

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Ordinance No. 465

An Ordinance relating to the establishment of a County-City Joint "New Horizons Fair Housing Task Force" to study fair housing issues in the City of Portland and County of Multnomah and develop a comprehensive strategy plan to address those issues.

SECTION 1 FINDINGS

- A. The County and City are obligated to study and affirmatively promote Fair Housing by virtue of their acceptance of Community Development Block Grant funds.
- B. The County and City are currently working cooperatively in the promotion of fair housing by virtue of their joint funding of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission's Fair Housing program.
- C. The Portland Community Housing Resource Board, Inc. has received a \$55,000 "New Horizons Housing Opportunity" Cooperative Agreement award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to study Fair Housing issues in the County and City.
- D. County Executive Dennis Buchanan assured the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the support of his office to the New Horizons Project (Attachment "A") as a requirement of New Horizons Program funding.

SECTION 2 JOINT "NEW HORIZONS FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE"

A joint "New Horizons Fair Housing Task Force" is hereby established.

SECTION 3 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE

The Task Force shall:

- A. Develop an assessment of the status of fair housing in Multnomah County.
- B. Perform the required research needed to identify and explain the barriers to equal housing opportunity in the County.
- C. Develop a comprehensive strategy plan which addresses the Fair Housing problems in the County and identifies ways to overcome barriers to equal housing opportunity.
- D. Work with the appropriate County agencies to develop a reasonable and appropriate plan to implement the Task Force strategy recommendations.
- E. Work with representatives of the private sector to develop a reasonable and appropriate fair housing plan to be implemented on their part.

F. Review and help modify implementation efforts as required.

G. Provide the Board of Commissioners and the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission with its findings and recommendations in a timely and appropriate fashion.

SECTION 4 MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

A. The Task Force shall consist of thirteen (13) members, seven of which are to be appointed by the County Executive pursuant to the Charter of Multnomah County.

B. Members shall serve for the 18 month New Horizons Program period ending July 1, 1986 or portion thereof if appointed to fill any unexpected term created by resignation.

C. The Board of Commissioners shall be informed of any changes in the Task Force membership and shall have the opportunity to ratify any future appointments.

D. Members shall serve without compensation.

E. All meetings shall be held pursuant to the Oregon Public Meetings Law and the Task Force shall take measures to ensure that members of the public have an adequate opportunity to provide input and testimony.

SECTION 5 STAFFING

A. Staff will be provided by the Community Housing Resources Board with funds from the New Horizons grant award. No new County staff will be hired to implement this ordinance.

ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 1985.

Approved as to Form:

John B. Leahy
John B. Leahy, County Counsel
Multnomah County

(SEAL)

Presiding Officer
Presiding Officer Pro-tem
Board of County Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon

County Executive
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Authenticated date 5/23/85



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May 4, 1984

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RE: APPLICATION FOR CHRB NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM HA-12577

Gentlemen:

I have met with Multnomah County's Community Development Manager concerning the New Horizons Program and I understand its purposes. This document is my written commitment as County Executive, Multnomah County Oregon, to be involved in the implementation of grant goals.

Multnomah County is most willing to study and address fair housing issues, especially as they relate to minority housing in our unincorporated urban areas. With respect to establishing a task force for that purpose, my office routinely performs that function. Preliminary discussions on implementation responsibilities have already occurred to assure prompt start-up should the grant be awarded.

I appreciate this opportunity and I can assure you of my personal commitment to all phases of the effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Dennis Buchanan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dennis Buchanan
County Executive

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cc: Jane Burda
Doug Felderman