

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ZOO COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting  
April 19, 1990

Committee members present: Jim Gardner (Chair), Ruth McFarland  
(Vice Chair), David Knowles and  
Mike Ragsdale

Committee members absent: Tom DeJardin

Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of April 5, 1990 Meeting

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved for approval of the  
minutes.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 90-1249, Approving the Request for Proposals  
Documents for Construction of the Research and Propagation  
Center and Owl Mews at the Metro Washington Park Zoo

Dennis Pate, General Curator, presented the staff report to the  
Committee. He introduced Dr. Jill Mellen whose primary  
responsibility would be for RFP and supervising the research and  
propagation building. Dr. Mellen explained to the Committee the  
reasons for research and propagation centers, noting staff was  
proposing a functionally useful area which included a new set of  
owl mews. Councilor McFarland asked if the area would  
accommodate only one species at a time or a combination. Dr.  
Mellen said groups which were naturally compatible would be  
housed in each building. In response to Committee questions, Mr.  
Pate said the funds were budgeted in the current fiscal year and  
would be carried over to the next fiscal year in order to  
complete the project. Mr. Pate added there was no conflict with  
the Zoo's Master Plan.

Motion: Councilor McFarland moved to recommend Council  
adoption of Resolution No. 90-1249.

Vote: Councilors Gardner, Knowles, McFarland and  
Ragsdale voted aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Update on Zoo Ballot Measure Campaign

Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, updated the Committee on the progress with the Zoo ballot measure campaign. She said so far \$100,000 had been raised. Those funds were being used for a TV campaign (scheduled to air on the two weekends prior to the election); lawn signs (2,000 in the tri-county area); and mailings. Ms. Sheng said endorsements had been received from the Northwest Labor Council, Oregonian Newspaper, Beaverton Chamber of Commerce, North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce and the Portland/Oregon Visitors Association. She said there was one last major volunteer effort scheduled for the last weekend before the election. In response to questions from Councilor Knowles, Ms. Sheng said they had not received enough contributions to conduct a direct mail campaign.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Brunson  
Committee Clerk

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