

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ZOO COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
Washington Park Zoo
Conference Room B
July 19, 1990

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

Committee members absent: Councilors Jim Gardner and David
Knowles

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

1. Consideration of Minutes of June 21, 1990 Meeting

Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved for approval of the
minutes.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance No. 90-355, Amending Metro Code Section 7.01.050
by Exempting Certain Payments to the Metro Washington Park
Zoo from the Excise Tax

Chair McFarland and Zoo Director Sherry Sheng stated that the
purpose of the amendment was to clarify the language of the
existing ordinance so that Zoo funds received from contributions
and donations would not be subject to the excise tax. Chair
McFarland noted that the Finance Committee has unanimously
recommended that Council adopt Ordinance No. 90-355.

Motion: Councilor Saucy moved to recommend Council
adoption of Ordinance No. 90-355.

Vote: Councilors McFarland, DeJardin and Saucy voted
aye.

The motion carried unanimously. Chair McFarland noted Councilor
DeJardin would work with Councilor Wyers to present the
recommendation to the Council at their next meeting.

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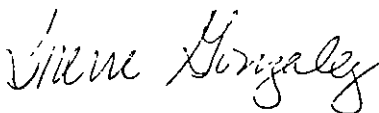
In other business, Chair McFarland discussed Steering Committees for the Zoo Master Plan Update. Ms. Sheng suggested that within each Steering Committee there be one person from either the Council or the executive staff, one person representing the Friends of the Zoo, an appropriate number of Zoo staff and identifying Zoo consultants. She stated that she plans to give a more detailed progress report at the next meeting.

Chair McFarland welcomed Mr. Robin Drews, a representative of the Friends of the Zoo. Councilor DeJardin commended Mr. Drews on his devotion to the Friends of the Zoo and pointed out that he attends most of the Council meetings and keeps the Friends of the Zoo informed about what is going on. Councilor Saucy stated that citizen involvement with the Zoo is very commendable. Our local newspaper ran an article that Councilor Saucy's first action as councilmember was to vote against citizen involvement. Councilor Saucy explained that he was referring to last year's Budget Committee and that citizen involvement in areas such as the Zoo are very important.

Ms. Sheng gave some background for the Africa III Exhibit and the Research and Propagation Center Site tour including stating that the project was on budget and on schedule and there is a potential of opening earlier than originally planned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. to tour the construction sites.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri González
Committee Clerk

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