

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, October 11, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. with and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, Jessica Vega Pederson, and Sharon Meieran present. Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioner Loretta Smith was excused.

Also attending were, Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Taja Nelson, Assistant Board Clerk,

Vice-Chair Stegmann: GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. TODAY IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, AND TODAY CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH ARE EXCUSED. LET'S BEGIN THE MEETING. COULD I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSES.

CONSENT AGENDA – 9:30 a.m.

- C.1 Consider Approving Recommended Appointments to the 2018-2019 Board of Property Tax Appeals.
- C.2 NOTICE OF INTENT to apply for \$50,000 from the American Cancer Society.
- C.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION # HD-05-19: Authorizing four position reclassifications within the Health Department.
- C.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION # HD-06-19: Authorizing three position reclassifications within the Health Department.
- C.5 BUDGET MODIFICATION # JOHS-01-19: Reclassifies 1.00 Program Specialist Sr. to Program Specialist and 1.00 Contract Specialist to Sr.
- C.6 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCA-08-19: Reclassification of Data Analyst Senior to Program Supervisor.
- C.7 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCM-05-19: Reclassification of an HR Analyst Senior to an HR Manager 1

Vice-Chair Stegmann: DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: YES, WE HAVE NINE PEOPLE SIGNED UP. WHEN I CALL YOU UP, PLEASE COME AND HAVE A SEAT. [READS NAMES]

Vice-Chair Stegmann: WHILE THOSE FOLKS ARE COMING UP, I WAS REMISS. WE SHOULD VOTE ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED, THANK YOU.

Injured and Pissed Off: MY NAME IS INJURED AND PISSED OFF. I'VE BEEN SPEAKING HERE SINCE SEPTEMBER 13TH EVERY WEEK, EXCEPT FOR I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH DATE IT WAS. I WAS ASKING A VETERAN THE OTHER DAY AT A CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND. HE'S AN ELDERLY. OLDER THAN MYSELF. A VETERAN, IN FACT. AND I HAD BEEN ASKING HIM IF HE, OR TELLING HIM THAT I'D BEEN SPEAKING HERE, EXPLAINING WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE OREGON HEART TRANSPLANT PROGRAM. I ASKED HIM, I SAID LOOK, I LOOKED ONLINE AND READ THE MINUTES, OR REVIEWED THE MEETINGS, AND HE JUST SIMPLY STOOD THERE AND SHOOK HIS HEAD AND WOBBLING IT. AND HE SAID YEAH. AND I FELT KIND OF SORRY FOR HIM. I SAID WELL, IN MY DAY THEY USED TO CALL THAT HANKY PANKEY. THAT KIND OF MADE HIM LAUGH A LITTLE. ANOTHER THING THAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT IS I AM SURE THAT SOMEBODY MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING. AUGUST 9TH. 2016, WILLAMETTE WEEK QUOTED. WROTE AN ARTICLE ABOUT ME AND MY SERVICE ANIMAL, CALLED THEM A GUIDE DOG. CALLED ME SOME THINGS, AND THEY WROTE UNINVITED GUESTS, AND I WAS PUBLICLY SPEAKING, SIGNED UP, BUT THE CITY HALL, AND THIS WAS AFTER FOUR DOG ATTACKS, AND AFTER SEVEN, DOG ATTACKS, I HAD SPOKEN TO THE CITY COMMISSIONERS, TELLING THEM THAT MAY 23, 2018, THAT IT WAS A CIVIL CONSPIRACY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH SEVEN DOG ATTACKS IN LESS THAN SIX YEARS. THE POINT I WAS MAKING, I DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF HELP AFTER SEVEN DOG ATTACKS BY THE SAME DOG IN LESS THAN SIX YEARS. SO THANKS. I WILL HAND THIS IN. [APPLAUSE]

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR COMING. GOOD MORNING.

Innocent: I REALLY NEED THE HOUSE. I AM AT THE [INAUDIBLE] WITHOUT IT A HOUSE FOR SINCE 2015. AND I HAVE AN ELDERLY MOTHER THAT I WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF HER, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO. IS THERE THANK YOU FOR COMING. MY CHIEF OF STAFF, REBECCA, COULD YOU RAISE YOUR HAND? IF YOU CAN TURN AROUND AND BECCA CAN TALK TO YOU AND MAYBE HELP. THANK YOU FOR COMING. GOOD MORNING.

Appalled for All: GOOD MORNING. I AM APPALLED FOR ALL. AND YES. WE NEED TO GET VERY CREATIVE, I THINK, AND USE AS MUCH IMAGINATION AS POSSIBLE TO GET THESE PEOPLE HOUSED. I ALSO AM IN A SHELTER, AND I HAVE SEEN SOME THINGS THERE THAT ARE UNCONSCIONABLE, AND THEY

ARE PUTTING DISABLED AND HURT PEOPLE, FURTHER DISABLED PEOPLE OUT INTO THE ELEMENTS AT NIGHT WITH NO BLANKETS. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED ENTRANCE TO USE THE RESTROOMS OR FOR ANY REASON, OR TO GET CLEAN OR ANYTHING. THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MARGINALIZED TO THE NTH DEGREE. ALL OF THIS IS DOING IS, IS ALLOWING MORE PEOPLE, I THINK, THE FREEDOM TO THINK THAT MAYBE THEY SHOULD STEP IN FRONT OF A BUS TO -- BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT, ON THE WAY OVER HERE, A MAN DID STEP IN FRONT OF A BUS ON THE BUS COMING FROM DOWNTOWN. YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE IT'S A TREND.

Appalled for All: I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S A VERY HEALTHY TREND, AND I THINK THAT THERE IS ENOUGH OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OUT THERE TO START REALLY USING SOME IMAGINATION ABOUT WHAT CAN WE DO? CAN WE MAKE MORE SMALL HOUSES? CAN WE PUT THEM ON SOMEBODY'S LAND? CAN WE BUY SOME LAND? CAN WE MAKE LEAN-50S. -- LEAN-TO'S. IT'S KILLING PEOPLE AND MAKING THE PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE OF LET'S SAY A DESPERATE SITUATION INTERNALLY OR EXTERNALLY OR BOTH. IT'S GETTING WORSE FOR THEM. AND SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT CAPABLE OR NOR, SORRY, FOLKS, OR COMPETENT TO PULL THEMSELVES BACK FROM A BRINK. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I AM ASHAMED TO BE AN AMERICAN TODAY, AND IT REALLY JUST HURTS MY FEELINGS. IT HURTS MY FEELINGS AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SPECIES TO SEE WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO OURSELVES. IN THE SOCIETY.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR SHARING. AND NATHAN, IF YOU COULD RAISE YOUR HAND, AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH NATHAN ANY OF YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT OUR SHELTERS, HE CAN RELAY AND POSSIBLY HELP WITH THAT. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

Maggie: AM SO PROUD TO STAND WITH APPALLED FOR ALL. MY SISTER IS VERY WELL SPOKEN. I WOULD LIKE -- MY NAME IS MAGGIE. AND I WAS HERE LAST WEEK, AND I TALKED ABOUT 40,000 EMPTY UNITS. I MISS HEARD LIAM FROST. IT'S PROBABLY NOT 40,000 EMPTY UNITS, BUT THERE ARE EMPTY UNITS THAT ARE AROUND THE PERIPHERY OF OREGON OUT IN THE COUNTY THAT ARE AVAILABLE NOW. THE CONTRACTORS THAT THE STATE AND THE CITY HIRE ADVERTISE ON CRAIGSLIST BECAUSE THEY ARE LOOKING FOR THE LEAST DISABLED AND THE PEOPLE WITH THE MOST ECONOMIC INCOME FROM SSI OR FROM SDI OR FROM SOCIAL SECURITY, SO YOU HAVE THE MOST DISABLED PEOPLE IN WAREHOUSING IN AMERICA'S TRAINED AUSCHWITZ, WHICH IS THE SALVATION ARMY ON MATS ON THE FLOOR. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I WAS RETALIATED AGAINST. NOW FIVE OF THESE WOMEN HAD THEIR FEET SWELL THROUGH THE HE HAPPENED OF JULY, BEGINNING OF AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER, AND SEVERAL OF THEM SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL ALMOST LOSING THEIR TOES BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENED IS THEIR FEET SWELLED, AND THEN THEIR FEET CRACKED, AND THEY GOT MRSA BECAUSE MRSA IS ON THE FLOOR THERE IN THE INSTITUTION.

I COULDN'T WALK. THESE WIN COULDN'T WALK, SO ALL WE COULD DO WAS TAKE THE MAX. NOW THEY MAKE US CARRY AROUND EVERYTHING DURING THE DAY. WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO KEEP STUFF UP IN THE DORM AREA BECAUSE THEY LOCK IT. SO DURING THE DAY, WE ARE NOT ALLOWED IN, AND THEN SO WE HAVE TO CARRY THE STUFF AROUND. WELL, EVERYWHERE I GO TO LIKE TAKE THE BUS OR TAKE THE MAX, ANYWHERE THAT SERVES HOMELESS PEOPLE, THERE ARE NEVER ANY BENCHES. MY FEET ARE SWOLLEN. THEIR FEET ARE SWOLLEN. OUR FEET ARE CRACKED FULL OF MRSA. WE ARE HAVING TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL. AND I DON'T THINK THAT I SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR A BUS RIDE TO THE HOSPITAL, YOU KNOW, FOR SOMETHING THAT THE SALVATION ARMY IS IT RESPONSIBLE FOR. THEY ONLY HAVE ONE WASHING MACHINE IN THERE. THERE IS LIKE A COUPLE, A COUPLE HUNDRED WOMEN, I DON'T KNOW, CLOSE TO A COUPLE HUNDRED WOMEN IN THERE, AND THEY DON'T STEAM THE MATS, SO WE HAVE BED BUGS. THERE IS MRSA ON THE FLOOR. SO ANYWAY, WIFE BEEN -- WIFE BEEN TARGETED BECAUSE [INAUDIBLE] AND THE JUDGE SAID IT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO STOP AND ASK FOR OUR I.D 13 STATE LEGISLATORS WROTE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SAY THAT IT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL FOR YOU TO BE STOPPING THESE PEOPLE AND ASKING THEM FOR THEIR I.D

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AND NATHAN IS IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM. CAN YOU RAISE YOUR HAND? AND NATHAN CAN CHAT WITH YOU, AND --

Maggie: OKAY.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: ADDRESS YOUR CONCERNS.

Board Clerk:[READS NAMES]

Vice-Chair Stegmann: GOOD MORNING.

Alex Rae Simpson: GOOD MORNING. SO PARDON ME. I WOKE UP AND CAME OVER HERE, SO I WAS NOT PLANNED HIS BUT I WILL TRY TO GET READY. I JUST WANTED TO TOUCH ON SAFETY, ADVOCACY, COUNSELING, AND MEDIATION IN A LOT OF THESE FACILITIES. THERE IS NO ACCESS TO COUNSELORS OR MEDIATION WITHIN THE FACILITIES, AND IT LEADS TO SAFETY CONCERNS IN REGARDS TO PARTICIPANTS' WELLBEING. DUE TO EXPOSURE TO EPISODES OF EXTREME AGGRESSION AND OUTBURSTS FROM THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS, AILMENTS AND DISEASE UNDIAGNOSED AND UNMONITORED BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. MANY TIMES MOST OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN SEEKING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION DUE TO THEIR MENTAL HEALTH STATUS. THERE IS NO ADVOCACY FROM A PROFESSIONAL, AND THERE IS NO FOLLOW-UP SERVICES TO CONFIRM CONTINUED CARE FROM THOSE THAT HAVE HAD INTERACTIONS WITH THE EMERGENCY PERSONNEL.

THESE UNSTABLE INDIVIDUALS REMAIN ON THE STREETS AND CYCLING THROUGH THE SHELTERS AND FACILITIES. SANITATION IS SUBPAR, LIKE THEY ARE INDICATING FUNGAL AND BACTERIAL INFECTIONS ARE COMMONPLACE. MANY TIMES I'VE BEEN THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL TO IDENTIFY ADULT LICE IN COMMON AREAS. EMPLOYEES TEND TO PASS THE CHORE BUCK OFF TO RESIDENTS. MANY TIMES THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE DISABLED AND UNABLE TO THOROUGHLY AND ACCURATE THE COMPLETE THE SANITATION METHODS UP TO STANDARDS. THESE ARE ALL EXPERIENCED AT THE DROPIN CENTERS, WHICH THERE ARE FEW OF. IT FURTHER EXPOSED THE ELDERLY AND IMMUNOSUPPRESSED FOLKS TO THOSE CARRYING THE DISEASE. I, AS WELL AS MY OTHER, ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND GANG VIOLENCE BECAUSE WE ARE KEY WITNESSES IN A MURDER CASE, WHICH HAS MADE US VICTIMS TO, YOU KNOW, TO RAPE AND ASSAULT OF EVERY, IN EVERY FORM.

Alexa Rae Simpson: WE REQUESTED WITNESS PROTECTIONS AND VICTIM SERVICES FROM THE D.A. AND HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY SERVICES, AND MY MOTHER AND I ARE STILL EXPOSED ON THE STREET TO THE ELEMENTS AND ABUSE. WE HAVE HAD TO DO ALL RESEARCH AND WORK TO UNCOVER ANY ACCESSIBLE SERVICES, AND WE HAVE DIRECTLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION FROM EMPLOYEES AND OTHER PERSONNEL AT THESE FACILITIES. I HAVE WORKED THAT BOOK FRONT TO BACK. THE PROBLEM IS, YOU GO TO THESE FACILITIES AND ONCE AGAIN, THEY HAND YOU A STREET ROOTS BOOK. THERE NEEDS TO BE AN ADVOCATE WHO CAN WORK DIRECTLY MAYBE FROM DHS, YOU KNOW, INITIALLY BUT A PROFESSIONAL TO WORK WITHIN CERTAIN QUADRANTS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE, AND MONITOR THEM AND ALSO ACCURATELY -- I GUESS THAT THEY CAN HOLD THIS INFORMATION. THEY CAN BE A RESOURCE FOR THEM AND HAVE A CERTAIN CLIENTELE THAT THEY KEEP TRACK OF. OUT THERE, THERE IS NO ONE HELPING. I'VE BEEN HELPING A MAN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY. NO ONE IS THERE TO HELP THESE FOLKS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

Alexa Rae Simpson: ALEXA SIMPSON.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY XXPDX. VERY GOOD CONVERSATION FROM THE PEOPLE AT THE SALVATION ARMY. I WOULD RECOMMEND MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THAT YOU HAVE YOUR INVESTIGATORS GET OVER THERE IMMEDIATELY, AND IF YOU HAVE NOT, IF YOU HAVE NOT, THEN THE DOJ WILL BE CONTACTED. THIS COULD BE FALLING INTO THE CATEGORY OF CRIMINAL. I WILL MAKE IT VERY CLEAR TO YOU SITTING UP HERE WHEN YOU HEAR THESE STATEMENTS, YOU BETTER ACT UPON WHAT THEY ARE SAYING. YOU BETTER BE IN CONTACT WITH SALVATION

ARMY. YOU BETTER HAVE PEOPLE MAKING REPORTS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT THIS TIME. MOVING ALONG ON WHO IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT GOVERNOR, I REMAIN NEUTRAL AS A WATCHDOG. I LISTEN TO BOTH. MY BIGGEST CONCERN IS THAT MY FOCUS IS ON THE HOMELESS SCHOOL CHILDREN. WHO IS OVERLOOKING THAT? WHO IS MAKING SURE THAT THESE CHILDREN ARE TAKEN CARE OF. WHO IS MAKING SURE THESE CHILDREN ARE BEING PUT INTO HOUSING. WHO IS SEPARATING THESE CHILDREN BECAUSE THE PARENTS MIGHT BE HOMELESS. WE STICK THEM INTO THESE FOSTER CARE SYSTEMS THAT WE HAVE A 1% COMPETENCE RATE, ON THAT SYSTEM FROM THE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME.

Lightning: WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. WHO IS THE VOICE OF THE HOMELESS SCHOOL CHILDREN? WHO IS THE VOICE OF THE NEW TERM BECAUSE OF GOVERNOR BROWN, WHICH WE WILL USE THIS TERM CALLED CHRONIC, HOMELESS, SCHOOL CHILDREN. IN MY OPINION, FORGET ABOUT THE REPUBLICAN. FORGET ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS. WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR VOTE YOU VOTE TO TAKE CARE OF THESE HOMELESS SCHOOL CHILDREN, PERIOD. AND YOU LOOK AT THESE TWO CANDIDATES, AND YOU SAY WHO IS GOING TO DO THE JOB BETTER? WOULDWHO IS GOING TO DO THE JOB BETTER? WHO IS A DOCTOR THAT TRULY UNDERSTANDS THE EFFECTS OF THE DAMAGE THAT WILL BE DONE TO THESE YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR DEVELOPING MINDS BECAUSE OF INEFFICIENT CARE AND PEOPLE NOT CARING ABOUT THESE YOUNG CHILDREN? WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR VOTE, DON'T LOOK AT THOSE TWO CANDIDATES. YOU LOOK AT THE YOUNG SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO ARE SUFFERING IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND BY THE WAY, THESE NUMBERS THAT MAKE US NUMBER ONE IN THE NATION ON THIS ISSUE IS BASED UPON KIDS GOING TO SCHOOL, NOT THE ONES SCATTERED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY. WHO DON'T MAKE IT IN THE FRONT DOOR OF THESE SCHOOLS. MAKE YOUR VOTE. VOTE ON BEHALF OF THE YOUNG SCHOOL HOMELESS CHILDREN AND GET THEM INTO HOUSING. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR COMING.

Joe Walsh: GOOD MORNING. I'M JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I WAS NOT HERE LAST WEEK BECAUSE I WAS IN COURT. WE ATTENDED THE SETTLEMENT MEETING WHERE JUDGE SIMON, AND IN CASE YOU ARE LISTENING AND DON'T KNOW, THERE WAS A SETTLEMENT THAT CAME OUT OF AN ACTION GOING BACK TO 2012. SO IT'S BEEN A WHILE. IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS SINCE WE'VE BEEN SCREWING AROUND WITH THIS SETTLEMENT. WE WENT THROUGH A CO-OP THAT SUPPLIED OVER 100 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY, AND THE CITY ACTED ON ONE. JUST ONE. AND THEN THEY DISBANDED THE CO-OP. AND BLAMED THEM FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CO-OP. AND THE MAYOR TURNED AROUND AND APPOINTED 13, I THINK THE NUMBER IS, NEW PEOPLE TO A COMMITTEE THAT AND GOING TO DO SOMETHING LIKE WITH THE CO-OP WOULD DO, BUT NOT WITH A LOT OF INPUT. SO WE ARGUED ON WHAT SIDE THAT YOU HAD THE CITY

AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JOIN THE CITY. ON THE OTHER HAND YOU HAD THE AMA, YOU HAD COP WATCH, AND YOU HAD INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE, AND WE ALL ARGUED TO THE JUDGE, DON'T OKAY THIS COMMITTEE. LOOK AT IT FIRST. THE CITY GOT CAUGHT IN A LIE.

Joe Walsh: THE CITY TOLD, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TOLD THE JUDGE THAT THE NEW COMMITTEE WAS WORKING SO WELL, THAT HE SHOULD GIVE THEM A COP WATCH. IT'S REALLY TERRIFIC. AND THE JUDGE, BEING A VERY WISE AND NOBLE PERSON, LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID, HOW MANY MEETINGS HAVE YOU HAD? AND THEY SAID WELL, THEY ARE IN TRAINING, AND THEY SAID NO. HOW MANY MEETINGS HAVE YOU HAD? AND HE SAID WELL, THEY ARE IN TRAINING, YOUR HONOR. AND HE SAID NO. HOW MANY MEETINGS HAVE YOU HAD? AND HE SAID NONE. SO HE SAID HOW CAN YOU TELL ME THAT YOU ARE REALLY DOING A GOOD JOB WHEN YOU HAVE ZERO MEETINGS? YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING? WE WON. THE SIDE THAT ARGUED TO THE JUDGE, LET'S SLOW DOWN. LET'S LOOK AT THIS. LET'S NOT DO THIS. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SESSIONS AND THE CITY ARE [INAUDIBLE], AND WE WON. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AND COME BACK HERE, JUNE 6. I DIDN'T GO THE RESULTS BECAUSE I HAD TO LEAVE. I CAN ONLY LAST ABOUT AN HOUR, AND THEN I HAD TO LEAVE. BUT I GOT A PHONE CALL. THE PEOPLE THAT ARGUED, ARGUED REALLY WELL. AND YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF THEM. THE COUNTY IS NOT PART OF THIS SETTLEMENT. YOU HAVE INFLUENCE. I ALWAYS SAY THAT TO YOU. YOU HAVE MORE INFLUENCE THAN I DO.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, JOE. GOOD MORNING.

Joe Walsh: I AM OVER TIME. IS THAT WHAT THEY ARE SAYING? OH, OKAY. I AM SO SORRY THAT I WENT OVER TIME. MY GOODNESS.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. IT'S GOOD TO BE WITH YOU ON THIS CHILLY THURSDAY, THE 11TH OF OCTOBER WHEN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE SLEEPING OUTDOORS AND IN COURT. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VERSUS THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND THE PORTLAND POLICE FOR PRACTICES THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS CONTINUES TO GO ON. IN A JAIL, WHERE UNFORTUNATELY YOU GUYS HAVE TO FUND A JAIL WHERE THE PORTLAND POLICE, AS REPORTED BY THE OREGONIAN, OVER 51% OF THE PEOPLE WASTING TIME PROCESSING THROUGH JAIL ARE PEOPLE WITHOUT IT HOMES, PEOPLE WITHOUT IT PERMANENT RESIDENCES. SO I HOPE THAT MR. REESE, THE SHERIFF, FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE WILL BE COMING FORWARD WITH A JOINT, SEPARATE REPORT. THE CITY IS DOING ITS OWN INVESTIGATION, BUT YOU AS FUNDERS NEED TO SAY YO, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER, TED WHEELER, WHY THE HELL ARE YOU SCREWING OVER OUR RESOURCE SYSTEM LIKE THIS? AND YOU NEED TO HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE WHERE YOU ARE LIKE OH, THIS

IS THE THIRD TIME THAT YOU BROUGHT A PERSON FOR A NON-VIOLENT TRESPASSING? SUCK IT UP, CITY OF PORTLAND. WE ARE NOT GOING TO WASTE TIME BOOKING THEM. SO SOME OTHER THINGS GOING ON, SPEAKING OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AS WE MOVE ON THROUGH YOUR AGENDA DOWN TO OUR FIVE AND OUR SIX, IT WILL BE DEJA VU FOR THOSE OF US WHO DOUBLE DIP, AND WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT DIGITAL INCLUSION, AND SOME MUCH BETTER PEOPLE. JOHN MORONA, REBECCA GIBBONS, WHO ALSO GOT TO PRESENT AT THE CITY AND TALK ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING TO HELP TO CONNECT PEOPLE, MOSTLY PEOPLE WITH HOMES WHO ARE IN POVERTY TO THE CRUCIAL INTERNET CONNECTION TO GET SERVICES, BETTER EDUCATION, SO WE WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: THINK THAT WHAT REALLY NEEDS TO RESONATE WITH US, BESIDES WHAT LIGHTNING SAID ABOUT HOMELESS SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT FOR A SECOND. IF WE WAKE UP TO FIND OUT WE HAVE AN ELECTION TWO YEARS AFTER THE TRUMP ELECTION, HOW WILL WE PROCESS THAT INFORMATION? WILL WE SAY OH, MY GOSH, MAYBE IT WAS NOT THE BEST IDEA TO PUT MONEY INTO A BRAND NEW COURTHOUSE THAT THE STATE WORKED HARD TO FUND A NEW COURTHOUSE WHILE WE LEFT PEOPLE SLEEPING OUTSIDE. SO I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT KATE BROWN, THE SUPERIOR CANDIDATE, WINS THE ELECTION, BUT I AM SCARED THAT SHE WON'T. AND I AM SCARED THAT WE HAVE SEWN THE SEEDS OF HER DEFEAT. OTHER SEEDS OF DEFEAT ARE THE POVERTY PIMPS THAT WE PAY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR ZERO PROGRESS. WHAT THEY DO IS WAIT FOR PEOPLE TO COMMIT SUICIDE AND MOVE INTO MORE HIGHER LEVEL CARE INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC HOUSING, SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, WE NEVER TALK ABOUT THE TRANSITION RATE FROM HOMELESS SHELTERS INTO HOUSING. IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME. IT'S JUST BASED ON WHO DIED AND WHO LOST THEIR HOUSING BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH CARE SITUATION. HOLD THE FEET. THEY SPENT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS. HOLD THEIR FEET TO THE FIRE TO PUBLICLY SPEAK THE REAL NUMBERS ABOUT HOW MANY PEOPLE SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION OUT OF HOMELESSNESS AND INTO STABLE HOUSING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. JOSH. GOOD MORNING.

Josh Maurice: GOOD MORNING. I'M JOSH MAURICE. I AGREE ABOUT FINDING CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE HOUSELESS SITUATION, THE UNDER-HOUSED SITUATION. I THINK THAT THE RESOURCES EXIST TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND HOUSE PEOPLE, BUT WE HAVE THESE SYSTEMIC BARRIERS. I TALKED A LOT BEFORE ABOUT TINY HOME VILLAGES. THAT IS A SOLUTION, YOU KNOW. THERE COULD BE DOZENS OF TINY HOME VILLAGES GOING UP, AND I REALLY ADVOCATE THAT AND HOPE TO SEE THAT. WE HAVE VACANT BUILDINGS. A LOT OF VACANT SPACE IN BUILDINGS THAT COULD BE USED. WE CAN'T HELP, TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN'T HELP PEOPLE, WE CAN AT LEAST NOT DO ANY

HARM. WE CAN STOP SWEEPING PEOPLE AND TAKING PEOPLE'S SHELTER WHO ARE JUST TRYING TO SHELTER THEMSELVES ON THE STREET. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK A BIT ABOUT VOTING. FOR A LOT OF HUMAN HISTORY, THINGS HAVE RUN ON THE BASIS OF MIGHT MAKES RIGHT. THAT'S HOW THE DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. VOTING IS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THAT. INSTEAD OF FORCE AND BATTLE BEING HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE. PEOPLE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE MAJORITY DECISION, AT LEAST THAT'S THE THEORY. VOTING, THERE IS STILL A LOT OF SHORTCOMINGS.

Josh Maurice: RATHER THAN COMING TO AN AGREEMENT AMONG EVERYONE, IN A WAY, YOU COULD SAY THAT IT INVOLVES ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO TAKE SIDES, AND THEN YOU COUNT UP HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ON EACH SIDE. THE SIDE WITH MORE PEOPLE WINS. THAT'S HOW IT IS DONE. THAT'S ASSUMING IT'S A FREE AND FAIR ELECTION, WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY A SAFE ASSUMPTION. I WOULD MENTION, WHICHEVER THERE ARE MULL PEOPLE CONTENDING FOR THE ABILITY TO DO A JOB, THAT'S A SIGN THAT TOO MUCH RESPONSIBILITY, TOO MUCH POWER HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED IN THAT POSITION. WHY HAVE A CONTEST OR A COMPETITION OVER WHO GETS TO DO A JOB? WHY NOT JUST TAKE TURNS. I THINK THAT IT'S GOOD TO VOTE WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE SHORTCOMINGS OF VOTING AS A WAY OF MAKING DECISIONS. IN FACT, I THINK IT'S ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN RECOGNIZE THE SHORTCOMINGS OF VOTING TO VOTE BECAUSE THAT WILL LEAD TO BETTER ELECTORAL OUTCOMES, AND THEY SEEM TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES, SO IT'S GOOD TO VOTE WHILE LOOKING AHEAD AND LOOKING BEYOND VOTING TO BETTER WAYS OF MAKING DECISIONS. AND ON THAT NOTE, I WILL JUST MENTION ONE WEBSITE ZHERG.NET. A LOT OF GOOD IDEAS THERE FOR LOOKING BEYOND OUR CURRENT SYSTEM AND NEW WAYS TO ORGANIZE THINGS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU.

R.1 NOTICE OF INTENT for Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant to improve pedestrian access on 223rd Avenue and on Halsey Street. Presenter: Joanna Valencia, Transportation Planning and Development Manager.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R1. GOOD MORNING.

Joanna Valencia: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM JOANNA VALENCIA. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. I AM HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT FOR AN OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANTED. THE PROGRAM AIMS TO REDUCE BARRIERS AND CHILDREN

WALKING AND BIKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL. OUR 935,000 GRANT ASK FOCUSES ON TWO FAIRVIEW SITES THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN. THE GRANT ASK HAS BEEN FORMED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE EAST METRO CONNECTION, EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW. THESE ARE IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROGRAM. THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN, THE EAST METRO CONNECTIONS PLAN, AND AS WELL AS THE MAIN STREETS ON HALSEY PLAN. THE TWO SITES IS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG 223RD ALONG OLD TOWN FAIRVIEW BETWEEN HALSEY AND CEDAR STREET INCLUDING AN ENHANCED CROSSING ON BRIDGE STREET. AND THE SECOND PROJECT WILL BE TO DO AN ENHANCED PROJECT ON PEDESTRIAN, FOR PEDESTRIAN ON HALSEY AND 208TH PLACE. I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE MY REPORT AND ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Meieran: FIRST, THIS IS GREAT. I DO COMPLETELY SUPPORT THIS EFFORT. I WOULD JUST -- QUESTIONING FOR THE RECORD WHAT -- THERE IS A CASH MATCH, A CASH MATCH FOR THIS GRANT REQUIRED, AND HOW MUCH IS THAT?

Joanna Valencia: IT'S A 20% CASH MATCH TO BE COVERED UNDER OUR TRANSPORTATION FUNDS.

Commissioner Meieran: PERFECT. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Peterson: THANKS SO MUCH FOR THIS. LOOKING AT OUR PROJECT FROM LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN REALLY FOCUS ON SOME OF THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE WANT WITH CENTERS THE WORK OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, WHICH HAS HAD A GREAT INFLUX OF MONEY FROM THE LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE AS WELL AS LOOKING AT WORKING WITH OUR DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS, AND WHETHER IT'S PORTLAND OR SOME OF THE EAST COUNTY CITIES OR THE UNINCORPORATED ROADS THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. THIS IS THE TYPE OF PROJECT THAT I AM SO HAPPY TO SEE BECAUSE IT REALLY IS TALKING ABOUT HAVING SAFER ROUTES AND HAVING SAFETY FOR -- AND ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO GET OUT OF THEIR CARS, TO WALK, TO BIKE, AND TO GO FORWARD AND GET THIS GRANT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I CONCUR, AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, SPEAKING OF SAFE ROUTES, TO BE AT MEADOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THEIR SAFE ROUTES EVENT. ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE IT MORE SAFE FOR OUR KIDS AND FAMILIES TO GET TO AND FROM SCHOOL, WE'RE SUPPORTIVE OF. THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE VOTE AYE. THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

R.2 Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Clean Water Services for Stormwater Outreach. Presenter: Roy Iwai, Water Resources Specialist

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R2. GOOD MORNING.

Roy Iwai: GOOD MORNING. I AM ROY IWAI WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, TRANSACTION DIVISION, WATER QUALITY PROGRAM. WE ARE HERE TO AUTHORIZE THE AGREEMENT WITH CLEAN WATER SERVICES FOR OUTREACH THIS MORNING. THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLEAN WATER SERVICES THAT WE HAVE HAD FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS THROUGH THE REGIONAL COALITION OF CLEAN RIVERS AND STREAMS. THIS IS A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL CLEAN WATER AND STORM ROUTE COALITION. WE HAVE A CAMPAIGN CALLED THE RIVER STARTS HERE THAT WE'VE BEEN PUSHING FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, LARGELY IS A FACEBOOK CAMPAIGN, CONNECTS PEOPLE TO THE RIVER AND ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION. IF YOU ARE A FACEBOOK USER, I WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU WERE TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK. THROUGH THE CAMPAIGN WE HELP TO PROMOTE DIFFERENT EVENTS THAT HAPPEN LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY LIKE THE BIG FLOAT. THAT HAPPENED THIS SUMMER, OF THE DISCOVERY DAY OR THE CLEANUPS ON THE SANDY RIVER AND THE CLACKAMAS RIVERS. AND SO THIS IGA WILL GET FUNDING FROM, YOU KNOW, WATER SERVICES TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR THIS COALITION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. DID YOU SAY FLOAT? WE HAVE A FLOAT?

Vice- Chair Stegmann: A BIG FLOAT. IT'S A -- AN EVENT PUT ON BY THE HUMANIZES PROJECT. IT TAKE PLACE DOWNTOWN, AND IT HAS A FLOATING LIVE MUSIC STAGE, FOOD, AND THIS YEAR, ATTRACTED 5,000 PEOPLE TO THE RIVER TO GET INTO THE WILLAMETTE. THAT IS CLEAN ENOUGH TO SWIM.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THAT'S GREAT, AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE YOU OUT AT THE STARK STREET CULVERT. COULD YOU JUST -- THAT'S A GREAT PROJECT AND ABOUT THE FISH PASSAGE. COULD YOU GIVE US AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT THAT ACCOMPLISHES AND HOW THAT CONTRIBUTES?

Roy Iwai: SURE. SO THIS PROJECT IS A STARK STREET CROSSING AT BEAVER CREEK, ADJACENT TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE. IT IS A TRIBUTARY OF THE SANDY RIVER. IT ACTUALLY, IN A GOOD YEAR, WILL PRODUCE 4% TO 9% OF THE JUVENILE COHO PRODUCED IN THE ENTIRE SANDY RIVER BASIN. IT'S A SIGNATURE TRIBUTARY. WE CORRECTED A CROSSING THERE, WHICH IS A BARRIER TO ADULT SPAWNING FISH AND SALMON GOING UPSTREAM. NOW WITH THAT PASSAGE OPEN, WE ARE SEEING CHINOOK SALMON POSITIVE THAT CULVERT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 40, 50, 60, 70 YEARS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: WOW!

Roy Iwai: WE WILL HAVE THE CROSSING AT COCHRAN ROAD REPAIRED. THIS WILL HAVE MORE ACCESS TO SPAWNING AREAS FOR THOSE COHO, STEELHEAD, AND CHINOOK STADIUM.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

Commissioner Vega Peterson: I WANTED TO SAY WHEN WE WENT TO THE DISTRICT 8 MEETING FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES LAST WEEK, WE HAD A REALLY WONDERFUL PRESENTATION ON ALL THE WORK THAT CLEAN WATER SERVICES IS DOING IN THE TUALATIN AREA ON RESTORATION AND REALLY MAKING THAT RIVER MORE HABITABLE FOR PEOPLE BUT ALSO FOR WILDLIFE. IT WAS A REALLY IMPRESSIVE IMPRESSION ABOUT THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE AND THE WAY THAT WE'VE INCORPORATED. IT IS REALLY SMART, SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES INTO STORM WATER AND WATER QUALITY ISSUES, SO I REALLY AM SUPPORTIVE OF THIS WORK, AND THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE A STRONG PARTNER AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE REGION AROUND THAT.

Commissioner Meieran: I HUGELY SUPPORT THIS WORK AND THIS EFFORT. I JUST HAD A QUESTION IN TERMS OF THE COLLABORATION OF PARTNERSHIP. WAS THE CITY OF PORTLAND A PART OF THIS? ARE THEY A PART OF THIS?

Roy Iwai: THE CITY OF PORTLAND WAS A PART OF THIS. BEFORE THE COUNTY BECAME THE FISCAL AGENT, THE CITY OF PORTLAND WAS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THIS PROGRAM. I THINK THAT THERE WAS A TRANSITION A FEW YEARS AGO TO SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL MEDIA, AND I THINK THAT THE CITY OF PORTLAND WAS RAMPING UP THEIR PROGRAM AT THE TIME, SO THEY STEPPED AWAY FROM THE COALITION TO KIND OF WORK ON THEIR PROGRAM INTERNALLY, AND THEN WE MOVED FORWARD WITHOUT IT THE CITY OF PORTLAND. THIS COALITION INCLUDES CLEAN WATER SERVICES, SO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JURISDICTIONS, CLACKAMAS COUNTY JURISDICTIONS, AND JURISDICTIONS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SO THERE ARE ABOUT 13, 14 JURISDICTIONS STILL INVOLVED. WE CAN STILL DO IT WITHOUT IT THE CITY OF PORTLAND, BUT WE WELCOME THE CITY OF PORTLAND BACK INTO THE COALITION AT ANY TIME, AND WE LOVE THE SUPPORT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE VOTE AYE. THE IGA IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

R.3 Ordinance Amending MCC Chapters 33, 35 and 36 Relating to Forest Practices Setbacks, Fire Safety Zones, and Clustering Requirements in the Commercial Forest Use Zones and Declaring an Emergency. Presenters: Adam Barber, Deputy Director; Michael Cerbone, Planning Director.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING AND ADOPTION. GOOD MORNING.

Adam Barber: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. I AM ADAM BARBER. I AM THE DEPUTY PLANNING DIRECTOR. I HAVE MICHAEL CERBONE HERE, THE DIRECTOR WITH THE LAND USE PLANNING PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. WE ARE HERE TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION BY THE COUNTY'S PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADOPT HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS TO THE FOREST LANDS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THERE IS TWO GROUPS OF AMENDMENTS. THE FIRST CLARIFIES THE CURRENT POLICY RELATING TO PRIMARY FIRE BREAKS AROUND STRUCTURES. THESE ARE THE LANDS AROUND THE STRUCTURED WHERE VEGETATION NEEDS TO BE THINNED SO IT DOES NOT ACT AS FUEL AS A WILDFIRE MOVES THROUGH FOREST LANDS.

THE CLARIFICATION IN THE CODE WILL BE THAT THOSE PRIMARY FIRE SAFETY ZONES HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED AND NOT FURTHER REDUCED WHEN A STRUCTURE THAT AN EXISTING STRUCTURE THAT DOES NOT MEET THE CURRENT SETBACKS IS REPLACED WITH A LARGER STRUCTURE OR A LARGE ADDITION IS ADDED TO WHAT WE CALL A NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE. THE INTENT OF THIS POLICY CLARIFICATION IS JUST TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE PRIMARY FIRE SAFETY ZONES TO THE COMMUNITY AS WILDFIRES MOVE THROUGH THE LANDSCAPE. SECONDLY, THE ORDINANCE IN FRONT OF YOU CORRECTS AN ERROR BY REIN INSERTING A PORTION OF A [INAUDIBLE] DELETED DURING A PROJECT LAST YEAR. THE RESULT OF THE REINSERTING THIS LANGUAGE AS IT WAS DRAFTED AND ADOPTED PREVIOUSLY, IT WILL RESTORE OUR ABILITY TO OFFER A SIMPLER PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS FOR PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE CLUSTERING PROPOSED ACCESSORY STRUCTURES NEAR EXISTING DWELLINGS AND FOREST LANDS. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE CLUSTERING. IT IS BETTER FROM A WILDFIRE PROTECTION STANDPOINT.

IT'S ALSO BETTER FROM A PRESERVATION OF TIMBER HARVEST LANDS AND THAT ECONOMY THAT'S RELATED TO THE FOREST LANDS. SO WE HAVE HAD THAT IN THE CODE FOR QUITE A LONG TIME. IT WAS INADVERTENTLY DELETED, AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS TO ADD THAT BACK IN. WE DID SEND NOTICE TO ALL OF THE AFFECTED LANDOWNERS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE SENT 900 NOTICES TO FOREST LANDOWNERS, AND WE HAD ZERO PEOPLE TESTIFY AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING. NO CONCERNS WERE RAISED, SO THESE ARE MINOR HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS THAT THE COMMISSION IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD ADOPT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SO IN LIGHT OF THE EAGLE CREEK FIRE, THIS IS -- ESPECIALLY THIS IS PERTINENT TO MY

DISTRICT. ANY TIME THAT WE CAN CLEAN UP THE CODE AND MAKE IT MORE CLEAR IS HELPFUL, AND I LIKE THE IDEA OF CLUSTERING, THAT SEEMS COMMON SENSE, SO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK. SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE VOTE AYE. THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY EMERGENCY.

R.4 1st Reading of Ordinance Adopting Multnomah County Code Chapter 39, Zoning Code of Multnomah County, Oregon; Repealing Multnomah County Code Chapters 11.05, 11.10, 11.12, 11.15, 11.45, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, Except to the Extent Continued Herein; and Amending Chapters 29 and 38 Accordingly. Presenters: Kevin Cook, Senior Planner; Michael Cerbone, Planning Director.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING. GOOD MORNING.

Michael Cerbone: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. MICHAEL CERBONE, PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I HAVE WITH ME KEVIN COOK, THE SENIOR PLANNER IN OUR DIVISION, WHO IS THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THIS PROJECT. MY BRIEF INTRODUCTION IS GOING TO POINT OUT THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE. THIS IS WHAT WE CURRENTLY USE IN THE COUNTY. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO REPLACE THAT WITH. KEVIN IS GOING TO GO THROUGH AND EXPLAIN THE PROCESS THAT WE WENT THROUGH, AND YOU KNOW, WHY THIS FUNCTIONS THE SAME WAY AS THIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Kevin Cook: THANK YOU, MIKE. AGAIN FOR THE RECORD KEVIN COOK, SENIOR PLANNER, DIVISION, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. THIS CODE CONSOLIDATION AND REORGANIZATION PROJECT BEGAN AS REALLY A PARALLEL PROJECT TO OUR 2015, EXCUSE ME, 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE. THE STAFF HAD RECOGNIZED THAT THE EXISTING CODE CHAPTERS ARE UNWIELDING, DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE. OUR FIRST MULTNOMAH COUNTY, A LITTLE HISTORY, FIRST MULTNOMAH COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCES WAS IN 1953, AND THAT BEGAN WITH JUST FOUR PAGES OF TEXT. TODAY WE HAVE OVER 1600 PAGES SPREAD OVER 11 DIFFERENT CHAPTERS OF COUNTY CODE. SO REALLY, THIS NEW REORGANIZATION, RESULTS IN A SINGLE CHAPTER OF ZONING CODE. THE LAST COUNT IS 460 PAGES. WE WERE ABLE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PAGES BY DELETING THE ZONING REGULATIONS THAT NO LONGER APPLY IN OUR JURISDICTION. A LOT OF THOSE HAVE SINCE BEEN ANNEXED INTO -- DUE TO URBAN ANNEXATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, WE STREAMLINED, SO FOR INSTANCE INSTEAD OF HAVING FIVE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF A SINGLE ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED ACROSS FIVE DIFFERENT CHAPTERS OF CODE, WE NOW HAVE ONE VERSION OF EACH ZONE BECAUSE THE STANDARDS ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME. WHERE THE DIFFERENCES EXIST DUE TO SPECIFIC STANDARDS THAT APPLY IN A PARTICULAR PLAN AREA, FOR INSTANCE, THE WEST OF SANDY RIVER PLAN AREA, SAUVIE ISLAND, WE RETAINED THOSE

STANDARDS AS APPLICABLE TO THOSE PLANNING AREAS. IN SOME OTHER CASES, DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF CODE HAD SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT STANDARDS, AND WE CHOSE TO APPLY THE MORE PERMISSIVE STANDARD COUNTY-WIDE, SO ONE EXAMPLE IS THERE IS A THRESHOLD FOR REQUIRING STORM WATER REVIEW FOR ADDITIONS. IN SOME PLACES IN THE CODE, IT REQUIRED THAT THE THRESHOLD WOULD BE 400 SQUARE FEET FOR A NEW ADDITION, WHILE OTHERS PLACE IT AT 500 SQUARE FEET.

Kevin Cook: IN THIS EXAMPLE WE CHOSE TO APPLY THE 500 SQUARE FEET UNIVERSALLY ACROSS THE COUNTY. THE MAJORITY OF THE WORK, HOWEVER, WAS SIMPLY TO REORGANIZE OUR CODE INTO A MORE LOGICAL GROUPING OF THE EXISTING STANDARDS, RESULTING IN NINE MAJOR SECTIONS OF THE NEW CONSOLIDATED CODE. SOME OTHER AREAS HAVE BEEN REWRITTEN FOR CLARITY, OR AS OTHERWISE WE MODERNIZED THE LANGUAGE. FOR INSTANCE THE NEW CODE NOW USES GENDER NEUTRAL TERMINOLOGY. ONE EXAMPLE WAS OBVIOUSLY AN OLD SECTION OF THE CODE THAT ASSUMES THAT THE COUNTY ENGINEER IS A MALE. IN MANY CASES WE REPLACED WIFE OR HUSBAND WITH SPOUSE AND OTHER EXAMPLES ALONG THOSE LINES. THE PROJECT DID NOT INCLUDE BRAND NEW SECTIONS OF CODE BECAUSE THOSE EFFORTS ARE REALLY MORE APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERED ON THEIR OWN MERITS. AGAIN, WE DID NOT TAKE AN EXTRA STEP AND ADD YOU KNOW, NEW PROJECTS, SO THIS WAS REALLY JUST AN ADMINISTRATIVE EXERCISE. PRIOR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON THE MATTER, THE STAFF ATTENDED A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE COUNTY. WE WANTED TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT WE WERE DOING, SHARE THE WORK THAT WE HAD DONE UP TO THAT POINT. IT WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE ALSO MAILED NOTICE TO ALL AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS ACROSS THE COUNTY.

WE HAVE PROVIDED PROJECT UPDATES AND ALL MATERIALS ON A DEDICATED PROJECT WEBSITE. ONE CHAPTER OF THE CODE, THE COLUMBIA GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA DOES RETAIN ITS OWN CHAPTER. THIS IS REALLY BECAUSE THE ZONING AND USES IN THE SCENIC AREA ARE GUIDED BY THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA ACT AS OPPOSED TO THE STATE LAND USE LAWS. THAT PARTICULAR CHAPTER, CHAPTER 38, REMAINS INTACT AND IS NOT PART OF THIS PROJECT. WE HAVE CREATED TABLES THAT ARE USEFUL IN TRACKING WHERE EXISTING STANDARDS HAVE LANDED IN THE NEW CODES, SO IF ONE IS TRYING TO FIND A STANDARD THAT APPLIED PREVIOUSLY, THEY CAN SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO IT AND WHERE IT LANDED. THIS WAS USEFUL FOR STAFF AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE ARE SERVING. CERTAINLY IT IS HELPFUL WITH THE TRANSITION. WE ARE WORKING WITH APPLICANTS AND IN OUR PREFILE MEETINGS WITH APPLICANTS LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THESE CODE CHANGES ARE OCCURRING. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED VALUABLE FEEDBACK FROM THAT PLANNING STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS WE PUT THE PROJECT TOGETHER. ALSO WE WANT

TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, ESPECIALLY KATHERINE THOMAS AND JED TOMKINS, WHO IS HERE WITH US TODAY. WE SPENT HOURS REVIEWING OUR ZONING CODE SECTION BY SECTION. DEFINITELY IT IS A SPECIAL THANKS ALSO TO ANNA DAVIS WHO PUT THE CODE AND FORMATTED THE CODE INTO THE FAMILIAR TWO-COLUMN COUNTY STANDARD FORMAT. SO REALLY IN CONCLUSION WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THIS NEW, LIGHTER, EASIER TO NAVIGATE ZONING CODE. WE KNOW OUR CUSTOMERS ARE, TOO. I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

Commissioner Vega Peterson: THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK IN DOING THIS. I THINK WHEN PEOPLE HEAR ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE BUREAU CRATTIC RED TAPE AND ALL AND HOW HARD IT IS, THAT STACK OF PAPERS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY, SO I APPRECIATE THIS WORK TO REALLY MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT AND CLEAR FOR FOLKS WHO ARE WORKING WITHIN THE COUNTY ON THESE ISSUES. I, ACTUALLY, APPRECIATED THE STAFF PLANNING REPORT, OR THE STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. I THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS A NICE WAY OF KIND OF DOING THE TOP LEVEL CHANGES AND THOSE THINGS, SO THAT WAS HELPFUL FOR ME. I APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE ON THIS AND MAKING MULTNOMAH COUNTY A BETTER PLACE TO WORK WITH.

Kevin Cook: THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I WOULD JUST SAY THE SAME THING, LOVE THE VISUAL. I THINK YOU SAVED THE TREES AS WELL. PLEASE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. SOMETIMES THOSE FOLKS DON'T ALWAYS GET THE RECOGNITION, BUT THEY ARE DOING A LOT OF THE YOU KNOW, IN-DEPTH RESEARCH, AND WE DEPEND ON THEM AND THEIR ADVICE AND EXPERTISE, AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT THE GENDER NEUTRAL STUFF IS GREAT. IT'S LIKE YEAH, WE SHOULD PROBABLY UPDATE THAT, SO I DO APPRECIATE THE WORK, AND SOMETIMES I KNOW THAT WE ARE JUST BUSY OFTENTIMES PUTTING OUT FIRES AND THE FACT THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO CARVE OUT THE TIME THAT WILL PROBABLY HELP YOU TO DO YOUR JOBS MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY AND ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN A MORE, YOU KNOW, ELOQUENT WAY AND MORE EFFICIENT WAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING FORWARD WITH THIS. SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE VOTE AYE. THE FIRST READ IS APPROVED. THE SECOND READING IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018. THANK YOU.

R.5 Digital Equity Action Plan Year Two Report. Presenters: Jon Worona, MCL Director of Content Strategies; Rebecca Gibbons, City of Portland Office of Community Technology; DIN representative.

Jon Worona: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. I AM JON WORONA, DIRECTOR OF CONTENT STRATEGY FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY. THE DIGITAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN, OR DEEP, AS IT IS REFERRED TO, IS A COLLABORATION OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS FROM THE NONPROFIT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. THE PLAN WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL IN APRIL OF 2016, AND TODAY WE ARE HERE TO HEAR ABOUT THE PROGRESS DURING YEAR TWO OF THE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION. YOU WILL FIND THAT THE DEEP ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PURPOSEFUL AND FAR REACHING ACROSS THE COUNTY. I AM HERE TODAY WITH OUR PARTNERS FROM THE PORTLAND OFFICE OF COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND MATT TIMBERLAKE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF I.T. WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING DEEP IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WE ARE ALSO JOINED BY SOME OF OUR DIN PARTNERS, WHO WE ASKED TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS, AND THEY WILL COME UP AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. I BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE DEEP REPORT, THE YEAR TWO PROGRESS REPORT. AND LET ME NOW HAND IT OVER TO OUR PARTNERS FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND.

Julie Olechuck: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. THANKS FOR HAVING US HERE. I AM JULIE OLECHUCK. THESE HAVE BECOME FAMILIAR TERMS AND A TOPIC FOR MANY OF US. IT HAS BECOME A TOPIC FOR MANY. US AND MANY SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, EDUCATORS, AND BUSINESSES. IT INTERSECTIONS WITH SO MUCH OF WHAT WE DO. THE SERVICES WE DESIGN AND DELIVER, THE WAY WE COMMUNICATE AND ENGAGE, AND HOW WE GROW AND PROSPER. THIS INTERSECTIONALITY TOUCHES EVERY FACET OF THE CITY'S AND COUNTY'S WORK, AND MAKES OUR LEADERSHIP AROUND DIGITAL EQUITY INCLUSION MORE RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT. EARLIER THIS WEEK I WAS AT A SMART CITY'S MEETING WHERE WE HEARD ABOUT METRO'S NEW GRANT PROGRAM FOCUSED ON TRANSPORTATION AND TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS RIDE SHARING, CAR AND BIKE HAILING, RIDE MATCHING, MICRO-TRANSIT, ETC. GUESS WHAT, MOST IF NOT ALL OF THESE TECHNOLOGIES REQUIRED CONNECTIVITY TO ACCESS THEM.

I ALSO RECENTLY ATTENDED THE GRANT-MAKERS OF OREGON AND SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, A REGIONAL GATHERING FOR THE PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY. FUNDERS, ALONG WITH OTHER PARTNERS, ARE GEARING UP FOR THE 2020 CENSUS. THIS DATA GATHERING EFFORT WILL HAVE SIGNATURE AND LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS. GUESS WHAT, THE CENSUS WILL BE CONDUCTED ONLINE, REQUIRING CONNECTIVITY TO PARTICIPATE. THE DEEP, BACK BY STAFF DEDICATED TO FACILITATING AND COORDINATING EFFORTS BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED TO GUIDE THE COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY APPROACH FOR STRATEGIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. REBECCA AND OUR OTHER PARTNERS WILL SHARE MORE SPECIFICALLY WHAT YEAR TWO OF THE DEEP LOOKED LIKE.

Rebecca Gibbons: I'M REBECCA GIBBONS, THE DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM COORDINATOR WITH THE OFFICE FOR COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY. SPECIFICALLY IN OUR SECOND YEAR OF DEEP IMPLEMENTATION, WE CONTINUE TO GROW OUR NETWORK, LEVERAGE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, AND IMPLEMENT INITIATIVES A -- ALIGNED WITH THE ACTIONS UNDER THE PLAN. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WE REACHED OUT TO ORGANIZATIONS BOTH NEW AND OLD AND ACROSS SECTORS TO BUILD AWARENESS OF THE CITIES AND THE COUNTIES' FOCUS ON ADDRESSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. AS A RESULT THE DIGITAL INCLUSION NETWORK, OR AS WE CALL IT THE DIN, CONTINUES TO MEET MONTHLY AND BRING NEW MEMBERS INTO THE FOLD. SOME EXAMPLES INCLUDE PORTLAND YOUTH BUILDERS, CHICK TECH, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, STATE OF OREGON WIC PROGRAM, VERIZON, AND OUTSIDE THE FRAME. BECAUSE WE CREATE SPACE TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS AND ELEVATE AWARENESS, THE MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO PLACE GREATER PRIORITY ON THE WORK, AND WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE WE SEE THESE ORGANIZATIONS HIRING STAFF THAT SUPPORT THE WORK, THE LIBRARY, FREE GEEK, AND METROEAST COMMUNITY MEDIA ALSO HIRED NEW DIGITAL INCLUSION PROGRAM STAFF.

AND WE ALSO SEE THEM GARNERING NEW FUNDS AND DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING NEW PROGRAMS. A FEW EXAMPLES INCLUDE THE DIN MEMBERS SUCH AS OPEN SIGNAL AND PACIFIC NORTHWEST COLLEGE OF ART WHERE MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR PROJECTS THAT FOCUS ON DIVERSIFYING THE LOCAL WORKFORCE PIPELINE. THE LIBRARY ALSO RECEIVED AN MHCRC GRANT TO BUILD A DATABASE AND WEBSITE IF ALL OF OUR DIN MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO SHARE INFORMATION AND BEST PRACTICES TO BETTER SERVE RESIDENTS. PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS ALSO PREPARING TO SERVE 700 STUDENTS WITH HOME INTERNET SERVICE BECAUSE OF THE SPRINT 1 MILLION PROJECT AWARD, AND AN EXAMPLE OF A NEW PROGRAM.

PNCA CODE IS IMPLEMENTING STEM WORKSHOPS DESIGNED TO INVOLVE MORE WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR AS TEACHERS AND LEARNERS. THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE VIDEO RECORDED TO HIGHLIGHT THE DIVERSITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS ENGAGING IN STEM SKILL EXPLORATION SO THAT THE YOUNG VIEWERS WATCHING FROM HOME CAN SEE THEMSELVES REPRESENTED IN BOTH THE LEARNING AND THE WORKING COMMUNITY. AS A RESULT OF THESE AND OTHER WORK PROJECTS UNDERWAY, WE ARE ON TRACK IN ALL OF OUR 17 STRATEGIC ACTION AREAS MEANING THAT WE HAVE AN ACTION UNDERWAY WITH ENGAGED PARTNERS AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES. THERE IS A SUMMARY REPORT OF THE PROGRESS IN THE REPORT BEFORE YOU TODAY, AND THERE IS ALSO A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THESE

ACTIVITIES ON THE CITY OFFICE FOR COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY WEBSITE.
THANK YOU.

Mathew Timberlake: GOOD MORNING. I AM MATTHEW TIMBERLAKE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ASSETS. I AM THE I.T. PORTFOLIO MANAGER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY. ONE OF OUR GOALS IN THE DIGITAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN WAS TO HOLD AN INCLUSION SUMMIT THAT BRINGS TOGETHER A BROAD COALITION. PEOPLE WHO WORK TO FOSTER DIGITAL EQUITY ACROSS THE COMMUNITY. OUR INCLUSION SUMMIT WAS HELD IN MAY, AND WE HAD OVER 120 PARTICIPANTS FROM 69 DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. FROM GOVERNMENT, FROM EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, FROM COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND FROM THE TECH INDUSTRY. THE DIVERSITY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTICIPANTS IS A REFLECTION OF THE FACT THAT THE DIGITAL EQUITY IS NOW RECOGNIZED AS A FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT TO SERVE PEOPLE, PROVIDE EDUCATION, GROW OUR ECONOMY, AND HAVE A HEALTHY, THRIVING, AND JUST SOCIETY. DIN MEMBERS FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THE LIBRARY LET A GROUP OF DIN VOLUNTEERS FROM OPEN SIGNAL, THE CITIZENS UTILITY BOARD, AND THE STATE OF OREGON WIC, METRO EAST COMMUNITY MEDIA, AND PACIFIC NORTHWEST COLLEGE OF ART.

THEY DEVOTED COUNTLESS HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO HELP US TO ORGANIZE AND CONVENE THE FIRST SUMMIT IN THE DEEP. MAYOR WHEELER INTRODUCED OUR SUMMIT, AND WE FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEECHES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES [INAUDIBLE] AND DEBORAH KAFOURY AS WELL AS A WELCOMING MESSAGE FROM SENATOR RON WYDEN. THE THEME OF THE DIGITAL EQUITY SUMMIT WAS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. WE HOSTED THREE PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON HOW DIGITAL EQUITY IMPACTS WORKFORCE PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT ON THE IMPACT OF DIGITAL EXCLUSION ON HEALTH OUTCOMES AND ON HOW PUBLIC POLICY CAN DRIVE DIGITAL INCLUSION EFFORTS. WE HAD SPIRITED DISCUSSIONS ON ALL OF OUR PANELS, AND OUR SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS, WHEN SURVEYED, EXPRESSED EXCITEMENT AND INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM AND CONNECTING WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES AND INDUSTRIES, AND IN FINDING WAYS TO MOVE FORWARD OUR SHARED GOAL OF DIGITAL EQUITY. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OPEN SIGNAL FOR STREAMING OUR EVENT LIVE, AND METROEAST COMMUNITY MEDIA FOR CAPTURING THE STORIES AND PUTTING TOGETHER THE SHORT VIDEO THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU.

Jon Worona: WE WILL LIKE TO PLAY THE VIDEO, PLEASE. IT IS THERE. GREAT.

[VIDEO PLAYS]

Jon Worona: THANK YOU. IN A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS SINCE COALESCING AROUND THE DEEP, WE HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT THE DIGITAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION IS NOT A DISCREET AREA OF PRACTICE. WE RECOGNIZE THE

INTERSECTION OF NEEDS IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES. THERE ARE LOTS OF BARRIERS THAT AFFECT OUR RESIDENTS AND CAUSE THEM TO BE EXCLUDED FROM DIGITAL PARTICIPATION. IT'S AMAZING HOW FAR WE HAVE COME FROM THIS -- THESE EARLY DISCUSSIONS, AND NOW WE ARE A HIGHLY FUNCTIONING COALITION THAT HAS POSITIVE IMPACTS IN AREAS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH TO HOUSING. AS YOU CAN TELL FROM OUR REPORT, ALL OF OUR STRATEGIC ACTIONS ARE ON TRACK, BUT THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE. MUNICIPAL BROADBAND IS BEING EXPLORED, AND MEMBERS OF THE DIGITAL EQUITY NETWORK ARE ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS SERVING ON THE DIGITAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WORKING WITHIN THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT THIS WORK. AT THE COUNTY WE ARE THANKFUL TO HAVE COMMISSIONER MEIERAN'S LEADERSHIP DEMONSTRATING THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT WITH THE NEXT STEPS FOR AFFORDING A FEASIBILITY STUDY.

Jon Worona: WE AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER MEIERAN WHO SAID THE INTERNET SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE ANY OTHER UTILITY LIKE WART OR ELECTRICITY. IT'S AN ISSUE OF BASIC EQUITY AND INCLUSION. FOR MANY OF THE RESIDENTS WHO CANNOT AFFORD INTERNET ACCESS AT THE RATE IT IS OFFERED, FREE ACCESS IS STILL A NECESSARY ENTRY POINT. THE DIN IS BUILDING THE CAPACITY FOR DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINING, CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH INTERNET ACCESS AND COMPUTERS. THROUGH THIS WORK WE CONTINUE TO ASSESS AND ASK WHO IS EXCLUDED FROM THE DIGITAL SOCIETY AND WHY DON'T THEY USE THE INTERNET? WE KNOW THAT COST, LACK OF ACCESSIBLE TRAINING, OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR LANGUAGE AT GOOD TIMES AND LOCATIONS, LACK OF CHILDCARE, AND PRIVACY CONCERNS ARE A FACTOR. WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR LOW INCOME HOUSING PARTNERS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE YOUTH, PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND IMMIGRANTS, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND PEOPLE IN POVERTY.

SO WE ARE CONSTANTLY EVOLVING OUR SERVICES TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE COMMUNITY NEEDS. WORKING WITHIN THESE REALITIES THIS YEAR THE LIBRARY, FREE GEEK AND METROEAST COMMUNITY MEDIA TAUGHT 59 SESSIONS OF THE EARN A COMPUTER PROGRAM AT EIGHT HOST LOCATIONS TOTALING OVER 1,000 TRAINING HOURS. 88 LAPTOPS WERE GIVEN TO COUNTY RESIDENTS. AND LIKE THE CENTRAL CITY CONCERN PARTICIPANT FROM ALASKA WHO NEEDED TO GET ONLINE IN ORDER TO GET HIS TEXAS BIRTH CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN AN OREGON I.D HE HOPES TO START A CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS. THROUGH THE PROGRAM HE'S CONNECTED WITH HIS KIDS IN ALASKA AND BECAME A CENTRAL LIBRARY PATRON. HE'S COME IN FOR HELP WITH HIS ANDROID DEVICE AND EMAIL. AND CLASSES LIKE HIS WERE AVAILABLE IN FIVE LANGUAGES THROUGH TRANSLATION AND NATIVE SPEAKING INSTRUCTORS. INCLUDING SOMALI, SPANISH, AND RUSSIAN, KARIN AND ENGLISH. SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS SPOKE ARABIC, FRENCH, AND MORE. WE PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE 150 COMPUTERS NEXT YEAR THROUGH 13

COHORTS OF THE NEW SELF PACE AND NEW SELF PACE PILOT WITH HOME FORWARD WHERE PARTICIPANTS WILL CHOOSE TRAINING AT THEIR LEVEL LOCATION, LANGUAGE, AND BEST TIME. IN THE COMING YEAR WE ARE ALSO PLANNING TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THEIR NEEDS TO INFORM FUTURE DIGITAL EQUITY PLANNING. NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE OUR DIGITAL INCLUSION NETWORK MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR PERSPECTIVES.

Time Goodman: GOOD MORNING, I AM TIM GOODMAN, THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS WITH COMCAST FOR THE OREGON SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGION. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY AND SHOW COMCAST SUPPORT OF THE DIN AND THE WORK THEY DO AND WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN THAT. A GREAT ORGANIZATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO ALSO, ESPECIALLY APPLAUD THE STAFF AND THE OTHER NETWORK MEMBERS BECAUSE THIS IS MORE THAN A JOB. IT'S A PASSION FOR THEM. IT'S SOMETHING THAT COMCAST SHARES IN BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. JUST TO GIVE YOU A BIT OF AN UPDATE ON WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING, COMCAST AND THE INTERNET ESSENTIALS PROGRAM, SEVEN YEARS AGO, AND SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE CONNECTED OVER 100,000 LOW INCOME OREGONIANS TO THE INTERNET. WORKED CONSTANTLY EXPANDING THAT PROGRAM ABOUT 60 DAYS AGO. WE ANNOUNCED THE INCLUSION OF LOW INCOME VETERANS INTO THE PROGRAM. BEFORE IT WAS JUST LOW INCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN K-12 GRADES. WE ARE CONTINUING TO EVOLVE THE PROGRAM. WE ARE PILOTING OUR PROGRAM IN SOME OTHER REGIONS FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS AND ALSO LOCALLY IN A CLUSTER IN VANCOUVER. WE ARE PILOTING A PROGRAM WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS. THAT IS TURNING OUT TO BE SUCCESSFUL, AND IF THAT WORKS OUT, LIKE WE HOPE IT DOES, IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN PUSH OUT THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE.

Nandini Ranganathan: THANK YOU. HELLO. I AM [INAUDIBLE], AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MAKE THINK CODE AND INTER-DISCIPLINARY TECHNOLOGY LAB AT THE COLLEGE OF ART THAT'S OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY. OUR MISSION AND OUR WORK IS TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE TRAINING TO THE DIVERSE COMMUNITY IN CREATIVE AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, AND TO CREATE A DIVERSE COMMUNITY NOT JUST OF LEARNERS BUT OF DESIGNERS AND CREATORS OF THE TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATORS AND THE FUTURE. I AM HERE TO SPEAK TO THE RELATIONSHIP IMPORTANT WORK BEING DONE BY THE DIGITAL EQUITY NETWORK AND TO TALK ABOUT A COUPLE OF PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP AS A RESULT OF BEING PART OF THIS COALITION. AS A RESULT OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE DIN AND ATTENDING THE SUMMIT, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SORT OF BUILD A FEW -- SEVERAL PARTNERSHIPS THAT SUPPORT THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING, AND I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW SPECIFIC EXAMPLES. WE WORKED WITH METROEAST COMMUNITY MEDIA TO CREATE A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS CALLED MAKE MEDIA DIRECTED AT YOUTH

IN THE EAST COUNTY. WE SPENT A WEEK WORKING ON EMERGING CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, DESIGN GAMES, WORK WITH ELECTRONICS AND MICRO-CONTROLLERS, AND THEY STARTED PLAYING WITH THE DIGITAL FABRICATION AND THE LASER CUTTING AND VIRTUAL REALITY. WHAT WAS REALLY -- AND WE WORKED BOTH IN OUR LAB AND IN THE DIY. WHAT WAS WONDERFUL AND EXCITING ABOUT IT WAS THAT BY EXPERIMENTING WITH THESE TECHNOLOGIES THESE STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO REALLY START IMAGINING WHAT THEY WOULD DO WITH IT.

Nandi Raganathan: OUR GOAL IS NOT JUST TO PRODUCE PEOPLE WHO ARE FLUENT AND COMFORTABLE IN USING THE TECHNOLOGY, BUT WE NEED THAT DIVERSE COMMUNITY SO IT'S IMPACTFUL AND RELEVANT TO A LARGER COMMUNITY. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY NOW, THAT FLUENCY AND CONFIDENCE WITH TECHNOLOGY IS ESSENTIAL NOT JUST TO ACCESS SORT OF THE WORLD AND THE RESOURCES AROUND US, BUT TO PREPARE OUR YOUTH AND OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE FUTURE. THE PARTNERS THAT WE MAKE THROUGH THE DIN REALLY HELP US TO SHARE THE RESOURCES AND THE EXPERTISE THAT WE HAVE WITH THE WIDER AUDIENCE. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION ONE OTHER RESULT OF THE SUMMIT, THE DIN SUMMIT. WE MET [INAUDIBLE] AT THE SUMMIT, AND THEY HAVE BEEN COMING AND OFFERING WORKSHOPS AND DESIGNING FOR THE WEB AND CREATING DIFFERENT KINDS OF NETWORKS, DESIGNING AUGMENTED REALITY EXPERIENCES. AND IN ADDITION TO WORKING WITH THEM, WE ALSO ARE WORKING WITH OUR TECH PARTNERS AND OTHER DIN MEMBERS TO HOST A SERIES OF EVENTS IN JANUARY 17-20 NEXT YEAR. IT IS CALLED THE TECHNOLOGY CIVIL RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY.

WE WILL INCLUDE WORKSHOPS AND DIGITAL PRIVACY ON DATA SCIENCE COMMUNITY GROUP, WIKIPEDIA TO MAKE IT MORE INCLUSIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE FOR A BROADER COMMUNITY, CONVERSATIONS ON TECHNOLOGY AND HOW IT CAN BE USED TO IMPACT VOTER ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION, AND I ALSO WANT TO MENTION ONE MORE THING WHICH IS THAT WE WORKED WITH THE SMART -- WE MET SOME OF THE SMART CITIES PEOPLE AT THE DIN MEETINGS, AND THROUGH THAT WORKING WITH THEM AND THE VARIOUS WATERSHED COUNCIL IN THE REGION. WE ARE NOW EMBARKING ON -- AND SOME -- WE ARE EMBARKING ON CREATING AFFORDABLE OPEN SOURCE SENSORS TO MONITOR AIR AND WATER QUALITY AND HABITAT OF THE COMMUNITY GROUPS AND STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS CAN USE. THIS KIND OF COLLABORATION IS REALLY SORT OF COMPLETELY A RESULT OF ENGAGING WITH THE DIN. I AM VERY INSPIRED. I WANT TO CONCLUDE BY SAYING THE DIN IS DOING REALLY CRUCIAL WORK IN CREATING A COLLABORATIVE ECO-SYSTEM OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE ACCESS TO THESE RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY. THEY ARE NEEDED TO SURVIVE IN THIS VERY DIGITAL AND NETWORK WORLD, BUT ALSO BUILDING A MUCH MORE DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF CREATORS OF THE TECHNOLOGY SO THAT IT CAN

BE MORE IMPACTFUL AND RELEVANT TO A BROADER COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

Jewel Reader: GOOD MORNING. I AM JEWEL READER, A SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST WITH THE WIC PROGRAM. I JOINED THE DIN. I HAD HEARD ABOUT IT ON A WHIM FROM A SHARED COLLEAGUE AND DECIDED TO INVITE MYSELF TO BE PART OF IT. I AM SO GLAD THAT I DID BECAUSE IT HELPED ME ONE INSERT HELP INTO THE CONVERSATION OF DIGITAL INCLUSION. WHEN WE THINK ABOUT DIGITAL INCLUSION, WE THINK ABOUT GREAT THINGS WITH KIDS THAT ARE FUN OR, PERHAPS, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, BUT IF WE ARE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT HEALTH EQUITY AND ADDRESSING THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, RIGHT, IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT ADDRESSING HEALTH EQUITY AND THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, DIGITAL INCLUSION HAS TO BE PART OF THIS. THE WIC PROGRAM SERVES 40% OF ALL PREGNANT WOMEN AND ONE IN THREE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE STATEWIDE AND NATIONALLY. THERE IS A COMMON BELIEF THAT SINCE THE MOMS ARE YOUNG, YOUNG IS ALL RELATIVE, AND THEREFORE DIGITAL NATIVES, THAT DIGITAL INCLUSION, LITERACY, EQUITY ARE NOT CONCERNS.

WHEN I TRAVEL IN LARGER HEALTH CARE CIRCLES, THERE IS SO MUCH TALK ABOUT TECHNOLOGY, BUT THERE IS ZERO TALK ABOUT DIGITAL INCLUSION. THAT'S PRETTY CONCERNING TO ME THAT WE MAY BE GROWING DISPARITIES IN HEALTH, AND WE ALREADY HEARD THIS MORNING FROM OUR SPEAKERS EARLIER IN THE MORNING ABOUT THE HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT ARE VERY REAL, AND WE ARE SEEING THAT RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. BEING PART OF THE DIN, BESIDES BEING ABLE TO INSERT HEALTH HAS GIVEN ME THE UP TO DATE INFORMATION TO REALLY TAKE OUT TO BOTH, YOU KNOW, HERE LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY TO SAY TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE PARTNERS, BEFORE WE INVEST \$2 MILLION IN THIS APP, YOU KNOW, LET'S GO BACKWARDS AND REALLY THINK ABOUT WHO IS THIS FOR? ARE WE HELPING? ARE WE POTENTIALLY HURTING YOU KNOW, THE VERY FOLKS AND THE POPULATIONS THAT WE MOST WANT TO TAKE CARE OF. THAT'S WHAT REALLY THE DIN HAS DONE, AND I THINK THAT THE COMMISSION AND THE CITY -- I THANK THE COMMISSION AND CITY, AS WELL, FOR BEING A FUNDING SOURCE AND A SUPPORTIVE SOURCE FOR THIS. IT HAS MUCH MORE IMPACT THAN JUST IN OUR PARTICULAR AREA. SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Sajini: GOOD MORNING. I AM [INAUDIBLE], AND I AM WITH THE COMMUNITY WORKS PROJECT AND HUMAN SOLUTIONS. THE COMMUNITY WORKS PROJECT IS A COALITION OF SIX NONPROFIT AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER CONTRACTED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE JOBS ASSISTANCE TO THE PARTICIPANTS. I WAS -- I GOT TO KNOW ABOUT THE DIGITAL INCLUSION SUMMIT IN MAY BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE AT HUMAN SOLUTIONS COULDN'T GO. I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT IT WAS. I THOUGHT

IT SOUNDED INTERESTING, AND AS A NON-I.T. EXPERT, I WAS FASCINATED BY THE PANEL, THE SPEAKERS, AND JUST AWARENESS OF THE HEALTH, EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT PIECE BUT ALSO I WAS ABLE TO RELATE IT TO MY OWN WORK AT A TIME THAT I WAS STRUGGLING PROVIDING SERVICES TO DIRECT REFUGEE IMMIGRANT CLIENTS. SOMETIMES WE TAKE FOR GRANT EVEN LAST WEEK I WAS TRYING TO HELP A LADY USE ROSETTA STONE ON THE COMPUTER, BUT I REALIZED SHE DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO USE A MOUSE, SO WE TALK ABOUT HAVING THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THESE TECHNOLOGIES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE FORGET THE BARRIERS ARE THE BASIC THINGS. SO FOR ME THE UNINTENDED OR NOT MEASURABLE IMPACT OF THE DIN NETWORK IS THE FACT THAT PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES ARE ABLE TO LEARN. I SUPERVISOR THREE TEAMS. I AM ABLE TO TAKE BACK THE KNOWLEDGE AND THE NETWORK AND THE RESOURCES THAT I GAIN FROM ATTENDING THE MEETINGS BACK TO MY TEAM. EVERY DAY WHEN WE WORK WITH PEOPLE AND JUST NOT TAKE FOR GRANTED THE DIGITAL DIVIDE ASK THE GAPS THAT EXIST. SO THANK YOU. I HOPE THAT THE DIGITAL EQUITY NETWORK IS ABLE TO CONTINUE AND THE PLAN GROWS. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU.

Jon Worona: THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: NO.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A NEXT AGENDA ITEM THAT WE WANT TO HOLD OUR WORDS OF PRAISE FOR. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE.

Commissioner Meieran: I DID HAVE ONE QUESTION ON THIS SPECIFICALLY. I DID WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, SPECIFICALLY, ON THIS PARTICULAR AGENDA. IT IS A LITTLE AWKWARD BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO BE CONTINUING OUR CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS. I WILL SOMEWHERE ADDITIONAL WORDS. I DID WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, SPECIFICALLY, FOR YOUR WORK FOR THE PANEL THAT CAME UP TODAY TO PROVIDE THE UPDATE AND ALSO THE PANEL THAT CAME UP AND DESCRIBED YOUR EXPERIENCES AND WHAT YOU ARE WORKING ON. IT IS SO EXCITING TO SEE THIS IN ACTION AND THE PROGRESS THAT WE ARE MAKING IN THIS ARENA THAT IS SO INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE WORK ON THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES. THE POTENTIAL THERE IS VAST AND VERY EXCITING. I HAD ONE QUESTION JUST ABOUT THE PLAN ITSELF AND THE

UPDATE THAT WE HAVE. IN TALKING ABOUT OUR GOALS FOR ACCESS, I NOTED THAT WE TALK ABOUT LEVERAGING CITY AND COUNTY ASSETS AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO INCENT BROADBAND PROVIDERS TO EXPAND LOW-COST INTERNET ACCESS WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND WE SHOULD BE DOING THAT. JUST GIVEN THE LANDSCAPE NOW AND THAT THERE ARE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF MUNICIPAL BROADBAND, IS THERE -- I FEEL THAT THERE SHOULD BE -- BE MORE BROADLY MENTIONED. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS AN ARENA TO DO THAT OR --

Jon Worona: I THINK THAT YOU ARE SPEAKING TO A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT ARE IN ALIGNMENT.

Commissioner Meieran: ABSOLUTELY.

Jon Worona: WE HAD THAT ON THE HORIZON A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. WE JUST SORT OF ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE NEED TO GO BEYOND THIS PLAN. THIS PLAN WAS SORT OF A LIMITED DURATION PLAN, AND WE HOPED WE COULD GET IT DONE IN THREE YEARS. WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS. WE KNOW THAT THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE AND MAYBE NEW WORK TO BE DONE. WE ARE GOING TO BE REFRAMING, YOU KNOW, OUR WORK WITH ALL OF THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE TO DATE.

Commissioner Meieran: THAT'S GREAT. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Peterson: SO ACTUALLY I DID HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU. IT WAS MORE FOR -- WELL FIRST OF ALL, I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE ON THE BACK OF THIS REPORT THE HUGE LIST OF PARTNERS, SUPPORTERS THAT ARE COMING TOGETHER TO DO THIS WORK. THAT'S A REALLY IMPRESSIVE LIST AND IT SPEAKS TO THE IMPORTANCE IN THE COMMUNITY. I HAD A QUESTION SPECIFICALLY ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, HOW WE RECYCLE OUR COMPUTERS AND OUR TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT. I DIDN'T KNOW IF WE COULD -- IF SOMEBODY COULD TALK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE AT THE COUNTY FOR THAT.

Matthew Timberlake: YEAH. WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ASSETS IN THE I.T. DEPARTMENT AND OUR -- IT'S A SHAME OUR FREE GEEK COMPONENT HAD TO GO BECAUSE WE DO A LOT OF RECYCLING OF OUR COMPONENTS AT FREE GEEK. IT'S REMARKABLE. NOT ONLY DOES IT ALLOW US TO RE-PURPOSE SO MUCH OF THAT EQUIPMENT, BUT AS YOU ARE AWARE, THEIR PROGRAM ALSO REDUCES THE WASTE TREMENDOUSLY. THEY TAKE IN A LOT OF EQUIPMENT, AND WHAT THEY PUT IN A DUMPSTER IS A MINUSCULE FRACTION OF THAT. IT'S BOTH A RECYCLING SUCCESS AND, OF COURSE, REPURPOSES OUR COUNTY COMPUTERS.

Jon Worona: AND I WOULD ADD FOR FREE GEEK TO BECOME THE COUNTY'S RECYCLER AND REFURBISHER, THEY HAD TO MEET HIGH STANDARDS WHICH THEN ALLOWS US TO MARKET THAT SERVICE TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND BIG BUSINESS INDUSTRY IN THE AREA BECAUSE IF THEY HAVE MET MULTNOMAH COUNTY STANDARDS FOR YOU KNOW, DATA HYGIENE THEN ANYONE CAN TRUST THEM, CYCLE IT THROUGH, AND WE HAVE MORE COMPUTERS TO GRANT.

Commissioner Vega Peterson: THAT'S WONDERFUL NEWS. THANKS FOR THAT.

Commissioner Meieran: I WANTED TO ADD A QUICK PLUG FOR FREE GEEK. MY SON, WHO IS 12, VOLUNTEERS. THEY HAVE ALL KINDS OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS. IT'S SUCH A GREAT EXPERIENCE. YEAH, FREE GEEK.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I HAD A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. I AM SORRY, I DIDN'T SEE YOU. SO I DID HAVE -- I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE DIFFERENT POPULATIONS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TO PROVIDE LOW INTERNET ACCESS. I HAVE ACROSS PEOPLE WHO ARE LOW INCOME AND DON'T HAVE CHILDREN. WE DON'T PROVIDE ACCESS. YOU HAVE TO HAVE CHILDREN IN ORDER TO GET ACCESS?

Tim Goodman: THANK YOU. YEAH. RIGHT NOW THE PROGRAM IS FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN FROM K-12, ACTUALLY HEAD START FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE, AS WELL. WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXPAND THAT. AS I MENTIONED, WE ADDED THE LOW INCOME VETERAN SEGMENT ABOUT 60 DAYS AGO. WE ARE PILOTING THE LOW INCOME SENIORS UP IN SEATTLE. ## THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS CONDITION CONFIRMED ACCESS TO THE INTERNET TO DO HOMEWORK AND WHATEVER ELSE THEY MAY DO, LOOK FOR JOBS AND SO ON. SO WE JUST STARTED THAT OUT WITH THEM AND WE'RE PROVIDING THROUGH OUR XFINITY WI-FI, PROVIDING DEVICE AND HOPEFULLY SOMETHING THAT WHEN WE'RE DONE, IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ROLL OUT THROUGHOUT ALL OF OUR OTHER REGIONS. SO FAR ALL THE TECHNOLOGY WORKS, AND WE'RE -- OUR STUDENTS ARE SIGNING UP NOW THROUGH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND IT LOOKS LIKE A PROGRAM THAT COULD MAKE A DENT IN THAT POPULATION.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THAT'S FANTASTIC, MAYBE IT WILL BE COMING TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY SOON?

Tim Goodman: HOPEFULLY.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THE LAST THING I WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE DIGITAL INCLUSION AND YOUTH FACILITY PROGRAM. IN ROCKWOOD, AT THE ROCKWOOD RISING. I WANTED TO THANK METRO EAST AND THANK ALL OF YOU FOR PARTICIPATING. IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'VE GOT A GREAT COALITION,

SO THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE AND REPORT AND THEN WE'LL HAVE A NEXT AGENDA ITEM TO SAY MORE NICE THINGS ABOUT YOU.

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Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU, VICE CHAIR. I -- I WANT TO GUSH IN MY APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK YOU DO. AND I DO HAVE PREPARED REMARKS. I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT DIGITAL EQUITY, RELIABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS IS ESSENTIAL FOR INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS WE HAVE HEARD. IT'S ESSENTIAL TO DO HOMEWORK IN SCHOOL, IT'S ESSENTIAL, THESE DAYS, TO GETTING A JOB, TO DOING YOUR WORK FOR THE JOB. TO REALLY ALMOST ANY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES. AND OUR RELIANCE ON ACCESSIBILITY TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET IS ONLY GOING TO GROW. ACCESS TO THE INTERNET IN THIS DAY IS AS I APPRECIATE YOUR MENTIONING, WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE A LUXURY -- A UTILITY, NOT A LUXURY. IT IS LIKE HAVING ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY OR WATER. AS WE HEARD ALREADY, AN ESTIMATED 15% OF PORTLAND AREA HOUSEHOLDS DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME. THESE ARE SUCH STAGGERING NUMBERS, AND THE HOUSEHOLDS THAT DON'T HAVE INTERNET ACCESS ARE MANY OF THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO WE SERVE AT THE COUNTY. I THINK ABOUT STUDENTS WHOSE FAMILIES CAN AFFORD INTERNET ACCESS, AND I ACTUALLY HAVE A PERSONAL CONNECTION TO THIS, MY SON WAS ACTUALLY JUST TELLING ME ABOUT HIS -- TWO OF HIS BEST FRIENDS AT SCHOOL WHO ARE BROTHERS WHO DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER AT HOME. AND EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL THEY GO TO OUR LOCAL LIBRARY, WHERE THEY ACCESS THE INTERNET TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK.

AND I THINK ABOUT PEOPLE WHO -- WITH LOW-WAGE JOBS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A HIGHER PAID JOB, BUT DON'T HAVE THE ACCESS TO BE ABLE TO SEARCH FOR JOB LISTINGS, SUBMIT APPLICATIONS, WORK ON THEIR RESUMES, ETC. SO I BELIEVE THAT DIGITAL EQUITY IS CORE TO OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT, AND I BELIEVE THAT IMPROVING DIGITAL EQUITY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND FOUNDATIONAL THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE VULNERABLE FAMILIES WE SERVE WITH SO MANY OF OUR OTHER PROGRAMS. SO THAT IS WHY I INTRODUCE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT THIS YEAR TO ALLOCATE FUNDS IN OUR GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY FOR A MUNICIPAL BROADBAND FEASIBILITY STUDY. IT'S ONE VERY EFFECTIVE TYPE OF PROGRAM TO IMPROVING DIGITAL EQUITY, BECAUSE IT ALLOWS GOVERNMENTS TO OFFER AND MAKE IT EASY TO SIGN UP FOR LOW OR NO-COST INTERNET SERVICE. COMMUNITY-OWNED BROADBAND IS FLOURISHING IN SMALLER SPECIALLY RURAL COMMUNITIES,

MULTNOMAH COUNTY COULD BE THE FIRST URBAN COMMUNITY TO BEGIN TO PHASE IN MUNICIPAL BROADBAND AND THAT IS AN EXTREMELY EXCITING PROSPECT. THE FIRST STEP IS TO DO A ROBUST UPDATED THOROUGH FEASIBILITY STUDY TO ASSESS MARKET CONDITIONS, COSTS, AND FINANCING SO WE CAN DECIDE WHETHER WE SHOULD AND CAN REALISTICALLY MOVE FORWARD TO PURSUE THE STRATEGY FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WE'RE COLLABORATING WITH OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, WHICH IS ALWAYS A GREAT THING TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN FUND THE STUDY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING FOR THE BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RELEASE THE FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY AND LAUNCH THIS IMPORTANT WORK. THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER STEGMANN FOR COSPONSORING THIS PROCLAMATION WITH ME, AND WITH THAT I'LL HAND IT OVER TO JON FROM THE LIBRARY.

Jon Worona: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COSPONSORING IT. THIS IS A PROCLAMATION, CELEBRATING THE NEXT DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK, WHICH INCLUDES COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY. WE'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE COMMISSIONERS FOR CONSIDERING ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION. PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 15TH THROUGH 21, 2018, AS INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS A, THE NATIONAL DIGITAL INCLUSION ALLIANCE IS A UNIFIED VOICE FOR HOME BROADBAND ACCESS, PUBLIC BROADBAND ACCESS, PERSONAL DEVICES AND LOCAL TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SUPPORT PROGRAMS. THE PORTLAND MULTNOMAH COUNTY DIGITAL INCLUSION NETWORK, DIN, WORKS COLLABORATIVELY IN OUR REGION TO CONNECT AND SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS WITH DIGITAL INCLUSION PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS TO SERVE DIGITALLY EXCLUDED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE IN NEED OF COMPUTERS, INTERNET ACCESS, AND DIGITAL SKILLS IN ORDER TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.

FROM ECONOMIC SUCCESS AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT, TO POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. B, THE DIGITAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN, DEAP, TARGETS ACCESS AND ADOPTION GAPS FOR EXCLUDED AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY THOSE WITH LOW-INCOME, OLDER ADULTS, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND THOSE WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY. C, AN ESTIMATED 15% OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY HOUSEHOLD DOES NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME, 18% WITH INCOME -- HAVE INCOME UNDER 30,000, 28% OF THOSE ARE 65 YEARS OR OLDER, 30% FOR HISPANIC HOUSEHOLDS. THE PRIMARY REASON IS COST, WITH LACK OF DEVICES AND TRAILING CLOSE BEHIND. C, PEOPLE OF COLOR, RECENT IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, OLDER ADULTS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND THOSE WITH LOW INCOMES ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY LIKELY TO LACK BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS AND THE SKILLS TO USE THOSE TOOLS EFFECTIVELY. E, DIGITAL EXCLUSION LEADS TO NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION,

HEALTH CARE, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND SOCIAL CONNECTIONS. DIGITAL INCLUSION LEADS TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, MITIGATE SOCIOECONOMIC DISPARITIES, CONNECTS PEOPLE FROM OTHERWISE DISCONNECTED COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND RECENT IMMIGRANTS, TO JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AVENUES FOR EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT, AND CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION.

Jon Worona: THE DIN HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON ALL 17 STRATEGIC ACTIONS OF THE DEAP, WITH SPECIAL FOCUS THIS YEAR ON LEADING AND SUPPORTING DIGITAL INCLUSION INITIATIVES, BRIDGING AWARENESS, BRINGING AWARENESS TO BARRIERS, AND INCREASED KNOWLEDGE TO -- AND CAPACITY LOCALLY TO ACT. MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS ONE, OCTOBER 15TH-21, 2018, AS INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS THAT WORK TO PROVIDE FREE OR LOW-COST COMPUTERS, INTERNET ACCESS, AND TRAINING TO RESIDENTS WHO NEED THESE RESOURCES. AND TWO, OCTOBER 20TH IS COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. DIGITAL INCLUSION NETWORK MEMBERS METRO EAST COMMUNITY MEDIA AND OPEN SIGNAL CELEBRATE TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF FREE SPEECH AND ACCESSIBLE MEDIA FOR CITIZEN JOURNALIST HOSTEL THEIR UNIQUE STORIES EVERY YEAR. THESE PARTNERS ENSURE THAT THE MEDIA LANDSCAPE REMAINS INCLUSIVE FOR ALL T.V., FILM, AND MOBILE DEVICE ARTISTS AS THEY INVIGORATE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT INSPIRED DIVERSE VOICE AND STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY LIFE. ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018, BY YOU, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: SO THANK YOU COMMISSIONER MEIERAN AND COMMISSIONER STEGMANN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY AS WE HEARD IN THE PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEM, AND I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT WE'RE GETTING TO CELEBRATE DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK AS WELL AS COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY ALL IN ONE. I STARTED OUT IN THE TECH INDUSTRY AND STARTED DOING A LOT OF EDUCATION ON -- BACK IN THE MID-'90S WHEN THE INTERNET WAS BECOMING MORE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE. IT WAS AMAZING HOW -- THERE WAS SO MUCH INTEREST EVEN BACK THEN, WE HAD A SURFING SENIORS CLASS, AND THERE'S INTEREST THEN, BUT NOW IT'S REALLY MORE OF THAT CRITICAL RESOURCE THAT PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING FROM APPLY FOR A JOB, TO GET BENEFITS, TO GET SUPPORT, TO ANYTHING. AND REALLY WHETHER IT'S BEING ABLE TO USE THE COMPUTER OR HAVING ACCESS TO A SMARTPHONE, SO YOU CAN GET A BUS PASS, ACCESS TO NOT JUST TECHNOLOGY, BUT THE INTERNET AND THE

TOOLS AND RESOURCES THAT PEOPLE NEED IS EVEN MORE VITAL WHEN IT WAS MORE OF JUST THIS NEW THING. SO I REALLY AM SO GLAD THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS ON SUCH A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THIS WORK, AND OF LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN EXPAND ACCESS EVEN FURTHER, SO MORE PEOPLE ARE INCLUDED IN REALLY THIS VITAL COMPONENT OF OUR SOCIETY. SO THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE? ALL RIGHT. SO I'M SO PLEASED TO HAVE COSPONSORED THIS RESOLUTION TODAY WITH COMMISSIONER MEIERAN. THE INTERNET HAS BECOME SUCH AN INTEGRAL PART OF HOW WE COMMUNICATE, HOW WE LEARN, AND HOW WE INTERACT WITH ONE ANOTHER. WE HAVE BECOME SO DEPENDENT ON IT THAT THOSE WITHOUT ACCESS ARE AT A SEVERE DISADVANTAGE. IN THE 21ST CENTURY, BROADBAND HAS BECOME AS IMPORTANT AS ANY PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE. AND I'M EXCITED AND HOPEFUL THAT THE FINAL FUNDING PIECE WILL BE SECURED TO BEGIN THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR MUNICIPAL BROADBAND SO THAT ALL CAN HAVE ACCESS TO THE WORLDWIDE WEB.

AND A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO THE EAST COUNTY CITIES GRESHAM, FAIRVIEW, TROUTDALE, WOOD VILLAGE, ALL GOT ON BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. I ALSO WANTED TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE LIBRARY'S LEADERSHIP TO HELP CONQUER THIS DIVIDE. THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THE DIN ALONG WITH ALL OF OUR PARTNERS WILL HAVE A FAR-REACHING IMPACT FOR THOSE WHO ARE DIGITALLY EXCLUDED. ALSO AS MENTIONED, OCTOBER 20TH IS COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY, SO I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INCREDIBLE SERVICES THAT METRO EAST COMMUNITY MEDIA AND OPEN SIGNAL PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. METRO EAST FILMS AND RECORDS ALL OF OUR BOARD MEETINGS AND HAS BEEN A VALUED PARTNER AT NEARLY EVERY EVENT IN EAST COUNTY. AND I THINK EMILY, EVERYBODY WAVE AT EMILY. SHE IS BACK IN THE SMALL ROOM RECORDING US, AND SO OFTEN WE DON'T SEE THE FOLKS BEHIND THE CAMERAS, BUT THEY ARE THERE AND WE DEPEND ON THEM SO THAT THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS, BECAUSE IT'S CHALLENGING FOR SOME TO GET HERE, AND I KNOW EVEN WHEN I'M ABSENT IT'S GREAT FOR ME TO GET ONLINE AND TO VIEW A MEETING THAT I'VE MISSED OR TO ACTUALLY WITNESS IT AS IT'S UNFOLDING. AND ADDITIONALLY, ANYWAY, THANK YOU EMILY.

ALSO, WHILE OPEN SIGNAL, THEY SERVE THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND THEY ARE THE LARGEST COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTER IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH TO BOTH OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUR SERVICE, AND YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE DIN AS MEMBERS. SO TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DIGITAL INCLUSION LATER TODAY MY OFFICE WILL BE POSTING SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SO YOU CAN CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE THERE. AND NOW IT IS TIME TO VOTE. BUT AFTER WE VOTE, PLEASE DON'T LEAVE, BECAUSE MAYBE WE COULD GET A PHOTO WITH OUR FOLKS TO

COMMEMORATE TODAY. SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

BOARD COMMENT – 10:40 a.m.

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

Vice-Chair Stegmann: ALL RIGHT, NOW IS THE TIME FOR BOARD COMMENTS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANYTHING TO DISCUSS?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I DO. I HAVE JUST TWO THINGS. I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TODAY, OCTOBER 11TH, IS TWO REALLY IMPORTANT DAYS, BECAUSE IT'S FIRST NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY. AND -- WHICH IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT DAY FOR SO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHETHER YOU ARE OUT, OR WHETHER YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT IT, JUST KNOW WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU AND SEE YOU, AND ADMIRE YOU AND REALLY STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH YOU. THE OTHER THING TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL, WHICH IS ALSO INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. AND THERE WAS JUST A RECENT "NEW YORK TIMES" ARTICLE ABOUT THE AGE OF MARRIAGE AND THE FACT THAT STILL IN SO MANY STATES IN OUR COUNTRY THERE'S NO AGE LIMIT ON WHO -- HOW YOUNG YOU HAVE TO BE OR HOW OLD YOU HAVE TO BE TO GET MARRIED. THIS IS SOMETHING I THINK THAT IS UNDER THE RADAR QUITE A LOT HERE IN OREGON, WE HAVE -- HAVE YOU TO BE AT LEAST 17 YEARS OLD, BUT IN SOME STATES THERE'S NO LIMIT. SO THERE'S WORK GOING ON NATIONALLY TO HELP CHANGE THAT, SO I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AND AS WE'RE LOOKING IN ALL THE WAYS THAT WE THAN EMPOWER GIRLS IN OUR SOCIETY, THAT'S A SERIOUS ISSUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU, AND I ALSO WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CELEBRATE NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY AS WELL. SO THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON FOR MENTIONING THAT, AND I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING YOU SAID. I DID ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT -- AND THIS IS JUST ON A MORE SOMBER NOTE, BUT RELATED IS THAT TOMORROW IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF MATTHEW SHEPHERD'S DEATH. AND HE WAS THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS KILLED 20 YEARS AGO, THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH. IN A HORRIFIC HATE CRIME BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT HE WAS GAY. AND I WAS LISTENING TO THE RADIO THIS MORNING, AND HEARD DISCUSSION ON THIS, AND I STILL -- IT STILL JUST BRINGS TEARS TO MY EYES, AND I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AND WHAT CONTINUES TO HAPPEN THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY. AND SO TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF CELEBRATING THINGS LIKE NATIONAL

COMING OUT DAY, STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER AND BEING THERE AS A SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND THAT ACTUALLY BRINGS ME TO ONE OTHER THING, WHICH I THINK IS A GREAT THING, AN EVENT HAPPENING NEXT WEEK IS -- NEXT THURSDAY WHEN WE DON'T HAVE A BOARD MEETING, WHICH IS WHY I'M MENTIONING IT TODAY, IS PRINCIPAL FOR ALMOST A DAY, AND I WILL BE PARTICIPATING, I DID LAST YEAR AT MARKHAM ELEMENTARY. I'M HOPING TO BE IN A HIGH SCHOOL IN MY DISTRICT THIS YEAR, AND ONE OF THE REASONS I'M SO LOOKING FORWARD TO IT IS THAT THIS YEAR IT CORRESPONDS WITH SPIRIT DAY, AND SPIRIT DAY IS A MEANS FOR SPEAKING OUT AGAINST LGBTQ PLUS BULLYING AND STANDING WITH LGBTQ PLUS YOUTH. WHO DISPROPORTIONATELY FACE BULLYING AND HARASSMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR IDENTITIES. ACCORDING TO NATIONAL SURVEY DAY, MORE THAN HALF OF LGBTQ PLUS STUDENTS FEEL UNSAFE AT SCHOOL BECAUSE OF THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY, AND TO CELEBRATE SPIRIT DAY NEXT THURSDAY, WHEN I WILL HOPEFULLY BE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL WITH THE STUDENTS, I WILL WEAR PURPLE TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH LGBTQ PLUS YOUTH. SO I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE IN OUR AUDIENCE, OUR VAST AUDIENCE OUT THERE AS WELL, SO WEAR PURPLE NEXT THURSDAY WHETHER IT'S AT SCHOOL OR THE OFFICE, OR OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, TO SHOW SUPPORT AND HELP PUT AN END TO BULLYING. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. THAT BRINGS UP -- ON TUESDAY, I'LL BE OUT AT REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL FOR ALMOST PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY. AND OTHER WAYS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I CHERISH ABOUT THIS BOARD IS I THINK THAT WE ALL SHARE THE SAME VALUES, AND HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS, AND ONE OF THE WAYS YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY IS BY ATTENDING THE BASIC RIGHTS OF OREGON GALA, THIS SATURDAY, AND I'M SURE YOU CAN GET TICKETS. SO THERE ARE WAYS TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. AND SO WITH THAT, IF THERE'S NO OTHER FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED. THANK YOU.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:22 a.m

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