



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 1/18/18
Agenda Item #: R.6
Est. Start Time: 11:15 am approx
Date Submitted: 11/12/18

Agenda Title: Approving a Lease of the Property Located at 6144 SE Foster Rd., Portland, Oregon.

Requested Meeting January 11, 2018 **Time Needed:** 25 min

Department: County Assets **Division:** Facilities & Property Mgmt.

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Presenters: Ken Wilson; Marc Jolin, Director, Joint Office of Homeless Services

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adopt a Resolution approving a lease of the real property located at 6144 SE Foster Rd., Portland, Oregon.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

A Home for Everyone has set a goal of adding 650 permanent year-round shelter beds in Multnomah County, including shelter for single adults who would otherwise have no choice but to sleep outside. While we have created the target number of year-round beds, those beds are not all located at sites that can be used for shelter long term, and not all of the current sites offer the quality of shelter and services that we expect from our permanent year-round settings. The leasing of the property located at 6144 SE Foster Rd., Portland, Oregon ("Property") will allow for further stabilization of our community's year-round shelter capacity and increase the quality of emergency shelter and support services offered to unsheltered adults, many of whom are extremely vulnerable living on the streets.

The Property was identified as part of an exhaustive search for existing buildings that meet the range of criteria for emergency shelter. It is the appropriate size and zoning for the proposed shelter. The existing building type and layout can be effectively converted to a shelter with appropriate on-site support services, offerings and outdoor space. The Property is located close to mass transit and near a variety of community amenities, including employment resources, educational resources, a community center, a library, etc.

The shelter proposed for the site will be open and provide on-site sleeping, hygiene, property storage, and transition services to registered guests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This model provides a more stable and supportive environment for guests and reduces the potential impact on surrounding properties by eliminating queueing and the need for people to remain in the neighborhood with their belongings during the day. The shelter services are only available to registered guests who have reserved beds. There will not be walk-up day center services, reducing the risk that people without shelter will congregate or choose to camp near the shelter.

As development of the shelter moves forward, the Joint Office of Homeless Services will continue to work with the immediate neighbors, the neighborhood and business associations, and schools to help shape the shelter program and address any concerns that arise once the shelter is in operation.

FPM, together with the Joint Office of Homeless Services recommends approval of this Lease to the Board.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

The lease will cost approximately \$70,000 through the end of FY 2018. The Joint Office will realign existing shelter services to provide operating costs and expenses. In FY 2018, those expenditures are included in the Shelter off the Streets Program Offer 10052A Adult Shelter.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

A Home for Everyone which includes Multnomah County, the Cities of Portland and Gresham, Home Forward, local non-profits and members of the public have a shared vision: No one should be homeless, everyone needs a safe, stable place to call home.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

/s/ Sherry Swackhamer

Date:

January 5, 2018