

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

January 14, 1992

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Susan McLain (Chair), Tanya Collier (Vice Chair), Tom DeJardin, Ruth McFarland, and Jim Gardner (Acting Member)

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present: Councilor Roger Buchanan and Executive Officer Rena Cusma

Chair McLain called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of the minutes of the April 11, August 27, October 8, and November 12, 1991 Regional Facilities Committee

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to adopt the minutes.

Vote: All those present voted aye. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

2. Work Session to Consider Ordinance No. 92-443, For the Purpose of Establishing a Metropolitan Sports Authority

Pam Erickson, Project Manager, distributed handouts, a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting. She discussed the development of the task force and proposed Ordinance. She also discussed background of other relevant committees.

Will Glasgow, President, Pacificorp Financial Services, testified in support of establishing a Metropolitan Sports Authority. He said an Authority would aid in securing major league sport teams. He said securing a franchise would generate revenues to cover operating costs of facilities. He discussed the positive economic activity generated by sporting events.

Jack Elder, Oregon Sports Action, testified in support of establishing a Metropolitan Sports Authority. He spoke to the importance of sports figures among youth. He noted there were over 3,500 sitable sporting events that could be conducted in Portland. He noted the Tournament of the Americas would not have selected Portland had private industry not made the effort to secure them.

Ms. Erickson said the timing of the Ordinance was opportune. She said the Authority was offered as an Ordinance to establish credibility and authority. She said during the first year, the Authority would concentrate on establishing a data base and planning.

Councilor Gardner asked if the organization would be a non-profit operation or a government agency. Ms. Erickson said the law does not allow a public agency to operate a for profit organization. She said the ideal structure would be a public/private partnership.

In response to a question by staff, Ms. Erickson said the Metropolitan Entertainment Recreation Commission (MERC) was an operational body while the Authority would be promotional. She said the functions differed. She said the Authority would also be required to raise private revenues and MERC did not perform this function. She said MERC was limited to its own facilities and the Authority needed to have access to all local facilities.

In the interest of time, Councilor Collier requested Ms. Erickson to prepare written responses to Council staff's questions prior to the next meeting.

Councilor DeJardin thanked Mr. Elder and Mr. Glasgow for their testimony.

Chair Collier opened a public hearing. No citizens appeared to testify. Chair Collier closed the public hearing.

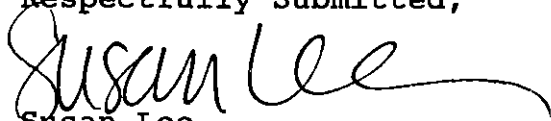
3. Briefing on the status of upcoming Committee work items

Casey Short, Council Analyst, distributed and summarized a handout a copy of which is included in the record of this meeting.

Councilor DeJardin asked Mr. Short if Metro had been asked to participate in the development of an East Willamette Aquarium. Mr. Short said he had not heard of any discussions with Metro on the topic.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Susan Lee
Committee Clerk