

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ZOO COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting  
August 2, 1990

Committee members present: Councilors Ruth McFarland (Chair)  
and Tom DeJardin (Vice Chair)

Committee members absent: Councilors Jim Gardner, David  
Knowles and David Saucy

The Zoo Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum, but the attending Committee Chair and member decided to hold an informal discussion with Zoo staff.

2. Update on Research and Propagation Center Contracts

Kay Rich, Assistant Director of the Zoo, gave an informational update on the Research and Propagation Center Contracts. He said on April 26 the Council approved proceeding with the RFP. It was advertised and brought in four proposals ranging from a high of \$85,000 to a low of \$43,000. All four firms were interviewed. Only GSA would not have had to raise their fees in order to provide the Errors of Omission insurance.

The Interview Committee sent their recommendation of GSA to the various departments at Metro for review and it was approved for final signature. The budget for the entire project was estimated to be about \$435,000, including moving of the owl mews. This project was originally thought of as a two or three phase project, but Mr. Rich suggested perhaps it would make more sense to view the project as a whole so costs might be lessened.

After completion of the project design by next Spring, the construction documents will come back to Council for their approval for release. The final contract will also require Council approval.

There are funds in this year's budget to begin construction and sufficient money in the project budget to do the design. The original budget provided \$10,000 for design of the Propagation Center, but design of the Owl Mews is also included in the current project cost of \$59,000. The FY 1990-91 budget also included \$115,000 for preliminary construction. Mr. Rich explained that in the capital fund you appropriate the whole fund, so there is no problem in shifting some of this money. Mr. Rich stated that though the design fee is not unreasonable, it had been underestimated. Chair McFarland recommended that she and Mr. Rich make a report to the Council about this discussion at the next Council meeting.

1. Ordinance No. 90-358, Revising Metro Code Section 4.01.050  
to Include Exclusion from Zoo Premises

Mr. Rich explained the need for the adoption of Ordinance No. 90-358. He said it was necessary to revise Metro Code Section 4.01.050 to include "exclusion from Zoo premises". The Metro Council currently authorizes ejection from Zoo premises by the Director, his/her designate or by any peace officer but only for that day. There is a need for applying a longer term sanction in more serious cases and he suggested they would like it to be at least 45 days.

Meeting recessed at 4:35.


Reconvened with Sherry Sheng at 4:40.

3. Worksession on FY 1990-91 Zoo Master Plan Update

Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, said there were many components in the master plan outline. Each component will have a team working on it. There will be a Steering or Executive Committee to oversee these teams. The Steering Committee would be made up of Councilor McFarland, Rena Cusma, Executive Officer, Sherry Sheng, Zoo Director, and Fred Chown, Friends of the Zoo President. It is necessary to decide what kind of information will be useful to the team before they start working on their particular component. Therefore, Ms. Sheng recommended having a brainstorming worksession with at least four or five of the Zoo Committee members present at the next meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri González  
Committee Clerk