

**Minutes for the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, OR 97214
Thursday, February 23, 2012**

REGULAR MEETING

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

Also present were Jenny M. Morf, Acting County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

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 Farm Worker Housing Development Corporation (FHDC) Briefing. Presenters: Kat West, Director, Office of Sustainability; and Roberto Jimenez & Jaime Arrendono, FHDC.

Ms. West provided the introductions. Messrs. Jimenez and Arrendono explained that the FHDC is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to developing farmworker leadership and providing affordable housing, social services, education, and economic development. The FHDC provides housing to over 1,300 people. Average FHDC families are households of five and earn an average income of \$16K annually. Over 75% of the families don't have access to health care; 44% are food insecure and 14% go hungry; over 75% are overweight or obese. The graduation rates among seniors are above 95%, but only 50% continue on to college. FHDC participants work a minimum of four jobs a year within a 20 mile radius from their home. 27% of families work in horticulture; 32% work in cultivating and harvesting crops; 11% work in reforestation and tree farms; 24% work in food processing plants; and 6% work in wineries, hop farms, dairy farms, or aquaculture.

They reviewed the goals of FHDC and focused on two. First, to address the causes of hunger, food insecurity, and injustice to workers and in doing so, create sustainable living conditions, social equity criteria, community food assessments and provide advocacy education on food access. Second, to support federal policies that address inequities, support new farmers, support business practices that promote opportunities, promote state agriculture reform, and uphold quality of life for food system workers.

The presenters described the different FHDC locations and responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked the members of FHDC and the Office of Sustainability for their hard work on this initiative.

R.2 Presentation from the City of Portland's Police Department on Public Safety Review. Sponsor: Commissioner Shiprack, District 3. Presenters: Mike Reese, Portland Police Chief; Richard Kepler, Portland Police Strategic Services Division; Peter Ozanne, Executive Director, LPSCC.

Mr. Ozanne provided the introduction. Chief Reese presented and discussed data on crime trends, officers per capita, and policing data in comparable cities to Portland. The data reflected that despite budget cuts, Portland is an overall safe city with low, decreasing crime rates. However, certain areas of Portland, such as downtown and east Portland, continue to experience higher crime rates and gang violence. Chief Reese explained that their other concerns include the increasing rate of homelessness, poverty, property crimes, and attempted or threatened suicide calls.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for providing the briefing.

R.3 Coalition of Communities of Color Presentation on the Latino Community in Multnomah County - An Unsettling Profile. Presenters: Daryl Dixon, Chief Diversity & Equity Officer; Carmen Rubio, Executive Director - Latino Network; Victor Merced, Executive Director - Hacienda CDC; Pietro Ferrari, Executive Director - Catholic Charities; Consuelo Saragoza, Senior Advisor - Multnomah County Health Dept.; and, Dr. Ann Curry-Stevens, Professor - PSU.

Mr. Dixon provided the introduction. Ms. Rubio gave a brief overview of the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC). Dr. Curry presented a summary of findings from the "*The Latino Community in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile*" report and provided recommendations on how to address and eliminate wide disparities in the Latino community.

The presenters made several recommendations to the Board, including expanding support for culturally-specific program in early childhood, seniors, health education, and efforts to address teen pregnancy; scheduling a community dialogue with the Latino community leaders and organizations and creating an action plan to address disparities; and making time to visit Latino nonprofits and neighborhood centers to better understand the community and the issues they work on.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for bringing forward these important issues.

R.4 Dignity and Respect Month Proclamation Declaring February 28th, 2012 as Robert Phillips Appreciation Day. Presenters: Daryl Dixon.

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R.4.

Mr. Dixon explained that February 28 is the most convenient day for outside presenters and invited guests to attend Robert Phillips' retirement celebration. Since today is the last voting meeting before Mr. Phillips' retirement, Mr. Dixon asked for the Board's approval of the Proclamation today, but the reading of the Proclamation and celebration to take place on the 28th. He responded to Board questions and comments.

Proclamation No. 2012-019 was unanimously adopted.

R.5 RESOLUTION Approving the Sale of the Penumbra Kelly Building, 4747 East Burnside St., Portland, Oregon to the City of Portland and Authorizing County Chair to Execute Appropriate Documents to Complete the Sale. Presenters: Colleen Bowles, Interim Dir., FPM, & Mike Sublett, FPM.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.5.

Ms. Bowles and Mr. Sublett explained that in 2006, the Board declared the Penumbra Kelly Building to be surplus under the Surplus Property Policy. Approximately 54% of the property is leased to the City of Portland for the Police Bureau's Traffic Division. Under this lease, the City is no longer obligated to pay rent and has the right of first refusal under the lease to purchase the property should the County want to sell it, or to receive 54.5% of the proceeds of the sale.

The County and City negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement and a Second Amendment to Lease to complete a sale of the property in late June 2012. Under this Amendment, the City will occupy additional space in the building, while the County maintains secure operations of the Data Center until it moves to the East County Courthouse by the end of FY 2012.

The County and City agreed on a purchase price of \$3.6 million. Net proceeds after sale expenses and closing costs are approximately \$1.63 million for the Capital Improvement Fund #2507.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2012-020 was unanimously adopted.

R.6 RESOLUTION Authorizing Condemnation and Immediate Possession of Real Property Necessary for the Sellwood Bridge Project. Presenter: Ian Cannon, Program Manager, Sellwood Bridge Project & Matt Ryan, Assistant County Attorney.

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R.6.

The presenters explained that Resolution No. 2011-008, adopted on January 27, 2011, authorized negotiations to purchase property associated with the removal of the existing Sellwood Bridge and construction and installation of a new Sellwood Bridge from Diana Richardson at fair market value. These negotiations haven't resulted in a settlement, which makes it necessary to request authorization to file legal proceedings to acquire the property to allow construction to process and be completed on schedule and within budgetary limitations.

Commissioner Smith asked if all legal remedies had been explored. Mr. Ryan affirmed that all steps have been taken and exhausted, leaving condemnation as the last-choice proceeding.

Ms. Richardson provided public testimony and responded to Board questions and comments.

Messrs. Cannon and Ryan responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2012-021 was unanimously adopted.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Comments pertaining to non-agenda items were made by the Board and noted in the record.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.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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