

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ZOO COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

January 3, 1989

Committee members present: Councilors Sharron Kelley (Chair),
Roger Buchanan, Richard Devlin and
Gary Hansen

Committee members absent: Councilor Tom DeJardin

Chair Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and welcomed newly-appointed Committee members Councilors Buchanan and Devlin.

1. Consideration of Minutes of December 20, 1988

Motion: Councilor Hansen moved approval of the minutes of December 20, 1988.

Vote: All Committee members present voted aye. Councilor DeJardin was absent.

The motion carried.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 89-1036, for the Purpose of Authorizing a Purchase Contract with Gelco Space for a Modular Structure

The chair noted the resolution number was incorrectly listed on the meeting agenda as Resolution No. 88-995 and asked Committee members to make the appropriate correction.

Allan Goff, Metro Washington Park Zoo Facilities Management Division Manager, presented the staff report and said the purpose of the contract was to purchase a modular structure to house the Friends of the Washington Park Zoo (FOZ) administration office, educational support staff and Children's Zoo animal keepers. Mr. Goff said options for rental, lease, purchase and construction of a unit had been reviewed, and purchase of the unit was deemed to be the most suitable option for the Zoo's short- and long-term needs.

Councilor Hansen asked how the purchase related to the Zoo's master plan and why the space requirements had not been addressed during recent remodeling and expansion of the Administration Building. Mr. Goff said the master plan scheduled Children's Zoo renovation four to five years in the future, and the modular unit would provide interim housing. Kay Rich, Assistant Zoo Director, said program space requirements had increased considerably since the time the Administration Building was designed and built due to additional staff support for the substantially-increased FOZ membership, growth in summer educational programs and hiring of a Vault Room Supervisor. He said he thought it more appropriate to

centrally locate the FOZ office, and necessary to locate Children's Zoo staff near the area they supervised. Mr. Rich said a modular structure was advantageous since it could be relocated as construction progressed.

Councilor Buchanan asked for explanation of the relationship between Metro and FOZ. Mr. Rich said FOZ supported the Zoo by raising funds, securing donations of goods and services, providing receptions and sponsoring lecture series, and Metro had a contractual agreement with FOZ to provide office space. He also noted FOZ paid their own telephone and supply costs.

Councilor Devlin asked if the modular unit would be compatible with surrounding buildings. Mr. Goff replied it would, and it resembled a modular structure already at the Zoo. He also said planned landscaping would enhance the area.

Ray Barker, Council Analyst, asked why Elder Leasing, owner of a modular structure already at the Zoo, had not bid on the contract, noting that an October, 1988, price quote from them had been substantially lower than the bids received on this contract. Mr. Goff said an Elder Leasing representative had told him the company had not bid this contract because they had incorrectly noted the bid opening date as being later than it was.

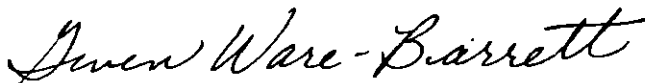
Motion: Councilor Buchanan moved to refer Resolution No. 89-1036 to the Council Finance Committee and request the Finance Committee include in their review examination of the \$10,000 difference between the budgeted line item appropriation and contract bid.

Vote: The four Committee members present voted aye. Councilor DeJardin was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gwen Ware-Barrett
Council Committee Clerk