

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ZOO COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
June 21, 1990

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

Committee members absent: Mike Ragsdale

Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of June 7 Meeting

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved for approval of the
minutes.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Gardner noted item #3 would be considered next.

3. Resolution No. 90-1292, Adopting the Metro Washington Park
Zoo Strategic Plan "Visions and Values" as Principles for
Metro and for the FY90-91 Zoo Master Plan Update

Jessica Marlitt, Council Analyst, presented the staff report to
the Committee. She noted the Committee, at their last meeting,
requested staff prepare a resolution adopting the Zoo strategic
plan for all of Metro. Chair Gardner explained the process used
to come up with the vision statement and values for the FY90-91
Zoo Master Plan Update.

Main Motion: Councilor Knowles moved to recommend Council
adoption of Resolution No. 90-1292.

On further discussion, suggestions were made to amend the third
paragraph of the resolution and also the BE IT RESOLVED section.

Motion to Amend: Councilor Knowles moved to amend the BE IT
RESOLVED section of Resolution No. 90-1292 as
follows:

"....principles for the Metro Washington Park Zoo
and for...."

Vote on Motion to Amend: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner,
Knowles and McFarland voted aye.

The motion to amend carried unanimously.

Vote on Main Motion: Councilors DeJardin, Gardner, Knowles and McFarland voted aye.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance No. 90-354, Amending Metro Code Section 4.01.060 to Allow for Increased Fees on Special Admission Days

Kay Rich, Assistant Zoo Director, summarized the staff report and told the Committee Zoo staff had included the amendments suggested at the meeting of June 7 in the ordinance being presented tonight. He noted Zoo Director Sherry Sheng felt the language suggested by Council staff was too restrictive. He cited "package plans" which could be offered in conjunction with conventions and which could cost more than the \$20.00 maximum premium price suggested by Council staff. Jessica Marlitt, Council Analyst, explained to the Committee the reasons for the amendment she was proposing, noting better accountability to the public by stating the \$5.00 minimum fee as the standard.

Motion: Councilor Knowles moved to recommend Council adoption of Ordinance No. 90-354.

On further discussion, Chair Gardner noted concern with the regular concert series. He felt the public viewed those concerts as a regular part of the Zoo and, as a Councilor, would like to know when the fees were raised. Ms. Sheng said her staff was charged with providing a regular service to visitors and with making a profit at the Zoo. She felt it was more appropriate for Zoo staff to set the fee for special events. Councilor McFarland spoke in favor of Councilor Knowles motion, saying Zoo staff was competent and she felt only Council oversight was needed.

Vote: Councilors DeJardin, Knowles and McFarland voted aye. Councilor Gardner voted nay.

The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Brunson
Committee Clerk

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