

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ZOO COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
October 18, 1990

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

Committee members absent: David Knowles

Chair McFarland called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of October 4, 1990 Meeting

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved for approval of the minutes.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Casey Short, Council Analyst, distributed a memo to the Committee regarding the Westside Corridor LRT alignment options. Chair McFarland requested this item be placed on the next Committee meeting agenda.

2. Review of RFP No. 90R-125-ZO, For Economic Impact Analysis of the Zoo, As Part of the Master Plan Update

Kay Rich, Assistant Zoo Director, summarized the staff report for the Committee. He said this request for an economic impact analysis was necessary as part of the update of the Metro Washington Park Zoo Master Plan. The scope of work would include projected attendance, revenues, operating costs, and excise taxes collected by Metro. It would extend the information over a ten year period. In response to questions from the Chair, Mr. Rich said there were funds in the Master Plan budget to cover this expense.

Motion: Councilor Gardner moved to authorize release of the RFP.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Work Session to Discuss Items for Possible Inclusion in Metro's 1991 Legislative Agenda

Chair McFarland said she was not aware of any issues pertaining to the Metro Washington Park Zoo to be included in the legislative agenda. She then asked Mr. Rich if he was aware of anything the Committee should know about. Mr. Rich expressed concern over the impact Measure 5 might have on Zoo funding and asked if the Committee would consider issuing a statement in opposition to the Measure. The consensus of the Committee was that Mr. Rich's suggestion was good and the Chair directed Council staff to prepare a press release. The press release was to contain information about the impact of Measure 5 to Zoo programs, including a dollar amount and what programs might suffer. Chair McFarland noted both the Presiding Officer and Executive Officer should be notified of the press release.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Brunson
Committee Clerk