

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne, Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, November 8, 2012**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending were Jenny Morf, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- C.1 RESOLUTION 2012-187 Authorizing the Private Sale of a Tax Foreclosed Property to Joseph Kai Chak Yeung and Rebekah Sai Mei Fong Yeung.
- C.2 RESOLUTION 2012-188 Authorizing the Repurchase of a Tax Foreclosed Property by the Former Owner, Mary L. Baumann.
- C.3 Re-appointment of David Blount, John Potter, Sola Whitehead, and Appointment of Erin Cooper, Adam Starr, Maegan Vidal, Hallie Blashfield & Etsegenet Ayele to the Multnomah County LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB).
- C.4 Re-appointment of Joe Smith to the Portland International Airport Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC).
- C.5 RESOLUTION 2012-189 Reappointing Members and Appointing New Members of the Business Advisory Council (BAC).

Upon motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kafoury the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer.

Testimony was given and received for the record.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- R.1 **PROCLAMATION in Observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2012, in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner McKeel, D-4. Presenters: Elan Lambert, Oregon National Guard J9/JTAP; Tonja Pardo, State Director - US Dept. of Labor- Veterans' Employment & Training Service.**

Commissioner McKeel moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R-1.

Commissioner McKeel made introductions and opening remark. She emphasized the importance of honoring our servicemen and women. Over 49k veterans are estimated to live in Multnomah County. She recognized all the veterans in attendance at the meeting and quoted President Woodrow Wilson who proclaimed November 11<sup>th</sup> as the first commemoration of Armistice Day in 1919 with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

A video was shown recognizing Matthew Brady for his years in active and reserve service and also as an employee of Multnomah County. The Board commended him for his service.

Ms. Lambert discussed the Joint Transition Assistance Program. They support the National Guard and Reserve members and their families with information on benefits and referrals before, during, and after deployments. They assist them with tools for reintegration back into their communities and offer help on issues such as health, employment, military entitlements and benefits, and legal resources. She said program partners with local military entities and service organizations to ensure successful transitions for Veterans and their families. Key community partners include government leaders, public safety and judicial leaders, faith-based organizations, veteran/civic organizations, businesses and employers, social service and medical providers, and educational leaders.

Ms. Pardo talked about the services they provide veterans and service members to maximize their employment opportunities, protect their employment rights, meet labor-market demands with qualified veterans, and assist with Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights ACT (USERRA) issues. She discussed the grant they received to help veterans find jobs; particularly those with significant barriers, including issues surrounding education, homelessness, and mental and medical health. The presenters responded to Board comments and answered questions.

Commissioner McKeel read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2012-190 was unanimously adopted.

**R.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION NOND-11 Requesting General Fund Contingency Transfer of \$10,000 to Assist the Veterans Affairs Administration and Community Partners in Housing 87 Chronically Homeless Veterans by December 31, 2012. Sponsors: Commissioners Kafoury & McKeel, Districts 1 & 4. Presenters: Steve Rudman & Jill Reynolds - Home Forward, Marc Jolin - JOIN; Zeke Smith - United Way; and, Eileen Devine, Veterans Health Administrator Network Homeless Coordinator.**

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R-2.

Commissioner Kafoury introduced the presenters. Commissioner McKeel explained they are requesting \$10,000 of General Fund contingency to assist the Veterans Affairs Administration and community partners house 87 chronically disabled veterans by December 31, 2012.

Mr. Jolin explained that the County contribution will be pooled with matching contributions from the City of Portland and Home Forward and used specifically to provide the flexible assistance for housing placement specialists at the VA and community organizations. Flexible funds are necessary to move veterans into housing. The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program will pay for rent and the supportive services that Veterans need to stay housed.

Ms. Reynolds said that the HUD-VASH program is critical in ending homelessness for veterans and combines rental assistance and clinical services to ensure chronically homeless veterans get off the streets, into housing, and have the support services they need to stay housed.

Ms. Devine explained that HUD-VASH vouchers are allocated to communities based on need. Multnomah County was awarded 305 vouchers to house disabled homeless veterans through this program and have 87 remaining. If the vouchers are not used by December 31<sup>st</sup>, they have to be returned and there is risk that the quantity of future vouchers will be reduced. Two critical areas to achieving this goal are flexible assistance of \$500 per veteran for application fees, bus tickets, furniture and other moving costs necessary to get veterans housed; and, finding landlords to be community partners and rent apartments to veterans.

Mr. Smith explained how these funds will be matched by community partners and leveraged with other programs. Fully utilizing these resources will help to achieve this housing goal. The presenters responded to Board questions and comments.

Budget Modification NOND-11 was unanimously approved.

**R.3 RESOLUTION Authorizing County's Acquisition of the Easterly Half of Block U, Couch's Addition, from the Portland Housing Bureau through an Agreement for Disposition of Property. Sponsor: Chair Cogen. Presenters: Emerald Bogue Walker, Sr. Policy Advisor, Office of Chair Cogen; Brett Taute, Project Mgr., Strategic Projects Team, FPM; and, Jacob Fox, Asst. Housing Dir., Portland Housing Bureau.**

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R-3.

Chair Cogen gave opening remarks and introductions.

Ms. Bogue Walker said that this Resolution would authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement for Disposition of Property with the Portland Housing Bureau. This would allow the County to acquire the easterly half of Block U to build a new headquarters for the Multnomah County Health Department, adjacent to the Bud Clark Commons. She discussed the terms of the agreement including costs and ownership, adding that the City Council approved the IGA at their meeting yesterday, November 7, 2012.

Mr. Taute outlined the reasons for this proposal and the process that was involved. The existing headquarters is an aging building in need of costly upgrades and not well suited to provide health services. A search transpired for several years to locate a replacement. In

December 2011, the Board authorized the Health and Facilities Departments to partner with Home Forward and submit a proposal to the Portland Housing Bureau to secure the site for the project. The Portland Housing Bureau responded favorably, which resulted in the County entering an IGA with Home Forward in May 2012. The County authorized the necessary land purchase and commenced actions outlined in the IGA for development of a new Health Department.

Ms. Bogue Walker said the estimated budget for this project is approximately \$38.5 million, of which the main funding source is \$26,948,460 in TIF from the River District Urban Renewal Area. County will provide the remainder of the funding through internal or external financing mechanisms to be determined at a later time. The presenters responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Chair Cogen and the Commissioners acknowledged the terrific work of all their partners and thanked them and staff for their diligent pursuit of the location and funding to build a new and more efficient health services facility.

Resolution No. 2012-191 was unanimously adopted.

**R.4 RESOLUTION Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Portland Development Commission (PDC), Accelerating PDC's Grant to the County of Tax Increment from the River District Urban Renewal Area (URA). Sponsor: Chair Cogen. Presenters: Emerald Bogue Walker, Ken Elliott & Brett Taute.**

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R-4.

Chair Cogen made opening remarks.

Ms. Bogue Walker said that this Resolution would authorize the County Chair to execute the attached IGA with PDC and accelerate PDC's disbursement of tax increment financing totaling \$26,948,460 from the River District Urban Renewal Area (URA) to the County, by June 30, 2014, to enable the County to commence construction of a new County Health Department Headquarters Building on the easterly half of Block U, Couch's Addition (the Property), during the summer of 2014. This has already been approved by the PDC and City of Portland.

Mr. Elliott summarized the actions to be taken today. Chair Cogen added that ongoing public involvement around this project includes meetings with Old Town/China Town and the Pearl District Urban Renewal Advisory Committees and other neighborhood stakeholders.

Resolution No. 2012-192 was unanimously adopted.

**R.5 Board Briefing on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children System (CSEC). Sponsor: Commissioner McKeel, D-4. Presenters: Joslyn Baker, CSEC Collaboration Specialist; Erin Ellis, Exec. Director, Sexual Assault Resource Center; Mary Li, Manager, Community Services Division of DCHS; JR Ujifusa, Deputy District Attorney.**

Commissioner McKeel welcomed everyone for attending and made opening remarks.

Ms. Li talked about new initiatives include exploring the nexus between CSEC and GAIN; identifying service gaps and collaboration opportunities for survivors as they enter adulthood; increasing community awareness and engagement through a partnership with connect PDX; engaging the Faith community through training and call to action events; and, offering mandatory training for all DCJ staff and follow up on actions.

Ms. Ellis talked about the Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC), which provides advocacy services to survivors of CSEC. Funds from the City of Portland have enabled SARC to expand its CSEC response unit to four advocates, and in 2011 provided support to 267 survivors of CSEC.

Ms. Li said Janus Youth Programs (JYP) hired a case manager to work with CSEC survivors who coordinates services with targeted service providers and law enforcement officers. JYP dedicated two beds as short term shelter and created seven new long term residential beds specifically for survivors of CSEC. Lifeworks NW utilizes Medicaid funding to provide treatment to survivors of CSEC and has developed a CSEC special unit using existing funds. Five FTE are dedicated to working with CSEC survivors. Youth Villages provides mental health treatment to survivors of CSEC in a secure residential program. Treatment is trauma focused & emphasizes life skills development. Services are provided in an eight bed locked secure unit and staff secure units.

Mr. Ujifusa talked about the cases, investigations, prosecutions, sentencing and training they are conducting. The State of Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare division has developed a CSEC special unit. Using existing funds, 4.5 FTE are dedicated to work with CSEC survivors. This team serves 60-70 CSEC survivors and is co-located with the Multnomah County Child Abuse team. The presenters responded to the Board's questions and comments.

The Board thanked them for their report.

**R.6 BUDGET MODIFICATION HD-13-05 – Request Approval to Appropriate \$15,000 in Revenue from the March of Dimes, Maternal Mental Health Project Grant. Presenters: Rachael Banks, Healthy Birth Initiative Supervisor.**

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval of R-6.

Ms. Banks said the Health Department's Healthy Birth Initiative (HBI) addresses significant disparities in birth outcomes health among African American women within 64 contiguous census tracts in Multnomah County. March of Dimes funding will be used to improve the mental health of African American women (and to their male partners, especially where mental health services facilitate a healthy pregnancy) by providing risk education and services to pregnant women. Mental health services will be provided by a locally-based certified mental health consultant. Services will include 1) culturally appropriate "Seeking Safety" education sessions using evidence-based curriculum, and 2) individual crisis counseling to women in immediate need.

As a result of the work performed under this grant, the Healthy Birth Initiative program will provide four Seeking Safety education sessions, serving approximately 100 HBI clients and community members, and provide immediate individual crisis counseling to participants on a short-term basis until participants can access long-term mental health care. HBI will prepare written reports to the March of Dimes summarizing the project's progress and evaluating its overall success. She responded to questions and comments from the Board.

BudMod HD-13-05 was unanimously approved.

**R.7 RESOLUTION Declaring Certain Real Property to be Surplus, Authorizing the Sale of the Property to the City of Portland and Directing the Proceeds be Deposited into the Road Fund. Presenters: Patrick Hinds, Right of Way Manager, and Matthew O. Ryan, Assistant County Attorney.**

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval of R-7.

Mr. Ryan explained that they had a change in the documents and asked for the Board to consider a substitution.

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval to consider a substitution. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan explained that the reason for the substitution is because the City of Portland, not Metro, is owner of the property. The action requested by the Board remains the same. He said that the Resolution they are presenting is declaring certain Road Fund acquired real property be declared surplus and approve a proposed sale of the property to the City of Portland and the deposit of the proceeds of sale to the Road Fund.

Representatives from the City and Metro explained the historical actions behind these properties. They requested the purchase of this property for an access route to adjacent land they own.

Mr. Hinds said the County's Land Use and Transportation Program (LUTP) now requests the property be declared surplus. LUTP believes the negotiated price of \$15,000 to be reasonable for the Property and recommends that the Board support the proposed sale, with the proceeds of the sale deposited to the Road Fund.

The presenters responded to questions and comments from the Board.

The amended Resolution No. 2012-193 was unanimously adopted.

**R.8 BUDGET MODIFICATION NOND-10 Requesting General Fund Contingency Transfer for \$38,000 for SUN Emergency Food Pantries. Sponsor: Commissioner McKeel, D-4. Presenter: Peggy Samolinski, Manager, SUN Service System Div., DCHS.**

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R-8.

Commissioner McKeel made opening remarks. Ms. Samolinski requested the approval of this BudMod to establish two SUN emergency food pantries to help feed children and families. Sites will be located at Cesar Chavez School and David Douglas High School, plus a bolster site at Harrison Park School. These funds will help to leverage food purchased from the Oregon Food Bank. The bolster sites are available on weekends for kids and their families and are not part of the Oregon Food Bank emergency system. They fill significant gaps in the availability of weekend food.

Ms. Samolinski said that SUN's Child & Family Hunger Relief Program is a broad collaboration that helps alleviate the effects of hunger that negatively impact the educational success, health and prosperity of Multnomah County's most vulnerable children and families using SUN Community School sites as vehicles to focus collective action and deliver more nutritious food. She responded to questions and comments from the Board.

BudMod NOND-10 was unanimously approved.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

**BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.**

Comments pertaining to non-agenda items were made by the Board and noted in the record.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

**The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or**

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