

**ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE  
MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, November 24, 2009 - 9:30 AM**  
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

**BOARD BRIEFINGS**

Chair Ted Wheeler convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m., with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Jeff Cogen and Diane McKeel present, and Commissioner Kafoury arriving at 10:14 a.m.

**B-1 Briefing on County Veterans Service Office Program. Presenters: Lee Girard and Katie Pereaault.**

COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE (CVSO) UNIT MANAGER LEE GIRARD ATTENDED, INTRODUCED KATIE PEREAULT, AND GAVE A PRESENTATION, RESPONDING TO COMMENTS RAISED. CVSO ASSISTS VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, PROVIDE PUBLIC EDUCATION, CONDUCT OUTREACH AND ADVOCATE FOR THE VETERANS. THEY REVIEW SERVICES, INFORM AND REFER VETERANS TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES, HELP THEM APPLY FOR NEW AND/OR EXPANDED BENEFITS, AND REPRESENT THEM AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT.

MS. GIRARD ACKNOWLEDGED THE ADVOCACY EFFORTS OF COMMISSIONERS McKEEL AND COHEN AND CITY COMMISSIONER FISH WHICH RESULTED IN INCREASED STATE FUNDING. A SECOND FTE WAS HIRED ALLOWING THE TWO ACCREDITED STAFF TO INTERVIEW 1,093 VETS AND FILE CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF 344 VETS, WHICH RESULTED IN NEW BENEFITS TOTALING \$2,826,877 THROUGH JUNE 2009. THIS YEAR, FOCUS IS ON MORE AGGRESSIVE OUTREACH; PARTNERING WITH VETERAN HOSPITALS AND COLLABORATING ON A FEDERAL PILOT FOR VET COMMUNITY AND HOME-BASED SERVICES.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF CHAIR WHEELER, MS. GIRARD ADVISED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS' HELP IS NEEDED IN ADVOCATING WITH THE LEGISLATURE ABOUT THEIR SERVICES.

COMMISSIONER McKEEL EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION AND CHAIR WHEELER COMMENDED THEM FOR THE SERVICES AND ASKED FOR FEEDBACK ON THE FEDERAL PILOT.

**B-2 Land Use and Transportation Code Compliance Office (CCO) Program Progress Briefing. Presented by Bill Gotzinger and Michael Grimmitt.**

DIRECTOR MICHAEL GRIMMETT INTRODUCED BILL GOTZINGER AND UPDATED THE BOARD. CCO ENFORCES LAND USE; RIGHT-OF-WAY REGULATIONS FOR ALL ROADS; GRADING/EROSION CONTROL IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS; AND PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS UNDER COUNTY JURISDICTION. THE PROGRAM ADOPTED MAY, 2004 FOCUSES ON VOLUNTARY INSTEAD OF PUNITIVE COMPLIANCE. HIS SLIDES SHOWED HOW THE 3,500 OUTSTANDING CASES WERE PRIORITIZED BY: SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT; PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE; OR, RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS BY PROPERTY OWNERS. NEW ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND CASE CRITERIA WERE DEVELOPED TO IDENTIFY AND TRACK CASES. THEY CONTINUE WORKING TO REDUCE PENDING CASES AND EDUCATE PEOPLE ON HOW TO RESOLVE VIOLATIONS. HE THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE THEM.

CHAIR WHEELER THANKED THEM, ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR PROGRESS AND ENFORCED THE COMMISSIONERS' DESIRE TO RESOLVE VIOLATIONS USING EDUCATION AND VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK COMMENDED THEIR WORK AND ASKED FOR SLIDES IN FUTURE UPDATES SHOWING HOW CODE VIOLATIONS WERE RESOLVED.

**B-3 The Homeless Youth Continuum Annual Report by the Homeless Youth Oversight Committee. Presenters: Mary Li, DCHS Division Manager; Aaron Babbie, Co-Chair Homeless Youth Oversight Committee; Dennis Morrow, Janus Youth Programs; and Lieut. Ron Alexander, Portland Police Bureau.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION PROGRAM MANAGER MARY LI INTRODUCED THE SPEAKERS AND SAID THEY'D GIVE THE ANNUAL UPDATE.

MR. BABBIE SAID HYC COLLABORATES WITH: COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ADVOCATE FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND OFFER SERVICES; DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES TO ADDRESS THEIR ISSUES; WITH MULTIPLE SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES TO ADDRESS GAPS IN SERVICE AND GET MORE HOMELESS YOUTH OFF THE STREET; AND, LAW ENFORCEMENT ON PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES. HYC'S PROGRAM SERVICES NOW INCLUDE MORE YOUTH EFFECTED BY THE RECESSION AND OLDER YOUTH.

LT. ALEXANDER COMMENDED HYC AGENCIES FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITIONING THE HOMELESS YOUTH INTO CONTRIBUTING ADULTS. HE DISCUSSED CHALLENGES SURROUNDING THE TRANSIENT/SEASONAL YOUTH AND HOW THOSE ISSUES ARE BEING ADDRESSED.

MR. MORROW SAID JANUS AND HYC ARE FOCUSED ON FINDING SOLUTIONS TO HELP KIDS SUCCEED. PORTLAND'S SYSTEM OF INTEGRATION AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN CITY, BUSINESS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS IS

UNIQUE AND ALLOWS EXISTING FUNDING TO BE MAXIMIZED EVEN AS FUNDING AND DONATIONS ARE SHRINKING. NUMBERS OF HOMELESS YOUNGER CHILDREN ARE DECREASING; A TREND SEEN NATIONALLY. THERE'S AN INCREASE IN OLDER HOMELESS TEENS RESULTING IN MORE HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOR AND MORE HOMELESS WOMEN HAVING A SECOND CHILD.

MS. LI SAID HYC SERVICES 1,000 YOUTH AND SHOWS HOW THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES CAN CREATE A UNIFIED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT. NEW PROJECTS FOCUS ON PERMANENT HOUSING, PARTNERING MORE AND SHARING RESOURCES. HYC IS WORKING WITH YOUTH WHO REFUSE SERVICES TO CREATE A CODE TO POLICE THEMSELVES. SHE THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS, STAFF, AND PARTNERS.

CHAIR WHEELER THANKED EVERYONE. HE AND COMMISSIONER COGEN COMMENDED HYC FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK.

**B-4 Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Open Booking Policy Briefing to the Board. Presented by Captain Jay Heidenrich and Rosie Sizer, Chief, Portland Police Bureau.**

MCSO CAPTAIN JAY HEIDENRICH AND PORTLAND POLICE CHIEF ROSIE SIZER FOLLOWED UP ON THE NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> WORK SESSION REGARDING IMPACT OF CHANGES IN BOOKING POLICIES ON HEALTH, RECOGNIZANCE RELEASES, JAIL HOUSING AND EMERGENCY POPULATION RELEASES. SINCE CHANGES IMPLEMENTED JULY 2009, PEOPLE ACCUSED OF CERTAIN CRIMES, E.G.: DRUG POSSESSION, NON-PERSON MISDEMEANORS, ARE BOOKED INSTEAD OF GIVEN CITATION TICKETS AND TOLD TO RETURN. OUTCOME IS RATE OF OFFENDERS FAILING TO APPEAR HAS LESSENED SIGNIFICANTLY IN BOTH FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR BOOKING CATEGORIES. VOLUME FLOWING THROUGH BOOKING HAS INCREASED, REQUIRING AN INCREASE OF ONE FTE. ADJUSTMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO THE SYSTEM AS OTHER OUTCOMES OF THESE CHANGES ARE CONTINUALLY EVALUATED.

CHAIR WHEELER AND THE COMMISSIONERS THANKED THEM FOR THEIR REPORT AND REQUESTED DETAILED DATA SETS FOR FUTURE REPORTS TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES AND OUTCOMES.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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