

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 04-182

Authorizing an Extension of Time for Development of the Morrison Property Disposition Plan

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. In March 2002, by Resolution 02-032, the Board resolved to dispose of certain county-owned property deemed surplus, including the Morrison Building, located at 2115 SE Morrison Street.
- b. Commissioner Rojo de Steffey facilitated a public hearing on January 21, 2004 regarding the disposition of the Morrison property and to invite public comment. Many concerns were raised because of the Morrison property's close proximity to the Lone Fir Cemetery.
- c. On March 4, 2004, by Resolution 04-022, the Board created the Morrison Property Task Force. The Task Force included local government representatives and community leaders. It was chaired by Commissioner Rojo de Steffey and tasked with assessing all disposition options and devising a plan for disposition of the Morrison property that enhances the Buckman neighborhood and is in the best interest of the county.
- d. After meeting once a month for nine months the Taskforce has completed its work and presented it to the Board on November 23, 2004. One of its recommendations is that the county provide a six month period while a community-driven plan is developed. This plan will present a concept design and finance strategy for the property, including demolition of the Morrison Building and site improvements.
- e. Community leaders from the Buckman neighborhood have formed a committee to develop a detailed plan to demolish the Morrison Building and improve the site and obtain funding commitments. The committee has requested that the county take no action for six months with respect to the Morrison property to allow time for their plan to be developed.
- f. The Chinese Benevolent Community Association is working with the community to honor the Chinese men, women and children who were buried in Lone Fir Cemetery. The association is actively involved in fund raising efforts to build a memorial honoring these individuals.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board accepts the recommendation of the Task Force and will take no action to dispose of the Morrison property for six months to allow the community committee to develop a plan. All work on the community plan must be completed by June 30, 2005. No extensions will be considered unless there is evidence of significant tangible progress.
2. Commissioner Rojo de Steffey is directed to be the county liaison for the community committee and will continue to work with the Buchman Neighborhood Association, the Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery and the Chinese Benevolent Community Association during this six month period.

ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 2004.



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