were presented by qualified candidates.

With no further business before the Committee, Chair McFarland adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Susan Lee
Committee Recorder

APPROVED
Date 11-3-93