

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ZOO COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
October 4, 1990

Committee members present: Ruth McFarland (Chair), Tom DeJardin (Vice Chair), Jim Gardner, David Knowles and David Saucy, Jr.

Committee members absent: None

Vice Chair DeJardin called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of August 2, 1990 Meeting

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved for approval of the minutes.

Vote: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner and Saucy voted aye. Councilors Knowles and McFarland were absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 90-1328, For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption from Requirements of Metro Code Section 2.04.054(a) for Amendment No. 10 to the Contract with GSA Partnership, P.C. to Perform Additional Design Services for the Africa Rain Forest Exhibit

Bob Porter, Construction Coordinator, summarized the staff report. The resolution was a request for an additional \$30,000 for the Africa Rain Forest design work. Mr. Porter said problems had been encountered with soil conditions at the site and additional fill was required. The new fill necessitated additional field testing. In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Porter said the \$30,000 would come out of Zoo Contingency funds and would be used for testing only. Because the request did not involve a budget amendment, Councilor Gardner, Finance Committee member, said it did not need to go before the Finance Committee.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to recommend Council adoption of Resolution 90-1328.

Vote: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner, McFarland and Saucy voted aye. Councilor Knowles was absent.

The motion carried unanimously. Chair McFarland noted Councilor Gardner would present the report at the Council meeting.

3. Capital Construction Update

Bob Porter, Construction Coordinator, gave the Committee an update on capital construction projects at the Washington Park Zoo. He said the main project was the Africa Rain Forest exhibit. Staff was projecting a May 1991 completion date with an opening date of June 1991. Mr. Porter said the project was approximately 63 percent complete. He said the other large project currently underway was the Research and Propagation Center. Kay Rich, Assistant Zoo Director, told the Committee only one bid had been received for the primate roof repair. He said the bid was for \$88,700, which was substantially over the estimated cost of \$50,000 to \$60,000. For that reason, staff had recommended the bid be rejected and the specifications rewritten for rebidding in the spring of 1991. Mr. Rich noted the construction climate would be better at that time and it was expected there would be multiple bidders.

4. Progress Report on FY90-91 Master Plan Update

Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, updated the Committee on the Zoo Master Plan. She presented an outline which consisted of the following components: Organization; Market Study and Economic Impact; Visitor Experience; Education; Animal Collections; Physical Facilities; and External Environment. Ms. Sheng highlighted points of interest for each of the components and explained to the Committee how each of the categories within the components would function.

Ms. Sheng noted the need to look at resource possibilities for future funding strategies. The team members, she said, would consist of those who could bring the best suited experience to the category, with selections being composed of representatives of Metro and the Zoo, members of the Friends of the Zoo, and outside people who had experience and expertise to contribute. She also stressed the need for increasing the economic impact to the region and for increased education.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ann Brunson
Committee Clerk