

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, May 16, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioner Deborah Kafoury present. Commissioners Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel were excused.

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

[THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS THE BYPRODUCT OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING OF THIS PROGRAM. THE TEXT HAS NOT BEEN PROOFREAD, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A FINAL TRANSCRIPT.]

Chair Cogen: OKAY, WE'RE BACK. AND NOW, LET'S BEGIN OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? OH, WE DO THE CONSENT FIRST OKAY. CAN I GET A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, PLEASE?

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Kafoury: SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES]. OPPOSED? THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

Board Clerk: OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS, TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER. CHAIR WE DO HAVE TWO TODAY. [READING NAMES] IF YOU'LL PLEASE COME FORWARD AND HAVE A SEAT. AND PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU START YOUR TESTIMONY.

>> WE'RE GOING TO SHARE A LETTER WITH YOU. I HAVE COPIES OF THE LETTER WHICH WE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO YOU AFTERWARDS. AND I'LL GIVE YOU THEM, YOU CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM. GREETINGS, AGAIN PAT AND I APPEAR BEFORE YOU AS WE HAVE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS TO PRESENT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WITH A CASH CONTRIBUTION. THIS YEAR'S CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 IS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN OUR FEDERAL INCOME TAX OBLIGATION FOR 2012, WHICH HOWEVER, WE HAVE REFUSED TO

PAY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN AN ACT OF CONSCIENTIOUS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE.

>> THIS ACTION ON OUR PART IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD WHOSE NAME IS LOVE. WE HAVE SOUGHT TO KEEP THIS COMMITMENT TO OUR LOVE FOR NEIGHBORS AND ENEMIES FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS. AND LOVING OTHERS CANNOT BY ANY STRETCH OF MORALITY OR LOGIC INCLUDE KILLING THEM OR PAYING FOR OTHERS, INCLUDING OUR GOVERNMENT, TO KILL THEM.

>> WE DO NOT TAKE THIS COMMITMENT LIGHTLY, HENCE THIS NEED TO REDIRECT THE AMOUNT THE IRS SAYS WE OWE TO THIS GOVERNMENT BODY WHERE IT IS MORE LIKELY TO BE USED TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE, ESPECIALLY OF THE POOR AND MARGINALIZED, IMMIGRANTS, PERSONS WITHOUT ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE, AND OTHERS WHO ARE AMONG THE 99% OF THE POPULATION THAT IS CONTROLLED AND MANIPULATED BY THE WEALTHIEST 1%. AND I'M GLAD WE CAME EARLY ENOUGH TO SEE HOW SOME OF THIS IS BEING POTENTIALLY USED.

Ms. Schweibert: THIS IN OUR OPINION IS THE LEAST THAT JOHN AND I CAN AND MUST DO.

Mr. Schweibert: THE UNITED STATES DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AFFIRMS THAT QUOTE, WHEN A LONG TRAIN OF ABUSES AND USURPATIONS EVINCES A DESIGN TO REDUCE THE PEOPLE UNDER ABSOLUTE DESPOTISM, IT IS THEIR RIGHT, IT IS THEIR DUTY TO THROW OFF SUCH GOVERNMENT AND TO PROVIDE NEW GUARDS FOR THEIR FUTURE SECURITY. THEN THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION LIST 26 SPECIFIC ABUSES AND USURPATIONS AS REASONS FOR THROWING OFF BRITISH RULE.

Ms. Schweibert: UNTIL WE'RE ABLE TO BUILD SUFFICIENT NONVIOLENT AND LET ME REITERATE THAT WORD NONVIOLENT PEOPLE POWER TO THROW OFF THE RULE OF THE CURRENT CORPORATE CONTROLLED U.S. GOVERNMENT AND ITS MANY PRESENT USES AND ABUSES AND USURPATIONS AND WE HAVE ATTACHED A LIST OF THOSE THAT WE WILL -- WE'RE RESISTING READING THEM TO YOU TODAY. WE CAN AT LEAST REFUSE TO CONTRIBUTE TAX REVENUE TO SUPPORT THESE ABUSES.

Mr. Schweibert: SO WE'RE DONE.

Ms. Schweibert: AND WE THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING OUR CONTRIBUTION AND WE DO WISH IT COULD BE MORE.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

Mr. Wickman: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, I'M CARL WICKMAN AND I'M HERE TO HONOR NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH. IN 1982, MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUILT THE FIRST AND ONLY COVERED BRIDGE OR A BRIDGE WITH A COVER, CEDAR CROSSINGS AND FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS A GROUP OF MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, WE GO OUT IN MAY AND WE DO CLEANUP WORKS, SINCE THE CITY HAS TAKEN IT OVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN KEPT AS NICELY AS WHEN THE COUNTY DID. SO WHAT I HAVE PRESENTED BEFORE YOU, THIS IS THE COMPLETE ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS OF THIS PROJECT. I WORKED WITH TERRY BAXTER OUT WE HAVE COUNTY ARCHIVES AND THERE ARE NO RECORDS OF THIS SO I'M MAKING OUR FAMILY COLLECTION AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY TO PUT INTO THE ARCHIVES. AND THE BIGGEST THING WE WOULD LIKE TO GET DONE IS TO HAVE THE HISTORICAL MARKER REPLACED. BECAUSE THAT'S HOW THE HISTORY IS LOST. IT MENTIONS COUNTY EXECUTIVE CLARK, IT MENTIONS MY MOTHER'S CONTRIBUTIONS AND WITHOUT THIS, PEOPLE JUST REFER TO THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WHERE IT'S JUST MENTIONED THAT SHE'S A CHAIRMAN OF THE COVERED BRIDGE COMMITTEE BUT NOT THAT SHE IS ACTUALLY A DRIVING FORCE IN THIS PROJECT. AND THEN FINALLY, WHAT YOU HAVE HERE IS AN ORIGINAL INVITATION FROM 1982 TO JOIN THE FESTIVITIES. AND AGAIN, THIS WEEKEND, THIS SATURDAY THERE WILL BE A GROUP OF US OUT THERE CLEANING IT UP AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME.

Board Clerk: RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY TO ALBERTINA KERR CENTER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2124 NORTH WILLIAMS AVENUE, PORTLAND, OREGON, AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY CHAIR TO EXECUTE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

Chair Cogen: GO AHEAD.

Ms. Bangert: GOOD MORNING. CHAIR COGEN, COMMISSIONERS, I'M CARLA BANGERT WITH FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND WHAT I BRING FORWARD THIS MORNING IS A LEASE FOR THE FORMER COURT CITY PROPERTY, WHICH IS A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED COUNTY RESIDENTS AND IS LOCATED AT 2124 NORTH WILLIAMS AVENUE. THE PROPERTY WAS CONVEYED TO THE COUNTY ON MARCH 21st OF THIS YEAR. A MATERIAL CONSIDERATION FOR RELEASE OF THE PORT PROPERTY OF ITS FULL PAYMENT OBLIGATION WAS CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE FACILITY FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING. AND THROUGH

PORT CITY'S TRANSFER OF ITS OPERATING AGREEMENT TO ANOTHER QUALIFIED VOCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDER. THE COUNTY NOW WISHES TO LEASE THE PROPERTY DIRECTLY TO ALBERTINA KERR CENTERS TO PROVIDE CONTINUED USE FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING. THE LEASE TO ALBERTINA KERR WILL BE EFFECTIVE UPON EXECUTION OF THIS LEASE AND RUN THROUGH JUNE 30th OF 2014 AND WILL ALSO ALLOW FOR TWO ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS. TENANT WILL PAY A BASE RENT OF 3350 PER MONTH WHICH REFLECTS COSTS REALIZED BY THE COUNTY TO PREPARE THE PROPERTY FOR THE LEASE AND FOR ESTIMATED MAINTENANCE COSTS GOING FORWARD. THE LEASE ALSO PROVIDES FOR EITHER PARTY TO HAVE A 90-DAY TERMINATION WITH WRITTEN NOTICE TO, EITHER. IT'S FELT THIS IS THE BEST USE AND IS THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY TO LEASE THIS PROPERTY IN THIS FASHION AND THEREFORE, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST APPROVAL OF THIS LEASE.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. ANY BOARD QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ANYONE ELSE WANT TO ADD ANYTHING? OKAY. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE, OPPOSED THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. I'LL JUST SAY THIS IS THE BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO WHAT WAS A REALLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM WE WERE FACING.

Board Clerk: RESOLUTION DECLARING THE FORMER PORT CITY PROPERTY 2124 NORTH WILLIAMS PORTLAND, OREGON AS A SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO BEGIN THE SURPLUS PROPERTY PROCESS.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER KAFOURY MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R .2. SAME TEAM.

>> GOOD MORNING, MIKE SUBLETT, FACILITIES AND PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION. UNDER THE BOARD'S SURPLUS PROPERTY PROCESS, ADOPTED RESOLUTION 04185 THERE'S A PROCESS FOR DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS AND MOVING THEM INTO THE DISPOSITION AND THAT'S WHAT THIS RESOLUTION BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING AIMS TO DO. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION AGAIN WAS THE ONE THE BOARD CONSIDERED. THE BOARD IS WELL AWARE OF IT. IT'S APPROXIMATELY 1.14 ACRES IN WHAT'S NOW CALLED AND WILL BE CALLED THE NORTH WILLIAMS CENTER HENCEFORTH AND UNDER THE SURPLUS PROPERTY PROCESS, THERE IS A BROAD PUBLIC NOTICE SOLICITED THAT THE PROPERTY IS SURPLUS AND IS TARGETED FOR DISPOSITION. BECAUSE WE'LL BE GOING INTO THE SUMMER SEASON IN ORDER TO GIVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND STAKEHOLDERS A FAIR OPPORTUNITY, NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS ETC., BROKERAGE COMMUNITY, WE RECKON THAT THE MINIMUM OF 45 DAYS OF

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL EXPOSE THE PROPERTY TO THE MARKET FOR PROBABLY 90 DAYS AND LOOK FOR COMMENT TO BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER LABOR DAY. RECALL THEN THE STAFF HAS A MAXIMUM OF 45 DAYS TO RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH A REPORT THAT DESCRIBES THE PUBLIC COMMENT, CATALOGS IT, AND COMES FORWARD WITH A SURPLUS DISPOSITION RECOMMENDATION. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE FACILITIES DIRECTOR MICHAEL BOWERS TO MAKE THE FORMAL REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF SURPLUS.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. MICHAEL BOWERS FACILITIES DIRECTOR. MY ROLE IS ACTUALLY FAIRLY EASY AND IT'S IN CONCERT WITH OBVIOUSLY THE LEASE THAT CARLA MENTIONED, SOME CASH FLOW FOR THE FACILITY THAT WE WANT TO DISPOSE OF. MIKE ARTICULATED THE SCOPE, THE EXISTING PURPOSE OF THE FACILITY. MY ROLE IS VERY SIMPLY TO DECLARE THAT THE COUNTY HAS NO FURTHER USE FOR THE FACILITY. WE DO DECLARE THIS SURPLUS. AND WE THINK DISPOSING OF THE PROPERTY IS THE MOST PRACTICAL AND EFFICIENT SOLUTION. AS MIKE MENTIONED I THINK A PROTRACTED PUBLIC OUTREACH PERIOD THIS SUMMER IS WELL WORTH IT. AND THEN AT THE END OF THE SUMMER, PROBABLY THIS FALL, WITHIN 45 DAYS AT CONCLUSION, WE'LL COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS IN TERMS OF THE FURTHER ON DISPOSAL PROCESS. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF THERE'S ANY FROM THE BOARD.

Chair Cogen: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Kafoury: WHAT'S THE TIMELINE ON THIS IF WE DECLARE IT SURPLUS AND THEN CAN YOU REITERATE A LITTLE BIT MORE?

>> MIKE AND STAFF HAVE SOME PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS TO TAKE CARE OF WHICH WILL PROBABLY HAPPEN I THINK BETWEEN NOW AND PROBABLY THE EARLY PART OF JUNE I THINK, POSTING SOME NOTICES. THEN WE HAVE A MINIMUM 45 DAY PERIOD WHERE IT'S OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE EXTEND THAT FOR PROBABLY AT LEAST 90 DAYS, BECAUSE THE SUMMERS ARE VERY ACTIVE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY. IT MIGHT BE NICE TO HAVE EXTRA TIME FOR DUE DILIGENCE IN THAT PROCESS.

>> COMMISSIONER, WE DON'T WANT TO PREJUDGE WHAT A DISPOSITION RECOMMENDATION MIGHT BE ABSENT THE PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WOULD COME IN. SO THE FIRST INTERVAL THAT'S DICTATED IS THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AS DIRECTOR BOWERS SAID PROBABLY 90 TO 120 DAYS, COME BACK IN THE FALL HAVING GATHERED ALL THAT COMMENT AND AT THAT POINT COME FORWARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION AS FAR AS AND THAT RECOMMENDATION MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT TIMELINE ASSOCIATED WITH IT. THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A LEASE UNDER R .1 THIS MORNING TO

ALBERTINA KERR UNTIL JUNE 30th OF 2014, AND WE'RE MINDFUL OF THAT AND WHAT WE'VE COMMITTED WITH THEIR LEADERSHIP TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT ON WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE MOVING FORWARD FOR THEIR FACILITIES SO THAT IT'S WELL COORDINATED.

Commissioner Kafoury: I THINK THAT'S SMART TO KEEP IT OPEN OVER THE SUMMERTIME.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: CERTAINLY AN ILLUSTRIOUS GROUP WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US THIS MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR THE FACT THAT THIS IS UNFOLDING IN SUCH A REALLY GRATEFUL MANNER. SO I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF BEHIND-THE-SCENES WORK THAT IS INVOLVED IN THAT AND THANK YOU FOR THAT.

>> AND PRESUMABLY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IS THAT ALBERTINA KERR IS GOING TO BE LOOKING TO RELOCATE THE SERVICES AT SOME POINT BUT WE WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL THEY DO. RIGHT.

Chair Cogen: ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE, OPPOSED, THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Board Clerk: R3, PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 19th THROUGH THE 25th AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK AND RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES.

>> Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS. APPROVAL OF R3. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. I'M GARRETT VANDERZANDEN, FLEET MANAGER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> AND I'M JEFF SIMPSON, MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST 1 FOR THE ESC CREW.

>> WE'RE HERE TODAY TO PRESENT THE PROCLAMATION FOR THE NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK. AND IF THERE'S NO INTERESTING COMMENTS OR ANYTHING BEFORE WE READ THE PROCLAMATION. DECLARING THE WEEK AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK AND RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL MULTNOMAH COUNTY POLITICS WORKS EMPLOYEES. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER FINDS PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF THE CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES COULD NOT BE PROVIDED WITHOUT THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF PUBLIC WORKS PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING ENGINEERS, SURVEYORS, TECHNICIANS, PLANNERS, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE STAFF AND

ADMINISTRATORS. COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS PROFESSIONALS DESIGN, BUILD, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, STORMWATER, STRUCTURE, SEWAGE, FLEET, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES THAT ARE VITAL TO THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE THAT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PLAYS IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECONOMIC VITALITY AND ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS THE WEEK OF MAY 19th THROUGH 25th, 2013, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK WITH THE 2013 THEME BECAUSE OF PUBLIC WORKS, WHICH SPEAKS TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE BROUGHT TO COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD. WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE CLEAN WATER, SAFE STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOODS, EFFICIENT TRAFFIC AND SAFE, CLEAN COMMUNITIES BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS.

>> DID YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?

>> I'M OKAY RIGHT NOW, AS WELL. [LAUGHTER]

>> THANK YOU, THOUGH.

Chair Cogen: BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING US THIS PROCLAMATION AND I THINK THAT IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT WE MAKE AND I DID LOOK OUT AND ADMIRE THE ORANGE, YOU KNOW -- THAT'S QUITE A FASHION STATEMENT THAT OUR PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL MAKE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. YOUR WORK ON BEHALF OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

>> I ALSO WANT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TODAY ON THIS GREAT PROCLAMATION AND IT'S JUST REALLY EXCITING FOR ME, AND I THINK THE REST OF US TO GET TO SEE YOU FOLKS WHO WE DON'T SEE AS MUCH AS SOME OF THE OTHERS WHO COME BEFORE US WITH BUD MODS AND THAT KIND OF STUFF. IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AND WELCOME, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WORK ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.

Chair Cogen: I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THAT AND JUST SAY THIS IS A BOARD THAT HAS REALLY MADE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS, TAKEN A LOT OF TIME TO FOCUS ON INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTY BUT THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS WITHOUT OUR DEDICATED PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES, THAT INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD BE CRUMBLING AND WOULDN'T REALLY BE WORTH THE INVESTMENTS. IT'S GOOD TO TAKE SOME TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT

OUR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO ARE MAINTAINING AND SUPPORTING OUR PUBLIC WORKS HAS THE ABILITY TO EXIST WITH THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT IT DOES. THANK YOU ALL FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE, OPPOSED, THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: R4, BUDGET MODIFICATION NOND-13, REQUESTING \$16,500 FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY FOR AN ADDITIONAL PER WEEK OF THE MOBILE PLAYGROUND PROGRAM.

Chair Cogen: A MOTION? COMMISSIONER KAFOURY MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R4. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: THANK YOU. WHAT I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS AND KEEPING IN MIND ONE OF THE RULES THAT I LEARNED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PROCESS, WHICH IS DO YOU WANT THIS OR DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT. TRY TO BE BRIEF. [LAUGHTER] BUT I'M REALLY DELIGHTED THAT ARLENE KIMURA IS HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR PASSAGE OF THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION. A LARGE PART OF DISTRICT THREE INCLUDES AREAS WHERE 70 LANGUAGES OR MORE ARE SPOKEN, WHERE WE HAVE THE FASTEST GROWING POPULATION OF CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY, WHERE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ATLAS HAS IDENTIFIED A RECREATION DESERT AND WHERE THE -- I SMILE WHEN I SAY THIS BECAUSE IT'S SUCH AN INCREDIBLE SUCCESS STORY, THE EAST PORTLAND ACTION PLAN HAS SPONSORED THE SUCCESS STORY WHERE AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY HAS FOUND ITS VOICE AND IT'S A VERY SOPHISTICATED VOICE I MIGHT ADD, AN EFFECTIVE VOICE, IN AN AREA THAT HAD BEEN DISENFRANCHISED AND FRANKLY JUST FRUSTRATED AND FRAGMENTED AND ARLENE IS REPRESENTING ALL THAT TODAY IN HER ADVOCACY FOR THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION AND I APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE, ARLENE.

Chair Cogen: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Lashua: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, MATTHEW LASHUA, CHIEF OF STAFF TO COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK. I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD. APPROVAL OF THIS CONTINGENCY REQUEST TO EXPAND THE MOBILE PLAYGROUND PROGRAM FROM ONE WEEK AT SELECTED SITES TO TWO TIMES A WEEK. AND ARLENE DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD?

>> ONLY THAT IT IS OUR DEEPEST AND SINCEREST THANKS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED ON THIS COMMITTEE. WE HAVE ENGAGED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT JUST DIDN'T ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER WAY, EXCEPT THEY GOT BEHIND THEIR KIDS SO NOW, WE HAVE EIGHT DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND THEY'VE TAKEN TO DOING OUTREACH ON THEIR OWN AND JUST AS A TEASER, HERE'S THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION OF OUR SCHEDULE. WE REALLY APPRECIATED WORKING WITH PARKS. THEY

HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO US BUT IT'S BEEN KIND OF A GROUNDBREAKING. WE ALSO GOT LAST YEAR 22 OF OUR KIDS HIRED FOR THE SUMMER AND THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR ME BECAUSE IT GIVES KIDS SOMETHING TO DO BESIDES RUN AROUND AND MAKE TROUBLE OR MOVE OUT OF TOWN. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. BOARD COMMENTS?

Vice-Chair Shiprack: I JUST WANTED TO ADD ONE THING AND I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T MENTION THIS BUT I DON'T WANT TO POUND IT INTO THE GROUND, I DO WANT TO POUND IT INTO THE GROUND BUT I'M NOT GOING TO AND THAT IS THAT THIS IS AN AREA WHERE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CITY'S PARKS DEPARTMENT AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS JUST HAVING A REAL IMPACT ON THE GROUND.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: AND I THINK THAT SMALL, THOUGH IT MAY BE, IT IS AN EXAMPLE THAT'S WORTH DUPLICATING.

Chair Cogen: ABSOLUTELY. THIS IS A GREAT PROGRAM. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ARLENE ALL THE MANY GREAT YEARS OF SERVICE YOU'VE PROVIDED TO THE GATEWAY COMMUNITY AND THIS WOULDN'T BE HAPPENING WITH YOUR ACTIVISM AND HARD WORK SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

>> I'VE HAD A LOT OF HELP, THOUGH.

Chair Cogen: NO DOUBT. NO DOUBT. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE, OPPOSED, THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

>> Board Clerk: R5, BUDGET MODIFICATION, DCHS-13-26, INCREASES THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES' FEDERAL STATE APPROPRIATION BY \$86,975 TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMUNITY-BASED CARE TRANSITIONS PROGRAM.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R5. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Girard: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR COGEN, I'M LEE GIRARD, THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER WITH AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION AND WE'RE REQUESTING APPROVAL TO MODIFY OUR DIVISION BUDGET ADDING \$86,975 TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMUNITY-BASED CARE TRANSITIONS PROGRAM. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED THROUGH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES AND IS A PILOT WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. IT'S INITIALLY GOING TO BE

A TWO-YEAR PROJECT WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS BEYOND THAT. THE FULL TWO YEAR MAXIMUM BUDGET WILL BE \$842,000, APPROXIMATELY, THE GOAL OF THE PROJECT IS TO REDUCE READMISSIONS, HOSPITAL READMISSIONS FOR MEDICARE FEE FOR SERVICE BENEFICIARIES BY UP TO 20%. AND WE AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL BE THE LEAD AGENCY IN A FOUR-COUNTY PARTNERSHIP AND WE'LL BE GETTING A COUPLE OF FTE FOR THE PROJECT BUT WE'LL ACTUALLY BE PASSING QUITE A BIT OF THE FUNDING ONTO THE OTHER COUNTY PARTNERS WHO ARE ON THE GROUND DOING THE WORK WITH US. WE HAVE A CONSORTIUM THAT INCLUDES MULTNOMAH, CLACKAMAS, WASHINGTON AND COLUMBIA COUNTIES. WE'RE IMPLEMENTING OUR PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SEVEN AREA HOSPITALS. WE'RE USING AN EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM AND WE'LL BE WORKING WITH MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL BACK TO HOME OR COMMUNITY AND OUR GOAL IS TO USE THIS EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM ON A 30-DAY INTERVENTION COACHING INDIVIDUALS TO REALLY BECOME MORE ENGAGED IN THEIR OWN HEALTHCARE, TO LOOK AT HOW THEY'RE MANAGING THEIR OWN MEDICATIONS, WHICH IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST REASONS PEOPLE END UP BACK IN THE HOSPITAL, TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE RED FLAGS OF THEIR CONDITION, AN EXAMPLE IS HEART FAILURE, DO THEY KNOW TO WEIGH THEMSELVES AND WHAT TO DO IF THEY'RE HAVING WATER RETENTION, WHICH IS A BIG REASON THAT FOLKS WITH HEART FAILURE END UP BACK IN THE HOSPITAL, THAT THEY HAVE A TIMELY FOLLOW-UP WITH THEIR PHYSICIAN AND THAT THEY KNOW HOW -- WHAT'S THEIR PLAN TO GET TO THAT APPOINTMENT, DO THEY HAVE TRANSPORTATION, DO THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT, DO THEY HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER THAT CAN GO WITH THEM, AND DO THEY REALLY UNDERSTAND THEIR HEALTH CONDITION AND THEIR DISCHARGE PLAN THAT THEY LEFT THE HOSPITAL WITH? AND THAT'S PRETTY MUCH OUR PROJECT. UNLESS YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Cogen: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? OKAY. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE, OPPOSED, THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU, LEE.

Board Clerk: R6, PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON.

Chair Cogen: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Kafoury: SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R6. GOOD MORNING.

>> AND SO -- I AM REALLY EXCITED TO BE SPONSORING THIS PROCLAMATION TODAY AND I THINK THAT THIS IS PART OF OUR ONGOING CELEBRATION OF HEALTH AND COURAGE AND OF OUR EFFORT TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS, AWARENESS THAT MENTAL ILLNESS IS PREVALENT IN OUR COMMUNITY, AWARENESS THAT TREATMENT WORKS AND RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE, AWARENESS THAT WE ALL PLAY A ROLE IN REMOVING STIGMA AROUND MENTAL ILLNESS AND SEEKING TREATMENT AND ALSO AWARENESS THAT THERE ARE MANY PATHS TO WELLNESS. AND I'M ALSO REALLY EXCITED THAT THIS SUNDAY IS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ON MENTAL ILLNESS WALK. IT'S THE WALK. AND I'M INVITING YOU TO JOIN ME, INVITING EVERYONE TO JOIN ME AND THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES DIVISION IN WALKING TO RAISE AWARENESS AND RAISE MONEY FOR OUR IMPORTANT PARTNER.

>>GOOD MORNING CHAIR COGEN, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK. I'M YOUR DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES DIVISION AND WE HAVE A BIT OF A TAG TEAM HERE FOR THE PROCLAMATION AND I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, AS WELL. I'M CERTAINLY VERY PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY DECLARES MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE JUST A MOMENT TO THANK EACH OF YOU DIRECTLY FOR YOUR VERY VISIBLE SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP IN IMPROVING THE LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. MENTAL HEALTH MONTH HAS BEEN CELEBRATED IN MAY FOR THE PAST 64 YEARS. SO SINCE 1949, IN THIS COUNTRY, WE HAVE OBSERVED MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. IT WAS ORIGINALLY STARTED BY MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA. AND MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA IS A NATIONAL ADVOCACY MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION WHO STARTED MENTAL HEALTH MONTH TO GO AHEAD AND INCREASE AWARENESS AS WE'RE DOING TODAY FOR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND ALSO FOR WELLNESS. IN THE THEME THIS YEAR, IT'S PATHWAYS TO WELLNESS. AND WELLNESS, WHEN PEOPLE HEAR THE WORD WELLNESS, MANY PEOPLE OFTEN THINK PHYSICAL WELLNESS. AND THAT IS WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AS WELL WITH MENTAL HEALTH. MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT IMPACT THE BRAIN. AND WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT WELLNESS IS ESSENTIAL FOR FULL AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES. IT'S ABOUT OVERALL HEALTH, INCLUSIVE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND WE ALL NEED STRATEGIES AND HELP TO PREVENT THE ONSET OF ILLNESS, TO SHORTEN THE DURATION OF THE ILLNESS AND TO PROMOTE RECOVERY. SO WELLNESS IN GENERAL IS ABOUT GETTING HEALTHY AND STAYING HEALTHY. IN OUR COUNTRY AND ALSO IN OUR COMMUNITY HERE OVER THE PAST YEAR, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASED FOCUS ON DISCUSSION AROUND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ALSO THE ROLE MENTAL HEALTH PLAYS IN OVERALL HEALTH. SOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE COME AS A RESULT OF COMMUNITY TRAGEDIES THAT HAVE LED US TO SOME QUESTIONS AROUND PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION AND A COMMUNITY'S ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED AND SEEK ASSISTANCE OR MAY NEED

TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE OTHER DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAVE HAD HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION. WE ARE LEARNING MORE AND THE COMMUNITY IS LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE ROLE MENTAL HEALTH PLAYS IN OVERALL HEALTH AND AS IT CONNECTS TO PHYSICAL HEALTHCARE, AS WELL. AND ONE OF THE GREAT OUTCOMES OF HAVING THOSE CONVERSATIONS IS THAT THE DISCUSSION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH IS NOW WIDENING. IT'S MOVING SIMPLY FROM TALKING ABOUT TREATMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH THAT CONTRIBUTE TO WELLNESS, THOSE BEING THINGS LIKE HOUSING, JOBS, SOCIAL INCLUSION, CONNECTION TO OTHERS AND ACCESS TO FOOD. THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT THE COUNTY SUPPORTS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE ALL KNOW CONTRIBUTE TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY. STATISTICS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT AROUND MENTAL HEALTH. AND THE ESTIMATES STILL HOLD TRUE THAT APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 4 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE COURSE OF THEIR LIFETIME WILL EXPERIENCE A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE OF SOME TYPE. THE OTHER STATISTIC THAT HAS BEEN SHOWN OVER THE PAST DECADE IS THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LIVING WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS IN OUR COUNTRY ARE DYING 25 YEARS EARLIER THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION DUE TO MODIFIABLE HEALTH RISKS. I THINK THAT'S A STATISTIC WE SHOULD NO LONGER ACCEPT. AND THOSE STATISTICS I THINK REMIND US WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT AFTER 64 YEARS TO STILL CONTINUE TO GO AHEAD AND RAISE AWARENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS KEY TO OVERALL HEALTH AND THAT EACH CITIZEN, EACH RESIDENT OF OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE A PATHWAY TO WELLNESS. SO BEFORE I TURN IT BACK TO COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK TO READ THE MENTAL HEALTH PROCLAMATION, I WOULD ALSO BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T INVITE YOU TO COME WALK WITH US AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T REGISTERED, YOU CAN SHOW UP AT 12:00 NOON AT THE EAST END OF THE MORRISON BRIDGE ON THE LOWER LEVEL, BELOW THE BRIDGE AT THE PLAZA WHERE YOU CAN REGISTER AND IF YOU SHOW UP EARLY ENOUGH YOU CAN STILL GET A LIMITED-EDITION MULTNOMAH COUNTY WALK T-SHIRT TO HAVE AS YOUR OWN. SO WITH THAT, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE WALK AND I'LL PASS IT BACK TO COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK TO READ THE PROCLAMATION.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: YOU HAVE TO WALK TO GET A T-SHIRT.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SO WE'RE STRICT. PROCLAIMING MAY, 2013, MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF HEALTH AND ONE'S OVERALL WELLNESS. ACCORDING TO NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS, 1 IN 4 ADULTS EXPERIENCED A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION IN THE PAST YEAR AND WELL OVER 11 MILLION, ABOUT 1 IN 17, HAD A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. ALL PEOPLE HAVE THE

FUNDAMENTAL AND INHERENT VALUE TO BE ACCEPTED AND TREATED WITH RESPECT, HUMAN DIGNITY AND WORTH. INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL ILLNESS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY LIFE, INCLUDING ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND PROSPERITY, FAIR AND DECENT HOUSING, QUALITY EDUCATION, AND POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM AND CONTRIBUTE TO CULTURAL AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. MENTAL ILLNESS IS TREATABLE AND PEOPLE SHOULD SEEK ASSISTANCE FOR THESE CONDITIONS WITH THE SAME URGENCY AS THEY WOULD ANY OTHER HEALTH CONDITION. MENTAL ILLNESS CHALLENGES OUR SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS BUT RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE AND POSITIVELY BENEFITS THE PERSON AND THEREFORE, THE COUNTY'S OVERALL WELLBEING. PEER SUPPORT IS EFFECTIVE AND ENGAGEMENT OF PEERS IS A CRITICAL AND SUCCESSFUL PART OF RECOVERY. MULTNOMAH COUNTY WORKS WITH ITS PARTNERS TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY SOLUTIONS. WE INVITE ALL RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO OBSERVE THIS MONTH WITH ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S THEME, PATHWAYS TO WELLNESS. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS MAY, 2013 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND THANK YOU DAVID. I JUST HAD A QUESTION, WHICH IS IS THERE ANY COINCIDENCE WITH MAY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH AND BUDGET MONTH COINCIDING?

>> SOMEONE THOUGHT OF THAT IN 1949 AND FIGURED THAT OUT.

Commissioner Kafoury: I KNOW!

Vice-Chair Shiprack: VERY APPROPRIATE.

Chair Cogen: I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, COMMISSIONER. I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S NICE ABOUT THESE KINDS OF PROCLAMATIONS IS THEY HELP STIMULATE CONVERSATION, AT LEAST INTERNALLY AND HOPEFULLY EXTERNALLY AND WITH MENTAL HEALTH IN PARTICULAR IT'S A CONVERSATION THAT NEEDS TO BE STIMULATED. IT'S GOOD TO TALK ABOUT THE GREAT WORK THAT WE'RE DOING AT THE COUNTY AND I KNOW YOU'RE DOING A LOT OF GREAT WORK BUT ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES WITH MENTAL HILT IS THE STIGMA AROUND IT AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES WE HAVE IS GETTING THE BROADER COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AS BEING HEALTH ISSUES AND SO I THINK THAT THIS IS A REALLY GOOD WAY TO HELP FOSTER THAT CONVERSATION AND I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WALK ON SUNDAY.

Commissioner Kafoury: ONE OTHER THING TO ADD I THINK THERE HAS BEEN AN EMPHASIS RECENTLY I'VE NOTICED A LOT OF ADVERTISEMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT OUR CRISIS LINE AND OUR CRISIS SERVICES AND THERE WAS AN UNFORTUNATE ARTICLE IN THE PAPER ABOUT THE RECENT NUMBER OF SUICIDES IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I'VE NOTICED ON FACEBOOK AS WELL THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN POSTING REALLY ENCOURAGING E-MAILS OR MESSAGES THAT I'M HERE IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO ME. THAT KIND OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT AND THIS WILL HELP WITH THAT SO THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE, OPPOSED, THE PROCLAMATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: R7, INFORMATIONAL BOARD BRIEFING ON EARLY ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT ALLIANCE.

Chair Cogen: IT'S A BRIEFING SO --

Commissioner Kafoury: WELL, YOU KNOW.

Chair Cogen: WE'LL STILL MOVE IT.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: I'LL SECOND.

Chair Cogen: THAT'S UNUSUAL. [LAUGHTER]

Mr. Hidalgo: GOOD MORNING ONCE AGAIN STILL DAVID HIDALGO, DIRECTOR OF THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS SERVICES DIVISION AND TODAY AS A PART OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH AND FOR EXACTLY THE REASONS YOU JUST ARTICULATED WE WANTED TO ACTUALLY BRING AN INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING AND A PROGRAM THAT IS ACTUALLY AND IS DOING A VERY GOOD JOB AT CREATING PATHWAYS TO WELLNESS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR FAMILIES. SO I AM ACTUALLY GOING TO JUST INTRODUCE OUR STAFF, AND THEN THEY WILL BRING FORWARD THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM. WE ALSO ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS BENEFITED FROM THE PROGRAM AND AS WELL WE HAVE ONE OF THE ORIGINAL FOUNDERS OF THE STATEWIDE EASA PROGRAM HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM, TOO. I'M GOING TO HAND IT OVER TO EBONY CLARKE, OUR MANAGER FOR DIRECTOR SERVICES AT THE COUNTY.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR COGEN, GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONER KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK. MY NAME IS EBONY CLARKE AND I AM THE PROGRAM MANAGER FOR DIRECT CLINICAL SERVICES AND WE HOUSE THE EASA PROGRAM. IN LIGHT OF MENTAL HEALTH MONTH AS WELL AS IN LIGHT OF EASA'S FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY, WE WANTED TO TAKE A

FEW MINUTES TO SHARE SOME SUCCESSES AND HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT THE EASA PROGRAM. BEFORE I INVITE THE REST OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE GOING TO COME BEFORE YOU, I WANT TO JUST TAKE A FEW MINUTES JUST TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE EASA PROGRAM. AS YOU KNOW, EASA STANDS FOR THE EARLY ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT ALLIANCE PROGRAM. EASA CAME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN 2008. SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE PROGRAM WE HAVE HAD 700 REFERRALS AND 230 INDIVIDUALS HAVE ENROLLED IN OUR PROGRAM. WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT OUR OUTCOMES SPECIFIC TO THE WORK. EASA FOCUSES ON PROVIDING EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES TO YOUNG DETAILS, AGES 15 TO 25, THAT HAVE SUFFERED FROM INITIAL SYMPTOMS OF PSYCHOSIS. THE MODEL IS AN INTENSE AND COMPREHENSIVE MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH THAT IS FIDELITY BASED THAT PROVIDES A RANGE OF SERVES THAT INCLUDES MEDICAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AS WELL AS VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES AND WE ALSO HAVE A MULTI-FAMILY GROUP AND WE ALSO -- I'M NERVOUS SO FORGIVE ME, AN ALUMNI GROUP AND THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT, AS IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO BRING FORTH THE VOICE OF THE CONSUMERS AND THE FAMILIES ALSO TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE GETTING VALUE AND PARTICIPATION FROM THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN BENEFITING FROM THE PROGRAM. SO I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO INTRODUCE ROBERT JANZ WHO IS THE CLINICAL SUPERVISOR FOR EASA. HE'LL COME FORWARD. WE ALSO HAVE TAMARA SALE AND SHE ALSO OVERSEES THE STATEWIDE EASA PROJECT. SHE'LL COME FORWARD, AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE A PARENT, TONY, THAT WILL COME FORWARD AND ALSO SHARE ABOUT SOME SUCCESSES AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM.

Chair Cogen: GREAT. COME ON DOWN.

>> AND I'LL HAND IT OVER TO TAMARA FIRST.

>> HELLO, CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND COMMISSIONER KAFOURY. I WAS ONCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE OREGON ORGANIZATION, SPENT MY ENTIRE ADULT CAREER LOOKING FOR ANSWERS FOR WHAT WOULD ACTUALLY HELP PEOPLE WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA AND SIMILAR KINDS OF CONDITIONS AND I THINK I FOUND THE ANSWER. SO I'M INCREDIBLY EXCITED AND I WILL SAY OREGON IS THE FIRST STATE IF THE COUNTRY TO BE DOING THIS WORK. SO YOU ARE REALLY AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF SOMETHING THAT'S VERY REMARKABLE I THINK. I'VE WORKED WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY EASA TEAM FOR FIVE YEARS AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT THEY ARE AN AMAZING GROUP OF PEOPLE. THEY'RE VERY, VERY SKILLED, VERY, VERY DEDICATED AND IT'S SUCH A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THEM. EVERY WEEK, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU CAN EXPECT THAT THREE TO FOUR NEW PEOPLE WILL DEVELOP PSYCHOSIS FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND USUALLY, THOSE ARE GOING TO BE TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS. SO EITHER THEY'RE GOING TO FIND THEIR WAY TO EASA AND EASA IS GOING TO OFFER THEM WHAT WE KNOW WORKS, OR THEY WON'T FIND THEIR WAY TO

EASA AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN EXPECT DISASTER AND FOR PEOPLE TO LOSE THEIR LIVES. SO THE STAKES ARE REALLY QUITE HIGH, WHICH IS WHY COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS SUCH A CRITICAL ELEMENT OF EASA. AND SO I WAS ONCE TRAINED IN HOW TO SPEAK TO PEOPLE AND THEY ALSO SAID, ALWAYS ASKED FOR SOMETHING. SO I'M GOING TO ASK THAT YOU HELP THE EASA TEAM TO GET THE WORD OUT BECAUSE THEY'RE A SMALL, VERY DEDICATED GROUP BUT THEY REALLY NEED HELP MAKING SURE THAT PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, PEOPLE WHO INTERACT WITH TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS KNOW THAT EASA EXISTS AND KNOW ABOUT THOSE EARLY SIGNS. SO WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO ROBERT JANZ.

>> GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS ROBERT JANZ, I'M THE SUPERVISOR FOR THE EASA END WRAP-AROUND PROGRAMS. I WANT TO FIRST THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH AND ALSO THE SUCCESSES OF OUR CLIENTS AND FAMILIES WITHIN THE EASA PROGRAM. WE'RE ALSO HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DETECTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION FOR PSYCHOSIS. YOUR VOICES ARE CRITICAL IN ADDRESSING THE STIGMA, WHICH IS THE BIGGEST BARRIER THAT WE FACE IN HELPING FOLKS ACCESS SERVICES. WE ALSO WANT TO INVITE YOU TO OUR FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, MAY 30th FROM 4:00 TO 6:00 AT THE LINCOLN BUILDING DOWNTOWN. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO MEET CLIENTS AND FAMILIES AND PARTNERS OF THE EASA PROGRAM AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND, WE HAVE SOME FOLKS HERE THAT WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET AND BEFORE I INTRODUCE TONY AND ABBY TO YOU, I ALSO WANT TO READ A LETTER OF A FAMILY MEMBER WHO WAS ASKING IF WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT HER STORY. SHE WASN'T ABLE TO BE HERE TODAY BUT I WOULD LIKE TO READ HER LETTER IN THE ENTIRETY IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO LISTEN.

Chair Cogen: WE'LL LISTEN GO AHEAD.

>> THANK YOU. SO COMMISSIONERS, IN A DAY AND AGE WHEN SO MANY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE UNDER THE CRITICAL EYE OF SCRUTINY, I'M HAPPY TO OFFER FIRST-HAND GLOWING TESTIMONY TO THE PEOPLE AND PROCESSES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S EASA PROGRAM. IN 2009, MY THEN 29-YEAR-OLD SON WAS LIVING AND ATTENDING SCHOOL IN EUGENE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. FOLLOWING AN UNPROVOKED PHYSICAL ATTACK ON CAMPUS WHICH LEFT HIM WITH A BROKEN NOSE HE FINISHED FINALS AND ARRIVED HOME FOR WINTER BREAK. SHORTLY THEREAFTER HIS MENTAL STATE DECLINED RAPIDLY INTO PSYCHOSIS AND HE WAS HOSPITALIZED IN A LOCAL PSYCHIATRIC UNIT. HE WAS THERE FOR NEARLY EIGHT WEEKS. DURING THE TIME WE EXPERIENCED MANY OF THE FACILITATION OF OUR SOCIETY'S APPROACH TOWARDS THE ISSUES. WE

RECEIVED ADVISED BASED ON WORST CASE SCENARIOS, I WAS TOLD TO START APPLYING FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FOR HIM BECAUSE IT WOULD TAKE THREE OR FOUR TRIES. GENERALLY, UNHELPFUL ATTITUDES TOWARDS OUR SON'S CONDITION. UPON DISCHARGE HE WAS APPROVED TO THE EASA PROGRAM. IN EASA WE FOUND UPBEAT, DEDICATED REFRESHINGLY UNCYNICAL PROFESSIONALS WITH POSITIVE YET REALISTIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS MENTAL HEALTH. EASA WAS TRULY A LIFELINE FOR BOTH MY SON AND OUR FAMILY. EASA'S ON-STAFF PSYCHIATRIST IS ONE OF THE MOST CARING, INTELLIGENT AND INFORMED AND DEVOTED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS I HAVE EVER MET. HE TEAMS WITH EACH EASA CLIENT TO COME UP WITH A MOVING FORWARD PLAN THAT RESPECTS BOTH HIS AND HIS CLIENT'S PERSPECTIVES. THE THERAPIST AND COUNSELORS WHO WORK WITH CLIENTS ARE STELLAR PROFESSIONALS, AGAIN TREATING EACH CLIENT WITH RESPECT, OPTIMISM AND CARE. THEY'RE AVAILABLE WHEN OTHER COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFTEN ISN'T AND ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO EACH CLIENT. THE MULTI-FAMILY GROUP ASPECT OF EASA HAS PROVIDED UNFLAGGING AND ESSENTIAL SUPPORT FOR ME AS A MOTHER, HERE TWICE A MONTH, THE FAMILIES OF THOSE DEALING WITH BRAIN DISORDERS MEET AND BOND AS WE SHARE TRIUMPHS AND STRUGGLES AND WORK TO IDENTIFY EFFECTIVE STEPS THAT WE CAN TAKE TO DEAL WITH ONGOING PROBLEMS. EASA HAS MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE AND MY ABILITY TO POSITIVELY PARENT MY SON SO THAT I'VE BEEN GRACIOUSLY ALLOWED TO CONTINUE ATTENDING THE MULTIGROUP MEETINGS. TODAY, MY SON MANAGES HIS MENTAL HEALTH, HE'S A STUDENT AT PSU. WHILE THERE HE MAINTAINS A 4.0 GPA. THE ONLY DOWNSIDE I CAN OFFER REGARDING EASA PROGRAMS IS ITS LIMITED FUNDING RESTRICTS ITS SCOPE AND THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES AND YOUNG ADULTS IT CAN REACH. IN CLOSING I WOULD SAY THAT SOME OF OUR COUNTRY'S DARKEST MOMENTS RECENTLY HAVE BEEN AT THE HANDS OF YOUNG ADULTS WITH DEEPLY TROUBLED MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IF A FRACTION OF THE MONEY PUT INTO SECURITY EFFORTS WERE CHANNLED INTO PROGRAMS LIKE EASA, THE NEWS WOULD NOT BE FILLED WITH THESE SAD STORIES. WE AS A NATION WOULD BETTER UNDERSTAND THE FACTS AND FICTIONS REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH AND WE WOULD ALL LEAD SAFER, HAPPIER LIVES. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE TONY, WHO'S A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CLIENT TO OUR PROGRAM, AND THEN ABBY. SHE'LL SPEAK ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE IN THE PROGRAM, AS WELL.

>> GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS TONY MARSHALL AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO BE HERE. IT'S AN HONOR TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF EASA. MY SON IS TURNING 25 THIS YEAR. AS HE WILL TRANSITION OUT OF THE EASA PROGRAM. SO THAT MEANS WE'VE BEEN IN THE PROGRAM TWO YEARS. AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT WHEN HE WAS ADMITTED INTO THE PROGRAM, OUR WHOLE ENTIRE FAMILY WAS JUST PARALYZED WITH FEAR AND HELPLESSNESS. WE HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO DO. I HAD ATTEMPTED TO GET HIM SOME HELP A YEAR BEFORE HIS DIAGNOSIS. BUT WE HAD THE PORTLAND

POLICE COME TO OUR HOME AND TAKE OUR SON BECAUSE OF HIS ACTIONS. I MEAN, IT SEEMED LIKE A BEHAVIORAL ISSUE, IT WAS VERY SCARY. WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING. AND WE NEEDED HELP. WELL, HE WAS HOSPITALIZED OVERNIGHT AND SET FREE WITH A WEEK'S WORTH OF PROZAC. AND I DIDN'T SEE MY SON FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER THAT. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY SUPPORT, ANYWHERE TO GO, NO ONE MENTIONED EASA TO ME. AND MY SON CAME HOME A FEW MONTHS LATER, VERY SCARED, PARANOID, WOULDN'T LOOK OUT THE WINDOW, WOULDN'T GET ON THE BUS. AND, YOU KNOW, HE JUST STAYED HOME. AND MAYBE THREE MONTHS OF HOME, HE WAS ABLE TO APPLY FOR A JOB, HE WAS WORKING BUT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO MENTALLY HANDLE THE JOB. HE WAS LET GO WHICH WAS REALLY DEVASTATING. AND HE HAD A MANIC EPISODE WHERE HE WAS UP FOR DAYS AND DAYS AND DAYS. I TOOK HIM TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM. AS HARD AS THAT WAS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON, HE WAS IN THE RIGHT PLACE AND ONE OF THE NURSES SAID TO ME I DON'T REALLY THINK HE REALIZES HOW SICK HE IS BECAUSE HE WAS FULL OF GOOD PLANS AND SHE SAID MAYBE HE WILL QUALIFY FOR THE EASA. AND I ASKED WHAT THAT WAS? AND IT MAY BE FUNNY, I FELT THIS LIGHT GO OFF IN MY HEART AND MY MIND, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO HELP HIM? AND FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, HE'S GONE THROUGH THE PROGRAM. HE WAS HELPED BY THE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT, THEY CAME TO THE HOUSE WHEN HE WAS STILL TOO PARANOID AND HELPED HIM APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID AND GET HIS RESUME TOGETHER. HE WAS HELPED WITH GETTING ON THE BUS AND LEARNING HOW TO USE THE BUS SYSTEM. IT WAS JUST A VERY SLOW, GRADUAL SUPPORT FOR OUR ENTIRE FAMILY. YOU KNOW, AND WE HAVE A LARGE FAMILY. SO EVERYBODY WAS SHUT DOWN AND EVERYBODY WAS KIND OF BEING AFFECTED MENTALLY. OUR MENTAL HEALTH WAS AT RISK, AS WELL. SO, YOU KNOW, WE STARTED TO REALLY BENEFIT FROM THE MULTI-FAMILY GROUP. THAT HELPED EVERY PERSON IN OUR FAMILY INDIVIDUALLY. SO I CAN SAY THAT THIS HAS BEEN A SUCCESS. MY SON WILL BE GRADUATING THIS YEAR FROM EASA BUT WE KNOW THAT WE'RE ALUMNI, YOU KNOW. WE'LL BE ABLE TO STAY IN CONTACT BECAUSE TO US THESE PEOPLE ARE KIND OF LIKE A PROFESSIONAL EXTENDED FAMILY, YOU KNOW. THEY'VE REALLY BEEN THERE. THEY'VE SEEN THE WHOLE PICTURE OF HOW EVERYTHING AFFECTS EVERYTHING. THEY'VE SEEN A LOT OF GROWTH. BECAUSE OF HIS AGE HE WANTS TO BE INDEPENDENT, YOU KNOW. IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S 15. HE'S TURNING 25 AND HE WANTS TO BE INDEPENDENT, A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO I WOULD SAY THAT WITH OUR FAMILY, IT'S A GREAT SUCCESS STORY. AND MULTI-FAMILY GROUP HAS REALLY BENEFITED. YOU KNOW, I DON'T REALLY HAVE ENOUGH GOOD THINGS TO SAY. MEDICATION-WISE, HE DID GO OFF HIS MEDICATION, WHICH IS VERY COMMON I UNDERSTAND. AND HE WASN'T THROWN OUT. HE WASN'T ABANDONED, HE WASN'T TOLD WE GIVE UP ON YOU. IT WAS PART OF THE PROGRESSION. THEY STUCK WITH HIM AND WORKED WITH HIM, GOT HIM ON A DIFFERENT KIND OF MEDICATION TO WHERE HE COULD HAVE AN INJECTION THAT LASTS TWO WEEKS SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT PILLS EVERY

DAY. IT'S SO MUCH SUPPORT THAT I COULDN'T GIVE HIM. AND IT HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE IN MY ENTIRE FAMILY'S LIFE TAKING THE LOAD OFF ME, YOU KNOW, AND SPREADING IT OUT. SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ABIGAIL AND I HAVE BEEN WITH EASA FOR ABOUT THREE AND A HALF MONTHS NOW. AND HONESTLY, I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING NEGATIVE TO SAY ABOUT EASA. IT'S JUST LIKE THEY ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE FOR EVERYTHING THAT I'M TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH AND THEY HAVE SO MANY RESOURCES. ESPECIALLY I WAS TRYING TO FIND A JOB FOR THE LONGEST TIME AND THEY WERE ABLE TO HAVE SOMEONE COME AND WORK WITH ME TO HELP IMPROVE MY RESUME AND HELP LOOK AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT JOB SITES THAT I COULD BE WORKING AT THAT WOULD BEST INTEREST ME. AND I THINK HONESTLY THE SUPPORT IS TREMENDOUS. I WAS TRYING TO GET BACK ON MY FEET AFTER GOING THROUGH MY PSYCHOSIS AND I'M SORRY -- AND THEY WERE ABLE TO REALLY GIVE ME THE RESOURCES THAT I REALLY NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE FORWARD. AND NOT JUST KIND OF, YOU KNOW, DRUG ME OUT LIKE THEY DID WHEN I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL AND JUST SAY, YOU KNOW, EVENTUALLY, YOU'LL GET OVER THIS. THEY REALLY GAVE ME A LOT OF SUPPORT, LIKE I SAID. I'M SORRY. IT'S A LOT OF PRESSURE TO BE ON THIS BUT I JUST -- [LAUGHTER] I'M SORRY. I THINK ONE OF THE BEST -- ASPECTS THAT EASA REALLY GAVE ME WAS I WAS KIND OF BATTLING AN ISSUE WITH DRUGS AND I SAT DOWN WITH THEM, I SAID I WANT TO STOP AND THEY GAVE ME SO MANY PLACES I COULD GO TO, THEY MENTIONED SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT I COULD DO FOR IT AND THEY'RE REALLY HELPFUL STEP-BY-STEP, THEY CHECK IN WITH ME, THEY SEE HOW I'M DOING WITH THAT AND I LOVE THE FACT THAT I CAN BE HONEST WITH ME ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT I AM DOING AND THEY CAN WORK WITH ME INDIVIDUALLY LIKE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE ON WITH THAT.

Chair Cogen: GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IS THERE ANY OTHER PART OF THE PRESENTATION? GREAT. OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU. THIS HAS BEEN A REALLY, REALLY INTERESTING AND INSPIRING BRIEFING. BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Kafoury: I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING FORWARD TONIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR TELLING YOUR FAMILY'S STORY AND YOUR TESTIMONY WAS REALLY HEARTFELT AND APPRECIATED. IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR US TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM AND THE EFFECTS THAT IT'S HAD ON YOUR PERSONALLY AND ON YOUR FAMILIES SO THANKS SO MUCH FOR COMING.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: THE THEME HERE IS AND ABBY I WANT TO THANK YOU BECAUSE REALLY THE THEME IS COURAGE. AND WE SEE THAT IN YOU AND THANK YOU FOR COMING AND DEMONSTRATING THAT TONY, AS WELL. AND THE OTHER COINCIDENCE IS THAT MAY IS WHEN MOTHER'S DAY IS. SO, YOU KNOW, HAVING THE SUPPORT FOR YOU AS WELL AS FOR YOUR SON IS EXTRAORDINARY AND WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF THE PROGRAM AND OUR LEADERSHIP IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS IT IS REPRESENTED BY THE PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH EASA AND IT'S REALLY NICE TO HEAR ALL OF THE COMPLIMENTARY THINGS THAT ARE BEING SAID ABOUT THE WORK THAT YOU ARE ACCOMPLISHING EVERY DAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANKS SO MUCH. I JUST WANT TO SAY I APPRECIATE THE COURAGE YOU HAD IN COMING TO SHARE YOUR STORIES BUT I ALSO THINK THE OTHER THEME THAT THIS PROVIDES FOR ME IS HOPE BECAUSE SOMETIMES, WHEN IT COMES TO MENTAL ILLNESS, PEOPLE BELIEVE THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE BUT WE'RE LEARNING MORE AND MORE ABOUT POSITIVE WAYS THAT WE CAN MAKE THINGS BETTER AND IT'S GREAT TO HAVE THOSE STORIES TOLD. THAT HELPS INSPIRE PEOPLE TO KEEP BELIEVING AND KEEPING WORKING TO MAKE IT BETTER. SO THANKS FOR THIS GREAT BRIEFING. AND THAT IS THE END OF OUR REGULAR BOARD AGENDA. THERE'S TIME ON THE AGENDA FOR ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS ANY COMMISSIONER MIGHT HAVE? DOES ANYTHING HAVE ANYTHING THEY WOULD LIKE TO SAY?

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SEE YOU AT THE WALK ON SUNDAY.

Chair Cogen: YES, INDEED. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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