



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 08/02/10)

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 2/24/11  
 Agenda Item #: C-1  
 Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
 Date Submitted: 2/8/11

**Agenda Title:** **Appoint Julie Snelling and Jim Kessinger to the Multnomah County Planning Commission**

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

<b>Requested Meeting Date:</b>	<u>February 24, 2011</u>	<b>Amount of Time Needed:</b>	<u>Consent Agenda</u>
<b>Department:</b>	<u>Community Services</u>	<b>Division:</b>	<u>Land Use and Trans.</u>
<b>Contact(s):</b>	<u>Karen Schilling</u>		
<b>Phone:</b>	<u>503-988-5050</u>	<b>Ext.</b>	<u>29635</u>
<b>Presenter Name(s) &amp; Title(s):</b>	<u>Karen Schilling</u>		
<b>I/O Address:</b>	<u>455/116</u>		

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Appoint two new Planning Commissioners.

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

Multnomah County is required to have a citizen involvement committee that is broadly representative of the geographic areas of the County. The Planning Commission assists the County with the development of our land use planning legislative program. There are nine (9) members who serve four-year terms. No more than two members of the Commission can be engaged in the same kind of business, trade or profession, and Commissioners must reside in the various geographic areas of the county.

We received 14 applications, ten from residents of East Multnomah County, and 4 from citizens with a farming background. Of the nine east county residents, five live in the urban area and four are rural residents. Given our current composition of the Planning Commission, we feel that a rural resident would be a better fit at this time. Ms. Snelling, from the Corbett Area, is currently a student, and has an employment background in real estate,

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residential construction, and business. She also has experience with the National Scenic Area land use process. We believe that her experience and her interest in serving make her a good fit with this Planning Commission. Her appointment also fulfills the geographic balance direction in the Multnomah County Code.

We are also recommending Mr. Kessinger for appointment to the Commission due to his background in farming and community involvement. Mr. Kessinger owns a farm in northwest Multnomah County, and produces a variety of crops including pumpkins, grass seed, flowers, livestock, and Christmas trees. He sells farm products directly to the public at this farm, and has been active in two area groups promoting direct marketing of farm products. He has also been recently involved in the land use process, and this mix of experience will add value to Planning Commission deliberations.

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

There is no fiscal impact. Planning Commissioners serve without compensation. Staffing is included within the Land Use and Transportation budget.

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

The County is required to have a Citizen Involvement Committee by State code. The Planning Commission serves this purpose for the County's Comprehensive Plan and Code.

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

If a vacancy occurs, there is public outreach to find new volunteers for the Planning Commission. The outreach for these appointments was accomplished with support from the PAO office, the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee, and included news releases, contacts with recognized neighborhood associations, web based announcements, distribution to stakeholders lists. Staff contacted Commissioners from Districts 1 and 4 and the Chair's office for input on potential candidates.

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## Required Signature

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**Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:**



**Date:** 2/8/11

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