

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Room 100, Portland, Oregon
Thursday, September 20, 2012**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. with Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present, and Vice-Chair Loretta Smith excused.

Also attending were Jacqueline Weber, Deputy County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Appoint New Member to Multnomah County Environmental Health Food Service Advisory Committee Membership.
- C.2 Reappoint Michelle Gregory to the Planning Commission.
- C.3 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit an Application for \$2,000 to the Oregon Adult Immunization Coalition Mini-Grants for Adult Immunization Grant Program.

Upon motion made by Commissioner McKeel and seconded by Commissioner Shiprack the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer.

Public comment was given and received for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R.1 RESOLUTION Reaffirming the County's Commitment to Sustainable Purchasing by Initiating a Healthy Purchasing Initiative in Collaboration with the City of Portland. Sponsor: Chair Cogen. Presenters: Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman; Clark Brockman, SERA Architects; Andrea Durbin, Oregon Environmental Council; and Johanna Brickman, Oregon BEST (Built Environment and Sustainable Technologies Center) and Warren Fish, Chair Cogen's Office.**

Commissioner McKeel moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.1.

Chair Cogen provided the opening remarks. Mr. Fish explained that the Healthy Purchasing Initiative will ask Multnomah County suppliers and vendors to provide information about the hazardous chemical content of their products. The experience of the green building and construction industry on eliminating toxics in building materials, suggests that when large purchasers like the City of Portland and Multnomah County request ingredient transparency,

manufacturers will begin to look for ways to reduce hazardous materials in their products. The implementation of the Healthy Purchasing Initiative will be done through a pilot program, which will identify priority products, development of a chemical disclosure form, and collaboration with vendors and manufacturers to identify products that avoid toxic chemicals of concern.

City of Portland Commissioner Saltzman stated that the City has adopted the same policy on September 19, 2012. By adopting the policy jointly, the City and County can share expertise to guide and inform future purchasing decisions and use their combined purchasing power to improve suppliers' and vendors' chemical hazard disclosure.

The invited guests spoke about their involvement with this project and provided input from similar projects.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2012-150 was unanimously adopted.

R.2 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming the Week of September 26, 2012 through October 3, 2012, as Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Sophia Cavalli, Finance Supervisor & Brian Smith, Finance Manager.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.2.

Mr. Smith explained that since 1983, cities and counties throughout the nation plan events to honor minority business owners, in conjunction with National MED Week. A MED Week Luncheon is scheduled to take place at the Oregon Convention Center on October 3, 2012 to celebrate the achievements and give thanks to minority business owners for their contribution to the County, and to show the community's commitment to the promotion of minority business opportunities. Ms. Cavalli spoke of County's efforts to support minority owned business and hire a diverse workforce.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Cavalli responded to Board questions and comments. They thanked the Board for their steadfast support.

Mr. Smith read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2012-151 was unanimously adopted.

R.3 PROCLAMATION Declaring National Falls Prevention Awareness Day on September 22nd, 2012. Sponsors: Vice-Chair Smith and Commissioner Shiprack. Presenters: David Hanson, Aging & Disability Services; Lisa Shields, State Falls Prevention Coordinator - Oregon Health Authority; and Jim Dalton, Instructor - Moving for Better Balance.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.3.

Commissioner Shiprack made the opening remarks. Mr. Hanson and Ms. Shields explained that falls are the leading cause of injury related emergency room visits for older adults.

Annually, approximately 500 deaths and 8,600 hospitalizations in Oregon are due to unintentional falls. A large portion of those incidents happen in Multnomah County due to its substantial older adult population. This Proclamation supports older adults' efforts to gain strength, improve balance, and build the confidence they need to age in a healthy way and remain independent. They discussed a number of strategies that can significantly reduce the risk of falls. One of these strategies is regularly practicing Tai Chi. Mr. Dalton demonstrated some Tai Chi moves that help with balance, muscle strength, mobility and flexibility.

Mr. Hanson announced that Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services and the Oregon Health Authority are planning an event for National Falls Prevention Awareness Day at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center on Saturday, September 22, 2012. He read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2012-152 was unanimously adopted.

BOARD COMMENT

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

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at:

http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

Submitted by:
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Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
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Multnomah County