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Metro Council appoints Terry Goldman and Karis Stoudamire-Phillips to Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission

The Metro Council today confirmed Council President David Bragdon's appointment of Terry Goldman and Karis Stoudamire-Phillips to its Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC), which operates the Oregon Convention Center, Portland Center for the Performing Arts and the Portland Expo Center.

Terry Goldman is general manager of Hillsboro's SpringHill Suites by Marriott and its third party management company, InnSight Hotel Management Group. He also directs sales and marketing for InnSight's twelve properties in Oregon and Washington. In 2008, Goldman was co-awarded the Oregon Lodging Association's Inn Keeper of the Year award. He currently chairs the Washington County Visitors Association Board of Directors and is a board member of the Tri-County Lodging Association.

Karis Stoudamire-Phillips is corporate relations officer for the Legacy Health System Foundation in Portland. Previously, she administered the Damon Stoudamire, Inc. Foundation and has served in various public affairs and research positions in the health care industry. She is a board member for numerous community organizations, including the Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross, Big Brother Big Sister African American Advisory Board, Piedmont Rose Association, Schoolhouse Supplies, and the YWCA. Stoudamire-Phillips currently is treasurer of the Boise Neighborhood Association and Black Baccalaureate Chair for the Bridge Builders Board and also serves on the St. Mary's Alumni Council.

"The region will be well-served with today's appointments of Terry and Karis to the Commission," said David Bragdon. "Their leadership in the business and service communities will add unique perspectives and expertise. I appreciate their willingness to serve in these important leadership roles," he added.

The Council also reappointed Judie Hammerstad and Cynthia Haruyama to second terms on MERC.

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