

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ZOO COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL DISTRICT

May 3, 1990

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Jim Gardner (Chair), Ruth McFarland (Vice Chair), Tom DeJardin and Mike Ragsdale

Committee Members Absent: David Knowles

Chair Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 3:52 p.m.

1. Update on Zoo Ballot Measures Campaign

Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, said the Zoo Ballot Measures campaign was progressing well and enough funds were raised. She said cash in hand for the campaign totalled \$100,000. She said campaign commercials would begin broadcasting the weekend following this meeting up to May 15, Election Day. She said it was unfortunate the lawn signs had been disappearing at a rapid rate, but volunteers were again posting signs in crucial areas. She discussed phone bank activities. She said the Oregon Tourism Alliance endorsed both Zoo ballot measures; an unusual move for them in that they usually did not give endorsements on ballot issues. She said the Public Affairs Department would issue a news release May 4 recapping all endorsements the Zoo ballot measures had received thus far.

2. Africa! Rainforest Exhibit Construction Update

Bob Porter, Zoo Construction Manager, said the Africa! exhibit construction was on schedule and on budget. He said the good weather assisted construction efforts. He said the staff and construction crew found soil conditions to be worse than previously thought and excavation and backfill had to be done. He said those activities were covered in the contract with L. D. Mattson, Inc. He said areas of the site were filled with rock to keep construction on schedule and staff had negotiated a lower unit price on the buttress. Councilor DeJardin asked what type of soil was on the site. Mr. Porter said it was a blue, very wet clay and had been tested. Mr. Porter said the foundation and brick wall had been completed and showed pictures of the site taken the date of this meeting. He said work had begun on the Swamp Building. He said the contractor had not done this type of construction before, but was working well and pulling the various components together admirably as well as coordinating well with the architect Guthrie/Slusarenko/Associates.

3. Strategic Planning Update

Ms. Sheng referred to the last Committee discussion on Strategic Planning and said its status was the same since that meeting. She said strategic planning would show Zoo staff what needed to be accomplished

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in the next two to three years and hoped for formal acknowledgement of Strategic Planning when it reached the final product stage.

Chair Gardner said the Zoo Committee would tour the Zoo their next meeting May 17 and take another look at the Rainforest site.

Chair Gardner adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paulette Allen".

Paulette Allen  
Committee Clerk  
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