

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, February 18, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Commissioners Jules Bailey, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present. Vice-Chair Loretta Smith arrived at 9:47 a.m.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THERE ARE NO ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. DO WE HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. [NAMES READ INTO RECORD]

Mr. Phillips: I'M PAUL PHILLIPS AND I SPOKE HERE FEBRUARY 11TH. AND THAT WAS A WEEK AGO. AND ON THE 12TH THAT WAS FRIDAY, THE NEXT DAY AFTER I'D SPOKE HERE, I WENT TO MY BANK EARLY IN THE MORNING. IT WAS 7:24 WHEN I ASKED FOR AN ATM MACHINE, BANK OF THE WEST. WHEN I WAS DOING SOME CHECKING I ASKED FOR MY BALANCE, WHICH I PRINTED UP ONE SHEET. AND THEN AT 7:25 A.M. IN THE MORNING, THE SECOND TRANSACTION WAS TO RECEIVE \$100 FROM MY DEBIT ACCOUNT, MY CHECKING ACCOUNT, SOCIAL SECURITY DEPOSIT MONEY. TO MAKE A TRANSACTION FOR THAT. AND I WAS UNABLE TO RECEIVE IT BECAUSE I WAS ROBBED. I WAS SITTING AT THE MACHINE JUST LIKE I AM RIGHT NOW AND THE SCREEN COMES UP AND IT FREEZES ON THE COMPUTER SCREEN. I EXPLAINED TO THE BANK MANAGER AND THE POLICE THAT IT FREEZES THE SCREEN AND IT SAYS YES OR NO TO PRINT A RECEIPT. AND THIS PERSON COMES UP BEHIND ME AND I TOLD HIM THAT I'D ALREADY PRESSED THE BUTTON. BUT HE PUT HIS HAND OVER THERE AND THEN LOWERED HIS HAND SLOWLY DOWN TO WHERE THE MONEY WAS. IT WASN'T UNTIL THE RECEIPT CAME OUT THAT I REALIZED THAT HE MUST HAVE STOLEN THE MONEY AND I BEGAN YELLING THAT I'D BEEN ROBBED.

Mr. Phillips: THERE WAS PEOPLE ON THE STREET AND THEY SEEMED TO VANISH. BUT THE BANK MANAGER APPARENTLY SEEN EVERYTHING, AS WELL THE ROBBER. AND OF COURSE THE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE CASE. THE CASE NUMBER IS 16-46293 OF THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU. AND I'LL KEEP THIS PAPER BUT I'LL PASS THIS ON TO THE BOARD CLERK. I WANTED TO SAY THAT I INVESTIGATED ATM ROBBERIES ON THE INTERNET AND THEY ACTUALLY SAID THAT 15% RESULT IN INJURIES. AND LUCKILY I WASN'T INJURED. THE AVERAGE THEFT IS BETWEEN ONE AND \$200. THEY DON'T SEEM TO STATE HOW MANY ATM MACHINES ARE ACTUALLY STOLEN THEMSELVES, AND HOW MANY BANKS ARE ROBBED EVERY YEAR. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ONE BANK HERE IN PORTLAND THAT HASN'T BEEN ROBBED ITSELF. I GUESS THAT GOES EVEN FOR THE ATM MACHINES. I HAD READ THAT SOMEBODY, AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, I CAN'T RECALL WHERE IT WAS, ALBUQUERQUE I GUESS, IT WAS SOMEPLACE IN OREGON. THERE WAS ACTUALLY THREE TELLER MACHINES THAT I GUESS THE GUY WAS GOING TO OPEN UP A BUSINESS WITH THEM, THEY WERE AT A RESIDENCE. I WANTED TO SAY THAT THE NEWS BROADCASTS REPORT ABOUT HOW DANGEROUS ATM MACHINES ARE, BUT THEY WILL DO IT ANY TIME OF THE HOUR. THEY DON'T MENTION THE FACT THAT 15% RESULT IN INJURIES.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG PDX. YESTERDAY I PRESENTED MY PROPOSAL TO MAYOR HALES AND THE COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WAPATO. AGAIN, THAT HAS SAT EMPTY TO 10-PLUS YEARS AND IT'S LOSING MULTNOMAH COUNTY NOTHING BUT MONEY. I BELIEVE THAT THE CITY OF PORTLAND HAS A PLAN AND WILL OPEN THAT UP AS A TRANSITIONAL SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS. IT CURRENTLY HAS 500-BED CAPACITY, 160,000 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING WITH 18 ACRES. THEY HAVE GOOD MANAGEMENT IN PLACE TO STEP IN. THEY HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT WANT TO HAVE SOMETHING OPENED. AGAIN, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU HAVE THE SEISMIC UPDATES ON THE BRIDGES, THE NEW MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, THE NEW HEALTH BUILDING, YOU HAVE A LOT OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS GOING ON WHICH WILL DEFINITELY KEEP YOU BUSY. YOU'VE HAD 10-PLUS YEARS TO TRY TO GET THIS BUILDING OPENED. LET'S FACE IT, IT HASN'T HAPPENED. IT SITS EMPTY WITH A 500-BED CAPACITY. WITH THAT MANY PEOPLE CURRENTLY OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS AND IN THE DOORWAYS, WE HAVE A LOT OF GROUPS OUT THERE THAT WANT TO SEE SOMETHING HAPPEN AT THIS TIME.

WHEN AN OFFER COMES IN FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT IT. UNDERSTAND IT'S GOING TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD. WE'LL DO AN IGA WITH YOU, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, ALSO WITH METRO AND OF COURSE CITY OF PORTLAND. WE WILL WORK OUT A PLAN ON OPERATING EXPENSES. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO BRING IN TPI, CALCULATING ON THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF \$750,000 PER YEAR BASED UPON 100 PERSONS.

WE'D START THAT OUT AS PILOT PROJECT AND GO FROM THERE. AGAIN, I THINK IT'S A VERY REALISTIC NUMBER THAT WE CAN MEET. WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT CAN COME IN AND DO THE MAINTENANCE THAT HASN'T BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. I UNDERSTAND A ROOF PROBLEM AND VARIOUS OTHER THINGS. THESE AREN'T THINGS WE CAN'T GET BY. AGAIN, CHAIR KAFOURY, WHEN YOU SAY THAT WAPATO, THE SERVICE SERVICES ARE NOT THERE, I DISAGREE WITH THAT ASSESSMENT.

Mr. Lightning: A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD IS A SERVICE, A BED IS A SERVICE, SHOWER FACILITIES ARE A SERVICE, KITCHEN FACILITIES ARE A SERVICE. EXTRA LAND TO ENJOY. AND AGAIN, THIS ISN'T KEEPING THEM IN THERE AROUND THE CLOCK, THIS IS PROVIDING THEM A PLACE AT NIGHT TO BE SAFE. SAFETY IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. IT'S ALSO FOR LONGEVITY OF LIFE, HEALTHIER LIVES. AND ALSO WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE FACILITIES, THREE TIMES A DAY SO THEY CAN HAVE FUN IN PORTLAND, ENJOY PORTLAND. BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO SLEEP OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS AT NIGHT IN THE DOORWAYS. THEY WILL HAVE A PLACE TO COME HOME AT NIGHT AND BE SAFE. THANK YOU.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 7, County Management- Tax Foreclosed Property. Presenter: Michael Sublett, Tax Title Property Coordinator; Tracie McClements, Tax Title; Randy Walruff, County Assessor; and Courtney Lords, Assistant County Attorney.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1, SECOND READING AND ADOPTION.

Mr. Sublett: GOOD MORNING, MIKE SUBLETT, DIVISION OF ASSESSMENT, RECORDING AND TAXATION. I'M JOINED THIS MORNING WITH MY COLLEAGUES FROM DART, TRACIE MCCLEMENTS, WHO'S ON THE TAX TITLE TEAM OF APPRAISAL. AND COURTNEY LORDS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHO WITH MATT RYAN DID THE YEOMAN'S WORK AND THE DRAFTING OF THE CHAPTER 7 CODE DIVISION. YOU RECALL WE WERE HERE LAST WEEK; THIS IS THE SECOND READING OF THE AMENDMENT. THE AMENDMENT ADOPTED TODAY WOULD UPDATE CHAPTER 7 OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CODE WHICH ADDRESSES THE DISPOSITION AND HANDLING OF FUNDS FOR TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THERE'S ESSENTIALLY FOUR MAIN CHANGES COMING WITH THIS. CHIEFLY, IT INCORPORATES THE AMENDMENTS TO ORS 275.275. RECALL, THIS IS THE EVENTUAL DIRECTION OF THE FUNDS INTO A SPECIAL FUND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE FUNDS ARE NO LONGER DISTRIBUTED BACK TO THE TAXING DISTRICTS. THIS IS THE AMENDMENT ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION, IT ELIMINATES SOME INACTIVE AND EXTINCT PROCESSES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN HANDLED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

Mr. Sublett: SO BY YOUR ADOPTION TODAY THESE AMENDMENTS WOULD TAKE PLACE 30 DAYS AFTER THE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE, AND THAT WOULD BE IN ADVANCE OF, IF YOU ALSO RECALL LAST WEEK, THE BOARD ISSUED AN ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC SHARE OF SALE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE CHANGES IN THE CODE. WE'RE ALL AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? EXCELLENT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE SECOND READING IS APPROVED AND THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED.

R.2 Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Extension between Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the City of Fairview. Presenters: Chief Deputy Tim Moore and Commander Scott Anderson.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2.

Chief Deputy Moore: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS. I'M TIM MOORE FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Commander Anderson: I'M SCOTT ANDERSON, COMMANDER WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. INTERIM CHIEF IN FAIRVIEW. WE'RE HERE TO ASK FOR AN APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT EXTENSION BETWEEN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW. THE TERMS ARE THE SAME AS THE ORIGINAL IGA TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO THAT AGENCY. THE ONLY DIFFERENCES IN THIS EXTENSION ARE THE TIMES CHANGED TO CARRY US FROM MARCH 1, 2016, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2016. AND THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW WILL BE PAYING THE COUNTY \$9,000 PER MONTH FOR THE SERVICES RENDERED. OTHER THAN THAT I THINK IT IS THE SAME AS THE IGA WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN PLACE.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? AND THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW IS GIVING COMMANDER ANDERSON THE THUMBS UP.

Commander Anderson: OH, YES. THEY SIGNED LAST NIGHT.

Chair Kafoury: EXCELLENT, OF COURSE THEY DID. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES.] OPPOSED? THE AGREEMENT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

R.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION DA-03-16 Increasing the Fed/State Fund by \$75,139 for Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Intervention (CAMI). Presenter: Allen Vogt, Finance Manager, MCDA.

Mr. Vogt: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME'S ALLEN VOGT, I'M THE FINANCE MANAGER AND DA'S OFFICE. I'M JOINED BY CHUCK SPARKS. WE'RE HERE TO ASK FOR APPROPRIATIONS OF \$75,139. I'LL TALK ABOUT WHERE THOSE FUNDS COME FROM, HOW THEY WILL BE SPENT AND THEN CHIEF DEPUTY SPARKS WILL GIVE A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CHILD ABUSE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INTERVENTION UNIT AND HOW THE FUNDS WILL BE USED. AND OF COURSE WE'LL BE OPEN FOR QUESTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, OUR MDT OR MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM THAT SITS WITHIN THE CHILD ABUSE UNIT IS A LONG-STANDING PROGRAM AT THE D.A.'S OFFICE THAT CONSISTS OF FOUR ATTORNEYS, TWO LEGAL ASSISTANTS AND A VICTIMS ADVOCATE. IT'S FUNDED WITH ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS OF GENERAL FUND AND \$800,000 OF FUNDING FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THROUGH THEIR CAMI FUNDING SOURCE, WHICH IS CHILD ABUSE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INTERVENTION.

Mr. Vogt: THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING WE'RE ASKING TO APPROPRIATE TODAY IS ADDITIONAL CAMI FUNDING THAT WAS NOT ANTICIPATED WHEN WE CREATED OUR FY16 BUDGET. 'S THERE'S NO MATCH FOR THIS FUNDING FROM THE GENERAL FUND. \$69,000 OF THE AMOUNT COMES DUE TO AN INCREASE OF FUNDING MADE BY THE OREGON DOJ. ANOTHER 5500 IS A ROLLOVER FROM THE PREVIOUS BIENNIUM TO THE CURRENT BIENNIUM. CHIEF SPARKS WILL GIVE SOME DETAIL ON HOW THE FUNDING WILL BE SPENT BUT AT A HIGH LEVEL. 73% OF THIS FUNDING IS A PASS-THROUGH TO OUR PARTNERS, CARES NORTHWEST. 22% GOES TO TRAINING OF STAFF AT THE D.A.'S OFFICE AND AT OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS. AND 5% IS WITH HELD BY OUR AGENCY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD. THAT'S A HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO CHIEF DEPUTY SPARKS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Mr. Sparks: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS. CAMI IS A COLLABORATION OF SEVERAL AREAS MANDATED BY STATE LAW. THE CHILD ABUSE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INTERVENTION FUNDS OR CAMI FUNDS ARE AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF STATE FUNDING TO ALLOW FOR A COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE INTERVENTION AND ASSESSMENT AND INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE, AS WELL AS SOME TREATMENT. CAMI FUND SUPPORT THE MDT'S EFFORTS AND THE PARTNER EFFORTS ON THE MDT AND INVESTIGATIVE WORK. SIGNIFICANTLY FOLLOW-UP WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO ENSURE THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY. CURRENTLY CAMI FUND FOR THIS BIENNIUM EQUAL \$1.76 MILLION AS BUDGETED. THIS PROVIDES ANNUALLY FOR PART OF A DD A2, DEPUTY D.A. 2, TOTALING 249,000 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THEN \$454,000 TO CARES NORTHWEST TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CHILD ABUSE EXAMS. AND FINALLY, \$65,000 FOR POLICE OVERTIME. LAST FALL WE RECEIVED THE UNEXPECTED BUT VERY GOOD NEWS THAT CAMI FUNDING FOR THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM WAS INCREASED BY \$135,000.

Mr. Sparks: WE'RE HERE TODAY ASKING FOR YOUR APPROVAL TO SPEND HALF OF THOSE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR SHARE. THESE FUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROVISIONALLY ALLOCATED BY OUR MDT EXECUTIVE BOARD AS REQUIRED BY LAW. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTNERS AGENCIES, DHS, PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU, CARES NORTHWEST AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THE BREAKDOWN OF THIS PROPOSAL OVER THE BIENNIUM, OVER THE TWO YEARS, IS APPROXIMATELY \$38,000 FOR TRAVEL AND TRAININGS, ALLOWING FOR 9% NECESSARILY, ONE OF WHICH IS A D.A. MEMBER BUT THE OTHER EIGHT ARE PARTNER AGENCIES, TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR. AND VERY SIGNIFICANTLY, \$87,000 OF THIS \$135,000 TO FUND A TRAUMA THERAPIST AT CARES NORTHWEST FOR TWO YEARS, SO APPROXIMATELY 43,000 PER YEAR. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR IN THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR. CARES WAS VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO ADD, SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL, THIS TRAUMA THERAPIST TO TREAT CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ADD THIS DIMENSION TO THEIR TREATMENT. WHERE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE BOARD APPROVE OUR PROBABLE TO ALLOCATE THE ADDITIONAL CAMI FUNDS FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner McKeel: THE TRAUMA THERAPIST, IS THAT A NEW POSITION FOR CARES NORTHWEST?

Mr. Sparks: A NEW CAPACITY. THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY NOT HAD A TRAUMA THERAPIST. THEY HAVE WANTED TO PROVIDE IT AND NOW WE HAVE THE WHERE WITH ALL TO BE ABLE TO DO IT.

Commissioner McKeel: THAT'S GREAT. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Shiprack: I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT AT THE RISK OF EMBARRASSING YOU, CHUCK, WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE D.A.'S OFFICE CHUCK SPARKS HAS BASICALLY AN OAR IN THE WATER ON SO MANY ISSUES THAT ARE OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY AND YOU ARE AT ALL THOSE MEETINGS, CHUCK, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. IT IS A GREAT REFLECTION ON THE D.A.'S OFFICE, AND IT'S NOTED AND I THINK THAT IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE. IT'S SIGNIFICANT. I JUST WANT TO SAY ABOUT THIS TOPIC, I DO BELIEVE THAT PREVENTION COMES FIRST. I BELIEVE THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT SWIFT AND SURE PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT OF BIG PEOPLE WHO HURT LITTLE PEOPLE SENDS A REALLY STRONG MESSAGE AND HOPEFULLY IS A DETERRENT. AND THAT THIS IS A CRIME THAT IS A SHOCK TO THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. IT'S NOT TO BE TOLERATED IN ANY KIND OF MORAL OR ETHICAL SENSE. AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT FROM A HEALTH PERSPECTIVE THAT TRAUMA IS THE CAUSE OF SO MANY LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES TO THE CHILD.

Commissioner Shiprack: AND THERE ALSO IS SCIENCE THAT SHOWS THAT IT IS IN A TRUE SCIENTIFIC GENETIC WAY, THAT TRAUMA CAN BE PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. SO THOSE CONSEQUENCES ACCUMULATE IN THE COMMUNITY. SO YES. I'M NOT SURE THAT I COULD BE ANY MORE ENTHUSIASTIC. THIS IS ALMOST A SYMBOLIC GESTURE OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT DETERRING THIS CRIME REPRESENTS TO US ON THE BOARD AND TO THE COMMUNITY. AND I THANK YOU, CHUCK, FOR HAVING AN OAR ON THE WATER IN THESE AND OTHER ISSUES.

Mr. Sparks: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COMMISSIONER. WE OF COURSE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT DEEPLY. AND THE BOARD.

Vice-Chair Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT WORK. JUST SO I'M CLARIFYING THIS, FOR NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A TRAUMA THERAPIST, TOO? THIS IS NOT JUST FOR ONE YEAR?

Mr. Sparks: THAT IS CORRECT. THIS IS BUILT INTO OUR BUDGET, TOO. HALF THIS MODIFICATION OF THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR WE'RE IN AND HALF FOR THE UPCOMING. THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, YES, YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT.

Chair Kafoury: OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

R.4 Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim for Dawn Hathaway. Presenter: Michelle Cross, Risk Services Manager.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

Ms. Cross: GOOD MORNING. MICHELLE CROSS, RISK SERVICES MANAGER, HERE TODAY REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TUESDAY. IT WILL RESOLVE ALL DISPUTED CURRENT CLAIM ISSUES FOR THIS CLAIMANT, INJURED WORKER.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Vice-Chair Smith: A QUESTION. WHAT I WASN'T CLEAR ABOUT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS, THE FORMER EMPLOYEE, ARE THEY ON SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY?

Ms. Cross: THEY ARE NO LONGER WITHIN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT PROCESS. I'M NOT SURE --

Vice-Chair Smith: SO THEY ARE NOT IN THE COUNTY DISABILITY, NOTHING? THIS IS JUST IT?

Ms. Cross: I'M NOT POSITIVE. WE ARE ONLY DEALING WITH THE WORKERS' COMP PIECE OF IT.

Vice-Chair Smith: OKAY. I DON'T KNOW HOW I FIND OUT. WE WERE JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME THAT THIS FORMER EMPLOYEE HAD, AND WE COULDN'T ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS.

Ms. Cross: I DO KNOW SHE IS MARRIED TO A CURRENT EMPLOYEE. SO THERE'S PROBABLY BENEFIT FOR THE SPOUSE.

Vice-Chair Smith: BUT NOT OF HER OWN?

Ms. Cross: NOT OF HER OWN.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY COMMENTS, JENNY?

Ms. Madkour: NOT AT THIS TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE SETTLEMENT IS APPROVED, THANK YOU.

R.5 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming February 2016 as Black History and Black Future Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Ben Duncan, Javelin Hardy, Mohammed Bader, Rachael Banks.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

Vice-Chair Smith: MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING THIS. I WANT TO THANK BEN DUNCAN FOR ALL THE WORK HE'S DONE TO BRING THIS FORWARD. BLACK HISTORY IS, FOR ME, IT'S NOT JUST BLACK HISTORY, IT'S EVERYONE'S HISTORY. IT'S AMERICAN HISTORY. IT'S WOVEN INTO THE COLLECTIVE AMERICAN CONSCIOUS AND PAST AND PRESENT, FULL OF UNFOLDING EVENTS. WE SEE THIS IN THE PERSISTING INEQUITIES IN MANY BLACK COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WHEN IT COMES TO EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENTS, HEALTH OUTCOMES, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND WEALTH DISTRIBUTION.

Vice-Chair Smith: OUR COUNTRY'S BEEN BUILT BY GENERATIONS OF STRIVING FOLKS TO HAVE FREEDOM FROM ACCESSIBLE HEALTH AND EDUCATION AND BRINGING ABOUT A GENUINE INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE FROM THESE EFFORTS. WE ALL OWN THIS HISTORY AND THAT'S WHY TODAY IS SO VERY IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS PROCLAMATION. WE SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY IN CHANGING ITS COURSE. THIS YEAR AS WE COMMEMORATE FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, IT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN EMPLOYEES WHO ARE HELPING TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF AMERICAN HISTORY RIGHT HERE IN PORTLAND, OREGON, AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO THANK-YOU, BEN, THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO ORGANIZE THIS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS EVERY YEAR. I WILL PASS IT OFF TO YOU.

Mr. Duncan: THANK YOU. CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, BEN DUNCAN, CHIEF DIVERSE AND EQUITY OFFICER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THIS PROCLAMATION EACH AND EVERY YEAR AND BRINGING THIS FORWARD. BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS A TRADITION THAT BEGAN NEARLY 90 YEARS AGO WHEN CARTER G. WOODSON, A FORMALLY EN SLAVED AFRICAN, DECLARED NEGRO HISTORY WEEK TO HIGHLIGHT AND CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK PEOPLE AND PUSH BACK RACIAL PREJUDICE. WHILE WE TODAY CELEBRATE AN ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE US, WE ARE SEEING BOTH AT A LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL RESISTANCE TO THE REALITIES AND THE EXPERIENCES THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH DESCRIBED. INEQUITIES THAT ARE PERSISTENT AND PREVALENT.

TODAY WE FOCUS ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF EMPLOYEES. TODAY WE HONOR JUST A SAMPLING OF THE GREAT WORK THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS ARE DOING, AS COMMISSIONER SMITH ALLUDED TO, TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY. EMPLOYEES WHO EVERY DAY IN BOTH LARGE AND SMALL WAYS ARE PERSEVERING AND RESISTING. EMPLOYEES, MANY OF WHOM RECOGNIZE THEIR RACE IMPACTS THEIR EXPERIENCES EVERY SINGLE DAY IN THIS ORGANIZATION AND IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT WHO PERSEVERE. EMPLOYEES WHO WORK WITH THOSE MOST IMPACTED, WHO WITNESS THE EFFECTS OF TRAUMA AND DISCRIMINATION, THE SYSTEMIC AND STRUCTURAL RACIALIZATION THAT LIMITS THEIR OPPORTUNITIES AND REDUCES THEIR HOPE, BUT THEY PERSEVERE. WE CELEBRATE SOME OF THESE EMPLOYEES TODAY WHO ARE ACTIVELY RESISTING IN SIMPLE AND PROFOUND WAYS, EVERYDAY DUTIES AND PROGRAMS AND IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. MY COLLEAGUE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE BLACK LIVES MATTER EVENT AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY EARLIER THIS WEEK, LAST WEEK MAYBE. AND PROVIDED ME WITH A QUOTE I THINK PROVIDES A GOOD SEGUE AS I INVITE SOME FOLKS TO TALK ABOUT THEIR COLLEAGUES. THE ORGANIZERS FROM BLACK LIVES MATTER SAID MOVEMENTS DON'T GET STARTED BY HASHTAGS. THEY DON'T

GET STARTED BY TECHNOLOGY. THEY ARE NEVER CONVENIENT. THEY GET STARTED BY PEOPLE STARTING TO CARE AND GIVE VALUE. THE EMPLOYEES WE RECOGNIZE TODAY ARE PART OF THIS MOVEMENT AND EACH DAY ARE PUSHING TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE. I'M GOING INVITE OUR SPEAKERS UP WHO CAN HONOR THEIR COLLEAGUES AND TELL THEIR STORIES.

Ms. Hardy: GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, MY NAME IS JAVELIN HARDY. I'VE BEEN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE THE PAST 16 YEARS. I'M CURRENTLY THE CHAIR FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF COLOR. I'M BEEN A PATROL OFFICER THE LAST 14 YEARS AND I JUST WANT TO HONOR SOME PATROL OFFICERS I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THE PAST 14 YEARS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. KARL GREEN HAS WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR 19 YEARS. HE'S BEEN A PAROLE OFFICER FOR 17 YEARS AND WORKED HEAVILY WITH THE GANG UNIT THE PAST 16 YEARS. A LOT OF THE PEOPLE I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ARE AT MEETINGS AND TRAINING TODAY. NATHANIEL ROBERTS, HE'S A PAROLE OFFICER, HE'S BEEN WITH THE COUNTY 21 YEARS. HE'S WORK WHAT HAD WE CALL THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROGRAM THE PAST 16 YEARS. THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROGRAM SUPERVISES AFRICAN-AMERICANS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED, WHERE WE PROVIDE COUNSELING IN GROUPS INSIDE THE PRISON AND THEN SUPERVISE THEM AND SUPPORT THEM AND PROVIDE MENTORSHIP. THE MENTORSHIP IS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS, NOT COUNTY MEMBERS.

A LOT OF PEOPLE THROUGH THIS PROGRAM HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PAROLE AND NOW THEY ARE PEOPLE GETTING OUT OF CUSTODY, BEING MENTORS FOR THOSE GETTING OUT OF CUSTODY. KEITH MURPHY WORKS WITH A HARD GROUP OF 18 TO 25-YEAR-OLD GANG MEMBERS. I WANT TO PAY HOMAGE TO HIM. HE'S BEEN WITH THE COUNTY 18 YEARS. DIANE WADE WHO HAS PASSED ON, SHE WAS SOME BIG SHOES TO FILL. I HAVE HAD TO DO A LOT OF THINGS SHE DID IN THE PAST WORKING WITH AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY, TRANSGENDER. A LOT OF TRAUMA INFORMED CARE HAS BEEN PROVIDED THROUGH DIANE WADE THAT I'VE TAKEN OVER, AND IT'S BEEN AN HONOR. AND ALSO ERIC MONTGOMERY WHO PASSED AWAY, AS WELL. ERIC WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR 24 YEARS AND HE WAS A PAROLE OFFICER FOR 16 YEARS. THANK YOU.

Mr. Bader: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, I'M MOHAMMED BADER WITH DCHS, PARTICULARLY I MANAGE THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION. I'M HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SHERRELLE JACKSON, KNOWN ALSO AS SHERRELLE OWENS. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING HER FOR ALMOST 17 YEARS WHEN I WAS A MANAGER AT NORTH-NORTHEAST BRANCH. SHE WORKED HER WAY UP THROUGH PERSISTENT EDUCATION, CARE, COMPASSION, AND THE PRECISION I WANT TO SAY TO, BECOME PROGRAM MANAGER AND ACTUALLY JUST A COUPLE DAYS AGO, LIESL WENDT STOLE FROM ME TO WORK ON THE

EARLY MULTNOMAH. I'M STILL GOING TO TALK ABOUT HER ROLE WITH THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION. I REALLY DON'T WANT TO FORGET ANYTHING ABOUT HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS. I'M GOING KIND OF READ SOME OF HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS HERE AS TO THE REASON WHY WE NOMINATED HER FOR THIS. SURE RELY CURRENTLY WORKS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES DIVISION WHERE SHE MANAGES THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS PROGRAM. SHE IS A VERY VITAL MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM. I HAVE USED HER A LOT TO REALLY HELP ME WITH THE REENGINEERING AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION TO MEET THE STATE DEMANDS AND SOME FEDERAL ALSO DEMANDS TO HAVE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SYSTEM.

Mr. Bader: SHE'S ALSO A CHANGE CHAMPION, SHE PRESENTED HERE TO HONOR OTHERS LIKE THE ADAPT GROUP, WHERE SHE REALLY WORKED VERY HARD WITH SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS WE HAVE WITH DISABILITIES, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY FEEL INCLUDED AND WELCOME IN OUR ENVIRONMENT. SHE ALSO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THE DIVISION'S FIRST AND ONLY CULTURALLY SPECIFIC AFRICAN-AMERICAN KSA. I KNOW SHE GOT A LOT OF GRIEF ABOUT THAT AT THE TIME. WE STILL HAVE THAT POSITION THERE. SHE MANAGES THE MOST DIVERSE TEAM, 53% OF HER STAFF IDENTIFYING AS PERSONS OF COLOR. 75% OF HER TEAM LEADS IDENTIFY AS PERSONS OF COLOR. TWO THIRDS OF HER SUPERVISOR STAFF IDENTIFY AS PERSONS OF COLOR. SEVEN OUT OF THE 30 CASE MANAGERS SHE HAS HAVE BILINGUAL DESIGNATION, THEY ARE BILINGUAL. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS SHE'S DONE. ONE THING THAT I REALLY WANTED TO MENTION ABOUT SHERELLE, WHEN I WAS A MANAGE ONCE AND SHE WANTED TO BE A SOCIAL WORKER SHE CALLED ME AND SAID I WANT TO BE A SOCIAL WORKER. I SAID, DO YOU HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE REMEMBERED THAT OR NOT. SHE SAID NO AND SHE WAS VERY POLITE AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, SHE WENT AND GOT A MASTER'S DEGREE. NOT ONLY A MASTER'S DEGREE, SHE ALSO MENTORED OTHER PEOPLE. I KNOW SHE WORKED WITH JAVELIN ON GETTING THE SUPERVISOR UNIT TO GET HER LICENSE. SHE'S DOING THAT WITH A LOT OF OTHER STUDENTS WHO WANT TO GET A MASTER'S DEGREE.

AND SO THAT KIND OF LEVEL OF PERSISTENT, AND NOT BEING A VICTIM AND NOT SAYING, WELL, WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE THE JOB FOR ME. SHE WAS LIKE, WHAT IS NEEDED TO GET AHEAD AND I'LL GO AND DO IT. SO SHE'S DONE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS ALSO WITH THE COMMUNITY THAT IS VERY IMPRESSIVE. SHE WAS A FORMER CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW. SHE WAS APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCIL. SHE CHAIRED THE BIAS-BASED POLICING COMMITTEE WHILE BEING A MEMBER OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW BOARD. SHE IS ALSO A FORMER BOARD MEMBER OF THE PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION AND WAS AWARDED THE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR IN 2007. SHE ALSO CHAIRED

THE JUNIOR ROSE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE STREET TEAM COMMITTEE, AND THAT'S BECAUSE BUREAU COMMITTEE FOR THE ROSE FESTIVAL. SHE WAS ALSO A FORMER MEMBER OF THE EQUITY COUNCIL WITH ODE, FORMER MEMBER OF EOC AND SHE SAYS SHE WAS BRIEFLY A MEMBER OF MRC, EVERYBODY IS A MEMBER, YOU KNOW.

Mr. Bader: SOME MOC MEMBERS ARE BUSY AND CAN'T ATTEND MEETINGS AND SHE WAS ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO MANAGERS OF COLOR THROUGH HER ACTIONS AND WORK. SHE'S AN INTERN SUPERVISOR FOR PSU AND THAT'S THE PIECE WHERE SHE MENTORS AND PROVIDES SUPERVISION HOURS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO BECOME LICENSED AS LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS. WHEN I CAME ON BOARD AT DD SHE WAS WORKING ON FORGING AN AGREEMENT AND A BIG ACTUALLY KIND OF CONFERENCE BETWEEN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, AND WORKED WITH CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. I BELIEVE THIS CONFERENCE, IT'S OUR FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE RIGHT NOW.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, SHE'S VERY WELL RESPECTED IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY WHERE SHE GETS ASKED BY LAW ORGANIZATIONS TO ACTUALLY TRAIN THE NEW LAWYERS ON THE RULES PERTAINING TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. SHE WAS A GUEST SPEAKER AT THE JUVENILE LAW TRAINING ACADEMY FOR NEW LAWYERS. AND SOME OF THE SPONSORING AGENCIES FOR THIS INCLUDED JUVENILE COURT, IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS, YOUTH RIGHTS AND JUSTICE ATTORNEYS AT LAW, THE CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, THE STATE BAR. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST SHE'S CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE LAWS AND IMPROVING THE LAWS AS WRITTEN IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAMS. I KNOW SHE'S WELL RESPECTED AND SHE SITS ON MANY COMMITTEES THAT THE STATE SEEKS A LOT OF HER ADVICE ON.

Vice-Chair Smith: I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO THANK THESE EMPLOYEES FOR ALL THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE, TO KNOW WHO THEY ARE? AFTER THAT THEY ARE GOING TO COME UP?

Mr. Bader: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. DID I MISS ANYTHING? [LAUGHTER] SHE ALSO HAS THE POWER OF MAKING YOU PERFORM VERY WELL, WHICH I LOVE ABOUT HER. YOU HAVE TO REALLY WORK AT YOUR BEST. SO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Banks: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONER BAILEY, COMMISSIONER SMITH, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL. I'M RACHAEL BANKS AND I'M SUPER EXCITED TO TALK ABOUT EMPLOYEES WHO WORK SO HARD BEHIND THE SCENES AND OUT OF THE SPOTLIGHT. I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR

CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THIS PROCLAMATION AND SO MANY THINGS THAT IMPACT THE LIVES OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND BLACK FOLKS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MS. RENEE JAMES -- YEAH, I DID IT! I DID IT! MS. RENEE JAMES WORKS FOR THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM. AS YOU ALL WERE TALKING ABOUT TRAUMA SHE IS ONE OF THE PEOPLE STOPPING THAT LEGACY OF TRAUMA FOR FAMILIES. HEALTHY FAMILIES IS AN EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM TO END AND DECREASE CHILD MALTREATMENT. AND MS. RENEE WORKS BEHIND THE SCENES BETWEEN THE HOSPITAL SCREENER SCREENING FAMILIES FOR ELIGIBILITY AND INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM. AND THE COMMUNITY-BASED CONTRACTORS OUT DOING THE WORK. SHE TAKES SO MUCH CARE IN PLACING FAMILIES AND TRIAGING THEM IN A WAY THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW SO MUCH WENT INTO THEM BEING PLACED WITH AGENCIES THAT FIT ALL OF THEIR NEEDS. WHAT I REALLY LIKE ABOUT MS. RENEE IS, SHE'S ABLE TO SEE HOW TO MAKE THINGS BETTER. AND SHE SOMETIMES IS ABLE TO SEE WHEN WE'RE JUST MAKING THINGS TOO COMPLICATED. SHE'S REAL, SHE'S DEDICATED. SHE'S A SYSTEMS THINKING-CONNECTOR WHO CAN SEE THE BRIDGES BETWEEN PROGRAMS. SHE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO FIND OUT INFORMATION ON BEHALF OF FAMILIES AND TO WORK. SHE ALWAYS WORKS BEYOND HER ROLE, BEYOND HER PROGRAM EVEN. AND YOU'RE AMAZING. THANK YOU. I LOVE YOU, TOO.

Ms. Banks: MS. ALICIA JOHNSON WORKS WITH THE HEALTHY BIRTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM. WE REALLY COULDN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT MISS ALICIA. SHE'S THE EYES AND EAR BUT MOSTLY THE GLUE THAT HOLDS THE PROGRAM TOGETHER. SHE'S PROFESSIONAL, CALM, DEDICATED. HE SHE DOES SO MUCH FOR STAFF AND EMPLOYEES ON A DAILY BASIS. SHE'S ALWAYS MULTITASKING, WORKING BETWEEN A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS BUT SHE NEVER MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE A BURDEN WHEN YOU STOP OUTSIDE HER DESK EVEN THOUGH SHE PROBABLY HAS A TO-DO LIST THIS LONG. THE MORE I WORK WITH PEOPLE I REALIZE YOUR SKILLS, DIPLOMACY, YOUR TACT. SHE GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND IN EVERYTHING SHE DOES, AND YOU'RE AMAZING. THANK YOU. YEAH.

MS. ELEANOR MYRIK WHO SAID YOU'RE NOT GOING EMBARRASS ME, ARE YOU? WAVE YOUR HAND, MS. ELLIE. SHE IS REALLY A PIONEER OF THE HEALTHY BIRTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM. SHE'S BEEN AT THE PROGRAM FOR ITS ENTIRE EXISTENCE. SHE WAS IN THE STREETS BEFORE THE PROGRAM EXISTED GATHERING THE DATA ON BIRTH OUTCOMES AND DEATHS THAT LED TO THE PROGRAM. SHE'S BEEN A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER AND I HAVE TO TELL A STORY OF ONE OF THE FIRST TIMES I GOT TO WORK WITH HER WHEN I FIRST STARTED AT HBI. I HAD WORKED WITH HER IN THE HIV AND STD PREVENTION PROGRAM AS AN INTERVENTION SPECIALIST. I WAS ASSIGNED TO A WOMAN WHO HAD GONORRHEA I CAN'T. I WAS TRYING AND TRYING TO CALL THIS WOMAN, KNOCKED ON HER DOOR, SENT LETTERS, I'M OVER IN THE BUSHES, UP IN THE WINDOW TRYING TO SAY I JUST LEFT A LETTER, CAN YOU HAVE HER CALL ME.

Ms. Banks: SHORTLY AFTER THAT I SWITCHED PROGRAMS AND WALKED RIGHT IN THIS WOMAN'S HOUSE FOR A HOME VISIT. SAT DOWN ON HER COUCH WHILE SHE SHARED EVERY BIT OF INFORMATION AND WAS SO COMFORTABLE. I NEVER FORGOT REALLY THE POWER OF TRUSTED FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND US BEING CREATIVE OF THINKING ABOUT WHAT'S THE RIGHT ACCESS POINT FOR CARE. MISSILE LEE MISS ELLIE IS TREMENDOUSLY DEDICATED AND SKILLED IN QUALITY IMPROVEMENT. SHE IS A TERRIFIC STEWARD OF THE PUBLIC'S DOLLAR, SHE WILL FIND THE BEST PRICE AND THE BEST WAY TO DO SOMETHING NO MATTER WHAT. SHE GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND TO MAKE SURE CLIENTS HAVE WHAT THEY NEED IN TERMS OF TRANSPORTATION AND FOOD. I'VE SEEN HER RUN AROUND ENDLESSLY. AND MOST RECENTLY IN HER ROLE SHE'S PUT TOGETHER THE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION THIS YEAR AND WORKED TIRELESSLY TO HAVE US BE IN AWARDEE OF THE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAMS. THANK YOU MS. ELLIE, SORRY TO EMBARRASS, YOU BUT NOT REALLY.

MS. RONNIE MEYERS HAS WORKED IN THE HBI PROGRAM A SHORT TIME BUT IN THE COUNTY FOR OVER 20 YEARS, ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED IN EQUITY ISSUES. SHE HAS HIRED A NUMBER OF FOLKS OF COLOR AND IF NOT THE FIRST ONE OF THE FIRST GROUPS OF CULTURALLY SPECIFIC COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS THAT HAD KSAS, SHE IS A PERSON WHO'S CONTINUALLY SHARING POSITIVE STORIES AND BREAKING STEREOTYPES WHETHER IT'S HER TALKING ABOUT HER EXPERIENCES GROWING UP IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH THE BLACK PANTHERS AND THE GREAT WORK THEY WERE DOING IN HER COMMUNITY, TO WORKING WITH SAFE HOUSES AND HIV PREVENTION TO WORKING WITH HBI MORE RECENTLY. SHE'S BEEN HERE OVER A YEAR, YOU'D NEVER KNOW IT BECAUSE SHE JUMPS RIGHT IN.

SHE WORKS WITH COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPANTS IN LEADERSHIP AND MAKES THEM FEEL SO SPECIAL. WHETHER IT'S BRINGING FLOWERS IN FROM HER GARDEN, BRINGING IN FOOD, WATCHING BABIES, BUT JUST REALLY WORKING TIRELESSLY ON PROVIDING ADVOCACY TRAINING FOR FOLKS AND MAKING SURE THEY HAVE THE SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO USE THEIR VOICES. THANK YOU, MS. RONNIE. I WOULD SAY YOU MAY NOT HAVE THOUGHT YOU SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION BUT I DISAGREE WITH YOU. AND THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE WHITE ALLIES THAT ARE OUT THERE ON THE LINES FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE AND EQUITY. THE WAY YOU DO THAT HUMBLLY AND WITH CULTURAL HUMILITY IS ADMIRABLE. SO THANK YOU.

THE HBI CASE MANAGEMENT TEAM, THESE ARE FOLKS WHO ARE WORKING IN THE HOMES GOING OUT AND DOING JUST WHATEVER IT TAKES, TRAVELING BACK AND FORTH, JUST REALLY IN THE STREETS. I KNOW YOU ALL HAVE HEARD ABOUT HOME VISITING PROGRAMS AND THE IMPACT THOSE MAKE ON FAMILIES, BUT I SPECIFICALLY WANTED TO CALL OUT OUR TEAM. THEY ARE

SUCH A TRUSTED SOURCE FOR FOLKS. THEY WORK WITH THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY AND THEY ARE GETTING AND DELIVERING INFORMATION 18 WAYS THAT FOLKS ARE NOT ABLE IN OUR HEALTH SYSTEM TO DO, PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF TRUST, PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF NOT UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITY. SO THE CASE MANAGEMENT TEAM, SOME OF THEM I SAW HERE, MS. DIANE? AND MS. DIANE HAS REALLY WORKED HER WAY UP. WHEN I STARTED SHE WAS AN OFFICE ASSISTANT. YOU KNOW, MS. RACHAEL I WANT TO BE A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER. SHE SAW WHAT IT TOOK, SHE'S TRAINED AND NOW A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WITH THE PROGRAM. MS. SHIRLEY, PAUL A COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE EXTRAORDINAIRE. AND SHE KEEPS SAYING EVERY DAY, I'M NOT GOING TO BE HERE BECAUSE I'M GOING TO HAVE THIS BABY. WE'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW. NO, SOMETHING'S HAPPENING, I'M NOT GOING TO BE HERE, BECAUSE I'M HAVING THIS BABY. WE'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.

MS. JACKSON, SHE'S A COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE WITH OUR PROGRAM MS. JAMES DOES SO MANY THINGS. YOU'LL SEE HER IN PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ANNETTE CHURCH BEHIND THE SCENES IN DATA AND ALL THAT SORT OF STUFF. MR. JEFF WASHINGTON, I DON'T THINK IS HERE. I HAVEN'T SEEN MS. NOBLE EITHER BUT THEY ARE ALSO COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN THE PROGRAM. AND TO RECOGNIZE THE SUPERVISOR COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE AND SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING TO ALL THESE WONDERFUL EMPLOYEES YOU HAVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Hendricks: THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONER SMITH AND COMMISSIONERS, FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS SONJA HENDRICKS, I WORK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT THE LINCOLN BUILDING. I'M HAPPY TO HONOR A COWORKER, PART OF A SMALL BUT VERY IMPORTANT TEAM ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MY BUILDING. SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED A FRIENDLY SMILE AND HELLO TO CHANGE YOUR ENTIRE MOOD. HAVE YOU MET SHAMEKKA PETERSON? ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE LINCOLN BUILDING SHE IS PART OF A SMALL TEAM OF THREE. THERE IS MS. KENNEDY WHO COULD NOT BE HERE BECAUSE SHE WASN'T FEELING WELL. DEBORAH PEREZ WHO IS HERE, AND THEY ARE THE VOICES AND FACES EVER THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AND A SMALL PART OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT I BELONG TO. SHAMEKKA IS A PHENOMENAL COMMUNICATOR. YOU MAY OVERLOOK HOW SHE TOUCHES PEOPLE WHERE IT COUNTS. HER QUICK WITH IT AND SMILE MAY MEAN THE WORLD TO A MENTALLY ILL OR HOMELESS PERSON WHO MAY NEED HER HELP. THROUGHOUT THE DAY SHAMEKKA INTERACTS WITH EMPLOYEES, DELIVERY PEOPLE, SERVICE PEOPLE, THOSE DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS, ANGER ISSUES, HYGIENE AND PHYSICAL HEALTH ISSUES. EACH PERSON IS GREETED WITH RESPECT AND TOLERANCE AS WELL AS OVERALL FRIENDLINESS.

Ms. Hendricks: BEHIND THE CONCERNED LOOK ON HER FACE OR THE CONCERNED LILT OF HER VOICE THERE'S A BULK OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH SHE USES TO MAKE SURE NO PROBLEM BIG OR SMALL GOES UNRESOLVED. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR HER TO REMEMBER PEOPLE BY NAME AND GREET THEM IN SUCH A WAY. ON OBSERVATION YOU FEEL THEY MUST BE OLD FRIENDS. IMAGINE BEING ON THE RECEIVING END OF THAT KIND OF TREATMENT. SHE EMBRACES THE ADAGE OF DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU. SHE CALMLY AVERTS CRISIS, BIG AND SMALL IN A TRULY HUMANIZING WAY. THE RECEPTION STAFF ARE TRULY GIFTED IN DIFFERENT WAYS. WHETHER THEY ARE SIGNING FOR PACKAGES, MAKING SURE POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES ARE CONNECTING WITH INTERVIEW PANELS, CONFERENCE ROOMS HAVE CLEAN NEXT, PHONES AND WORKING CLOCK, SORTING OR DELIVERING THE MAIL, ORDERING SUPPLIES OR THE MOST BASICS OF REST ROOM KEYS, LOANING BADGES TO EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN THEM, OR A CHAIR TO SIT IN OR A PHONE TO USE WHAT MAKES HER REMARKABLE IS AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, EVERY DAY, FIRST CONTACT FOR MOST, SHE SHINES BRIGHTLY LIKE A BEACON OF HOPE AS SHE GREETES CLIENTS AND STAFF BY NAME, MAKING THEM FEEL WELCOME, CALM, AT HOME, HAPPY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY DIGNIFIED THROUGHOUT THEIR FIRST CONTACT WITH THE COUNTY, NO MATTER WHAT IT MIGHT BE. AS A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES OF COLOR WE WOULD LIKE FOR SHAMEKKA TO BE HONORED TODAY BECAUSE SHE IS PROFESSIONAL, KINDHEARTED, INTELLIGENT, THOUGHTFUL, FUNNY, ANALYTICAL, DIPLOMATIC, SUPPORTIVE AND OPTIMISTIC. SHE ALSO KNOWS WHEN SHE NEEDS TO WALK AWAY. SHE SETS ONE OF THE HIGHEST CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS WE HAVE EVER SEEN AND THIS CRIES OUT FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Mr. Duncan: OKAY. IF WE CAN TAKE A QUICK MINUTE FOR ALL THOSE WHO WERE HONORED TODAY TO STAND UP AND GET A ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND BE CELEBRATED ONCE AGAIN, THAT WOULD BE TERRIFIC. [APPLAUSE] I WILL SAY, THESE FOLKS MAKE PROFOUND DIFFERENCES IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. I THINK WE'VE WITNESSED THAT. AND THE QUICKNESS OF RESPONSE. THIS IS PUT TOGETHER PRETTY QUICKLY AND TO SEE THE FOLKS THAT CAME UP HERE AND TALKED, IT WAS THERE BUT THEY HAVE GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR COLLEAGUES. I FEEL INCREDIBLY HONORED TO BE PARTNERS IN THIS WORK.

Vice-Chair Smith: AND IN THE TO SAY, TOO, THIS IS HUGE. I KNOW WE PUT THIS TOGETHER VERY SHORTLY, A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. AND I THINK ME AND BEN, WE WERE KIND OF CHALLENGED BECAUSE WE HAD THE SAME IDEA. WE DO THIS EVERY YEAR AND WE TALK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND WE KNOW THAT. AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, BUT I WANTED TO MIX IN THIS YEAR AND ACKNOWLEDGE SOME OF OUR EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY OF ALWAYS SEEING MS. RACHAEL AND TRICIA BUT WE DON'T GET A CHANCE TO SEE FOLKS WHO DO WHAT YOU DO ON A DAILY BASIS, GIVING DIRECT SERVICES FOR MULTNOMAH

COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR WILLING TO BE EMBARRASSED. THIS SHOULDN'T BE EMBARRASSING; THIS IS A SALUTE TO YOU. BECAUSE THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, WE KNOW OUR HISTORY BUT WE ALSO WANT TO KNOW GOING FORWARD THAT WE ARE CHANGING THE TRAJECTORY OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO PEOPLE OF COLOR. AND FOLKS HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO THANK YOU. I DO WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT TO SHERRELLE. SHE DOES GO ABOVE AND BEYOND. I HAD TALKED ABOUT SOME BDS STUFF AND SHE ORGANIZED THAT FOR ME. WHATEVER, SHE IS ALWAYS UP FOR A GOOD WALK. SHE ALWAYS IS IN A WALK, WHATEVER YOU NEED HER FOR SHE WILL COME OUT AND DO IT WITH A SMILE. AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW MARRIAGE TO ANTONIO. [LAUGHTER]

Vice-Chair Smith: ANTONIO JACKSON IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE HE WAS A GREAT MENTOR TO MY SON WHEN HE WAS GROWING UP. YOU HAVE A GOOD MAN. YES, YES, THAT'S RIGHT, WE KNOW ABOUT HIM. GOOD PICK. [LAUGHTER]

[VICE-CHAIR SMITH READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER BAILEY.

Commissioner Bailey: COMMISSIONER SMITH, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS NOT JUST THIS MONTH BUT FOR 12 MONTHS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AND ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES HONORED TODAY FOR DOING THE WORK THAT YOU DO. COMMISSIONER, I THINK YOU SAID IT VERY WELL. THIS ISN'T BLACK HISTORY MONTH. IT IS A TIME TO HONOR THE HISTORY THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS HAVE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN AMERICA. AND WE SEE THAT IN THE WORK EACH OF YOU IS DOING. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A FUTURE WHERE WE DON'T JUST HAVE BLACK HISTORY MONTH BUT WE HAVE A CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR. WE DON'T HAVE A BLACK HISTORY MONTH FRAMED BY 12 MONTHS OF WHITE PRIVILEGE MONTH. AND THAT IS AN UNFORTUNATE REALITY OF WHERE WE'RE AT TODAY. THANK YOU TO ALL YOU HAVE FOR THE WORK ALL OF YOU DO.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YEAH, THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND ALL OF YOUR WORK ON THIS. THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PRESENTERS. I REALLY LOVE WE'RE HONORING OUR EMPLOYEES IN THIS PROCLAMATION. YOU KNOW WHAT I ALWAYS SAY, WE HAVE THE GREATEST EMPLOYEES AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS IS JUST PROOF OF THAT. SO I THANK YOU SO MUCH. I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT OUR HISTORY AND THAT WE LEARN FROM OUR HISTORY. AND BEN, I LIKE WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT, I AM A CHILD OF THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES. YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT MOVEMENTS DON'T

GET STARTED BY HATCH TAGS AND TECHNOLOGY. WELL, THOSE MOVEMENTS DID NOT. THERE WAS NONE BACK THEN, THEY WERE STARTED BY PEOPLE AND THEIR PASSION AND VALUES AROUND THIS ISSUE. I ALSO LIKE THAT WE'RE RECOGNIZING IT AS BLACK FUTURE MONTH, AS WELL. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT HISTORY BUT WE ALSO LOOK AT THE FUTURE. I LIKE THAT THIS DOES, IT ACKNOWLEDGES AND HONORS THE ONGOING RESISTANCE OF THE EXPERIENCES OF RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION. I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PROCLAMATION, AS WELL. I WANT TO FINISH BY SAYING THAT SOMETIMES WE OVERLOOK THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RECEPTION STAFF AND HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE IN ANY BUSINESS THAT YOU GO TO, ANYPLACE YOU GO. WHAT IS YOUR IMPRESSION BY THE FIRST PERSON YOU'RE GREETED BY WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH THE DOORS? SO I'M VERY PLEASED THAT WE GOT A CHANCE TO HONOR THE RECEPTION STAFF, AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Commissioner Shiprack: I WANT TO ADD MY VOICE TO THIS CHORUS AND THANK EVERYONE. IT'S A DELIGHT TO LOOK OUT AND GUESS WHO IS BEING SPOKEN ABOUT BY THE EXPRESSIONS ON YOUR FACES, AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I REALLY APPRECIATE COMMISSIONER SMITH, YOU BRINGING THIS FORWARD. IT'S JUST REALLY A PLEASURE, IT GIVES US ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO KIND OF SEE WHERE WE ARE. I THINK WE'VE COME A LONG WAYS AND I THINK WE HAVE A LONG WAYS TO GO. AND I SO MUCH APPRECIATE THE LEXICON OF ALL OF THE PRESENTATIONS. THERE IS SO MUCH HONORING OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT. AND SO MUCH HONORING OF THE SPIRIT OF THE WORKERS FOR JUSTICE AND CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND JUST TO TOP THAT, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THAT LIST OF ATTRIBUTES THAT YOU READ. THAT WAS LOVELY LIST. AND AS AN ASPIRATIONAL MESSAGE FOR ME, FOR MY STAFF, AND REALLY FOR EVERYONE THAT WE COME IN CONTACT WITH. SO I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING THAT EMAIL. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO ADD MY THANK-YOU AS WELL, COMMISSIONER SMITH AND BEN, FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER. I REALLY APPRECIATE AS PEOPLE HAVE SAID, THE MONTH WHERE WE GET TO CELEBRATE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND BLACK LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, BECAUSE GROWING UP, WE DIDN'T LEARN ABOUT THAT IN THE HISTORY BOOKS. I KNOW YOU DIDN'T, AS WELL. YOU HAD TO LEARN IT THROUGH THE ORAL TRADITION. AND LEARNING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE SUCH A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN OUR COUNTRY. I LOVE THAT TODAY WE'RE CELEBRATING THE FUTURE AND THAT REALLY IS WHERE WE NEED TO LOOK. HE SEEING THE FACES AND NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO WE KNOW DO SUCH A GREAT JOB IS REALLY INSPIRATIONAL TO ME. LAST WEEK I WAS AT AN EVENT HONORING DR. ALISHA MORELAND-CAPUIA, THE FIRST BOARD CERTIFIED AFRICAN-AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGIST IN THE STATE OF OREGON. A WOMAN GAVE A SPEECH IN HER HONOR AND TALKED A LOT ABOUT HISTORY. NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HAD INVENTED

THINGS AND LED MOVEMENTS, NAMES I HADN'T HEARD BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T IN MY HISTORY BOOKS, BUT PEOPLE WHO MADE SUCH AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION. AND THEN TIED IT TOGETHER AS WE'RE DOING TODAY, TO TALK ABOUT THE AMAZING PEOPLE WE HAVE WORKING HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHO ARE GOING BRING US INTO THE FUTURE. I AM IN YOU AWE OF YOU AND I'M INSPIRED BY YOU AND THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO FOR US EVERY SINGLE DAY.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. CAN EVERYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH COME FORWARD, ESPECIALLY IF YOUR NAME WAS CALLED EARLIER.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

UC.1 Metro Equitable Housing Briefing. Presenters: Emily Lieb, Metro Equitable Housing Project Manager, Metro Councilor Sam Chase.

Chair Kafoury: THE BOARD MAY ACT ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA NOTICE IF AT LEAST THREE COMMISSIONS VOTE TO IMMEDIATELY CONSIDER THE MATTER. MAY I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVED, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDED CONSIDERATION OF A UNANIMOUS CONSENT ITEM. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER IS APPROVED.

[Board Clerk reads the title into the record.]

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS A NONVOTING ITEM AND WE HAVE SOME DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM ALL THE WAY DOWN AT METRO.

Mr. Chase: SAM CHASE, METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 5. AND MY DISTRICT IS MOSTLY ALL OF NORTH PORTLAND, NORTHWEST PORTLAND, MOST OF NORTHEAST, DOWNTOWN, AND PART OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. I'LL LET EMILY INTRODUCE HERSELF NEXT.

Ms. Lieb: I'M EMILY LIEB, PROJECT MANAGER IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AT PROJECT METRO.

Mr. Chase: I FIRST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THIS COMMISSION BECAUSE YOU HAVE REALLY STEPPED UP. I'M NOT GOING TALK ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS IN THIS REGION BECAUSE I THINK IF ANYBODY OUT THERE UNDERSTANDS THOSE NEEDS, IT'S THIS COMMISSION. AND NOT ONLY DO YOU UNDERSTAND BUT YOU ARE REALLY PUSHING. YOU UNDERSTAND IF WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF THOSE NEEDS WE CAN'T DO ALL OF THE OTHER WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, THE HEALTH WORK, THE SOCIAL SERVICES, ALL OF THOSE OTHER PIECES THAT NEED TO FIT INTO CREATE CREATING SUCCESSFUL LIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR

REALLY STRETCHING AND IDENTIFYING AND FOCUSING ON THE HARDEST PART OF THE JOB, FINDING AND IDENTIFYING RESOURCES. YOU'VE STAYED VERY STEADFASTLY FOCUSED ON THAT. ALSO ON THE HOME FOR EVERYONE COORDINATING BODY AND I'VE SEEN THE EXCELLENT WORK YOU'RE DOING IN THAT ARENA ALSO.

Mr. Chase: WHAT I REALLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THE FOCUS THAT WE NEED AROUND OUR WHOLE REGION. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS 40% OF THE REGION'S POPULATION. WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO FOR THE OTHER 60% OF OUR REGION. AND SO REALLY, THE STRATEGY THAT EMILY IS ABOUT TO KIND OF TALK TO YOU ABOUT IS REALLY OUR EFFORT TO SORT OF LAUNCH THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO GET DONE TO ENGAGE ALL OF THOSE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FROM AROUND THE REGION, IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES. AND TO BRING THE WHOLE REGION ALONG AT THE SAME TIME. METRO HAS A LONG HISTORY OF WORKING ON HOUSING. WE'VE DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH, STUDIES, VOLUNTARY GOALS. AND SOME VARIOUS SUBSTANTIVE POSITIVE THINGS. BUT WE REALLY NEED TO BE MUCH MORE FOCUSED ON IMPLEMENTING AND GETTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE GROUND AND COMMUNITIES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND OUTSIDE MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO THAT'S WHAT REALLY WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS HERE, IS A FRAMEWORK THAT WILL ALLOW US TO BRING SOME OF THOSE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ALONG. WE ARE FINDING MORE AND MORE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS REALLY DO WANT TO TACKLE AND ADOPT THE TOOLS THAT THEY NEED TO CREATE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THERE ARE A LOT OF TOOLS OUT THERE THAT ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE. YES, WE NEED INCLUSIONARY ZONING, MORE RESOURCES FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

WE ALSO NEED TO RECOGNIZE IS THERE ARE A LOT OF TOOLS THAT LOCAL JURISDICTION CAN PUT IN PLACE RIGHT NOW. THERE'S NO REASON TO WAIT. THE ACTION NEEDS TO START HAPPENING AND QUICKLY. WE'RE FINDING A NUMBER OF JURISDICTION DOS WANT TO ENGAGE IN THAT WORK. SO WE ARE WORKING TO HELP LAUNCH EFFORTS THAT WILL GIVE THEM THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO DO THAT WORK. WE'RE ALSO LAUNCHING EFFORTS TO THINK, HOW CAN WE FOCUS ON A REGIONAL STRATEGY TOGETHER. HOW CAN WE IDENTIFY NEW RESOURCES, REGIONAL RESOURCES, I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE A HUGE FOCUS OF WHAT WE DO MOVING FORWARD. WE ARE SEEING SOME SUBSTANTIVE WORK MOVING FORWARD AT THIS TIME. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE SOME CET FUNDING AND CHANGE THE CRITERIA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX FUNDING THAT WE DO COLLECT TO, INCLUDE CRITERIA FOR SOCIAL EQUITY PROJECTS. AND SO THAT HAS OPENED THE DOOR FOR US TO BE ABLE TO DO SOME THINGS WITH PORTLAND COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT INITIATIVES AND ALSO WITH THE COUNTY AROUND HOMELESS SHELTER SIGHTING. WE WERE HAPPY TO FUND A PROJECT FOR THAT IN THIS LAST ROUND.

Mr. Chase: WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MODIFY OUR TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT, THAT PROGRAM SIGNIFICANTLY, TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE DAYS WHEN WE NEED TO DO REALLY FOCUS ON PROJECTS IN OUR URBAN CORRIDORS THAT WERE DENSE, AND BUILDING SOME OF THAT DENSITY, STILL IMPORTANT IN MANY PARTS OF THE REGION. OTHER PARTS OF THAT REGION IT'S HAPPENING ON ITS OWN. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE FUNDS ARE TIED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND REALLY MAKE A DEEPER CONNECTION TO AFFORDABILITY. WE'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK TO DO THAT. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ALLOCATE GENERAL FUNDS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. LAST WEEK WE HAD A SESSION WITH UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT FOR OUR METRO COUNCIL TO OUTLINE HOW WE CAN USE MORE CET FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING MOVING FORWARD. THOSE ARE SOME OF THE POSITIVE THINGS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD ON. I'M GOING TURN IT OVER NO NOW TO EMILY WHO WILL GIVE YOU A LITTLE MORE SENSE OF WHERE WE'RE HEADED.

Vice-Chair Smith: I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. WHAT'S CET FUNDING?

Mr. Chase: CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX. ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION PAYS I THINK.12% OF THEIR PROJECT BUDGET TO THIS FUND. AND THEN THAT FUND HAS REQUIREMENTS THAT IT HAS TO BE USED FOR PLANNING BUT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SORT OF SAY, OKAY, LET'S USE IT FOR PLANNING SOCIAL EQUITY AND HOUSING PROJECTS, SHELTERS.

Commissioner McKeel: AND THAT MONEY GOES TO THE METRO FUND?

Mr. Chase: IT GOES TO METRO AND THEN IT GOES THROUGH METRO IS REALLY THE BETTER, TO YOU AND TO OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU.

Ms. Lieb: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME. I'VE BEEN WITH METRO FOR A YEAR NOW, AND REALLY GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH THIS PROGRAM AND THIS WORK AS THE RESULT OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT THAT COUNSELOR CHASE CHAMPIONED. GETTING STARTED LAST YEAR I WAS CHARGED WITH BUILDING SHARING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES. THE FULL RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT MORE IMPLEMENTATION FOCUSED WORK AROUND HOUSING. AND THEN UNDERSTANDING HOW METRO COULD SUPPORT THAT WORK. SO I LED A RESEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT PROCESS LAST YEAR THAT CULMINATED IN AN EQUITABLE HOUSING LEADERSHIP SUMMIT TWO WEEKS AGO. SOME OF YOU WERE THERE, THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE. I'LL GIVE A SHORTER VERSION OF THAT PRESENTATION. THOSE FINDINGS ARE SUMMARIZED IN A REPORT AND I'M GOING LEAVE COPIES OF THE REPORT FOR ALL OF YOU. TO START WITH, THE WORD EQUITABLE HOUSING AND HOW WE'RE DEFINING THAT, WE'VE BEEN USING A WORKING DEFINITION THAT HAS EXPANDED OVER TIME.

Ms. Lieb: THE GOAL IS REALLY TO BE FRAMING THIS CONVERSATION AS BROADLY AS WE COULD. SO WE'VE BEEN DEFINING EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DIVERSE QUALITY PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITH ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES, AMENITIES AND SERVICES. AND THE EMPHASIS IS REALLY ON ACCESS AND LOCATION, AND REALLY THINKING STRATEGICALLY ABOUT WHERE WE'RE LOCATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY IN GENERAL WITH RELATION TO JOBS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND TRANSIT SERVICE. SO I'M GOING START BY SHARING SOME FINDINGS FROM OUR RESEARCH. WE HAVE A QUANTITATIVE SIDE OF THAT BUT I WANTED TO START WITH SOME WORK OUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM DID LAST YEAR. WE HAVE A NEW SERIES CALLED THE SNAPSHOT SERIES, A QUARTERLY INSTALLMENT WHERE WE'RE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT ISSUES LIKE JOBS AND THE ECONOMY.

IN THE FALL THEY TOOK A LOOK AT HOUSING. I PULLED TOGETHER SOME GREAT DATA POINTS BUT ALSO DID SOME INTERVIEWS WITH RESIDENTS AROUND THE REGION GATHERING STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE'S HOUSING EXPERIENCES AND THERE'S A LOT MORE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE, WHICH IS UP ON THE BOARD. BUT JUST REALLY GOOD STORIES OF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE REGION, TRYING TO FIND RENTAL HOUSING TO PURCHASING THAT FIRST HOME THROUGH PCRI, THE WOMAN IN THE UPPER LEFT, VICTORIA, TO SYLVIA IN THE MIDDLE IS A RENTER IN BEAVERTON WHO IS ABLE TO WALK TO THE MAX AND RUNS A HOME CLEANING SERVICE AND IS ABLE TO TRAVEL ALL OVER THE REGION FROM HER HOME. SO REALLY GREAT STORIES THAT KIND OF HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE TRADE-OFFS AND THAT HAPPEN WHEN PEOPLE ARE CHOOSING BETWEEN THE NEIGHBORHOODS THEY WANT TO LIVE IN, WHAT THEY CAN AFFORD AND ALL OF THOSE CONSTRAINTS THAT PEOPLE ARE DEALING WITH IN SEARCHING FOR HOUSING.

WE ALSO HAVE A LINKS ON THERE FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THEIR HOUSING STORY TO ADD THEIR HOUSING STORY. I KNOW WE'D LOVE TO GATHER MORE STORIES. SO I'M GOING SHARE JUST A FEW DATA POINTS FROM SOME WORK OUR RESEARCH CENTER DID IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JOHNSON ECONOMICS. THIS ONE IS LOOKING AT INCREASE IN RENTS AND HOME PRICES IN RELATION TO RENTER AND HOMEOWNER INCOMES. AND SO THE BLUELINES ON THE TOP, YOU CAN AS YOU THE INCREASE IN RENTS FROM 2006 TO 2015, AROUND 63% COMPARED TO RENTER INCOMES WHICH INCREASE BAD 39%. BELOW THAT IN RED ARE HOMEOWNER INCOMES AND PRICES. AND SO WHAT'S INTERESTING THAT IS WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SEVEN-COUNTY REGION AS A WHOLE, WE CAN SEE THAT EVEN AT THE REGIONAL SCALE RENTAL AFFORDABILITY IS AN ISSUE EVERYWHERE. OUR INCOMES JUST AREN'T KEEPING PACE WITH THE INCREASE IN RENTS. AT THE OWNERSHIP SCALE, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE REGIONAL SCALE, THAT'S NOT QUITE THE SAME STORY. YEAH, WE STILL HAVE A RELATIVELY AFFORDABLE

STOCK OF FOR SALE HOMES. THE CHALLENGE IS THAT THEY ARE NOT ALL LOCATED IN THE PARTS OF REGION WITH THE HIGHEST DEMAND. THAT PROBABLY WOULD NOT LOOK THE SAME IF YOU WERE LOOKING JUST AT PORTLAND. THIS CHART IS SHOWING, ON THE LEFT A BREAKDOWN OF RENTAL HOUSING BY INCOME LEVEL. WE OFTEN TALK ABOUT PERCENTAGE OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME. THIS IS BREAKING HOUSEHOLDS DOWN BY AREA MEDIAN INCOME. WE HAVE ABOUT 185,000 HOUSEHOLDS. THIS IS FOUR COUNTY REGIONS. CLARK COUNTY INCLUDED. WE HAVE ABOUT 185,000 HOUSEHOLDS MAKING LESS THAN 60% OF MEDIAN INCOME.

Ms. Lieb: ON THE RIGHT WE HAVE BROKEN DOWN HOUSING UNITS BASED ON AFFORDABILITY LEVEL. THE LIGHT BLUE IS REGULATED OR INCOME RESTRICTED HOUSING THAT IS REGULATED TO BE AFFORDABLE FOR HOUSEHOLDS MAKING LESS THAN 60% OF MEDIAN INCOME. METRO DOES THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY OF REGULATED HOUSING IN THE REGION. WE HAVE ABOUT 30,000 UNITS OF HOUSING IN THAT CATEGORY. THE DARKER BLUE IS MARKET RATE HOUSING THAT FOR REASONS OF LOCATION OR AGE HAVE FILTERED DOWN OVER TIME, IS NATURALLY AFFORDABLE. THAT'S BASED ON THE STANDARD DEFINITION THAT A HOUSEHOLD CAN AFFORD TO SPENT 30% OF THEIR INCOME ON HOUSING. AND WE HAVE ABOUT 72,000 UNITS OF HOUSING IN THAT CATEGORY. BASED ON THESE NUMBERS WE WOULD ESTIMATE ABOUT 80,000 UNIT SHORTAGE, MORE THAN 80,000-UNIT SHORTAGE OF HOUSING AFFORDABLE TO HOUSEHOLDS MAKING 60% LESS THAN MEDIAN INCOME. SO FAR AS WE'VE SEEN ACROSS THE COUNTRY THERE'S NO CITY THAT'S BEEN ABLE TO BUILD ENOUGH SUBSIDIZED INCOME RESTRICTED HOUSING TO FULLY MEET THE NEEDS SO WE ALSO NEED TO BE THINKING ABOUT THE MARKET.

Vice-Chair Smith: CAN WE GO BACK TO THAT? THERE WAS A REGULATED 60 TO 80% SLICE -- COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT PIECE OF PIE?

Ms. Lieb: THERE'S A SMALLER CATEGORY OF HOUSING FOR RESIDENT MAKING LESS THAN 80% OF MEDIAN INCOME. I THINK MOST OF THAT IS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND. THERE ARE ABOUT 5,000 SUBSIDIZED UNITS RESTRICTED AT THE 80%.

Vice-Chair Smith: WOULD THESE FOLKS THEORETICALLY BE CALLED THE WORKING POOR?

Ms. Lieb: SOME PEOPLE WOULD CALL THAT WORKFORCE HOUSING. THERE'S NO STANDARD DEFINITION OF WORKFORCE HOUSING. IT'S DEFINED DIFFERENTLY.

Vice-Chair Smith: NOT DEFINED BY THE PERCENTILE?

Ms. Lieb: SOME PEOPLE WOULD DEFINE IT BY UNDER 80% MFI. OTHERS MIGHT SAY 60 TO 100 OR 80 TO 120. THERE'S NO STANDARD DEFINITION OF WORKFORCE HOUSING.

Chair Kafoury: IT DEPENDS ON WHAT TYPE OF WORK YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. WE KNOW IF YOU'RE A SINGLE MOTHER WORKING MINIMUM WAGE YOU'RE AT 30%. I WOULD CONSIDER WORKFORCE HOUSING 30% MFI BECAUSE IF WE LOOK AT OUR CHART OF 0-60%, 185,000 RENTER HOUSEHOLDS IN OUR FOUR-COUNTY AREA ARE IN THAT. WE KNOW THOSE PEOPLE; A LOT OF THEM. MOST OF THEM. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM ARE WORKING.

Ms. Lieb: A LOT OF PEOPLE STEERED AWAY FROM CALLING IT WORKFORCE HOUSING. WE SHARED WITH YOU A HANDOUT, WE HAVE AN INFO GRAPHIC WHERE WE'VE LOOKED AT AVERAGE INCOME LEVELS FOR A RANGE OF DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS. WE REALLY WANT TO TRY TO CONNECT WHAT THESE NUMBERS MEAN FOR ACTUAL PEOPLE. YOU CAN SEE RANGING FROM A SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME TO TWO PEOPLE WORKING FULL TIME AT MINIMUM WAGE, TO WHERE FALL ON THE INCOME SPECTRUM.

Commissioner Shiprack: IT'S A RARE EVENT FOR ME THAT WORKFORCE HOUSING, AS A TERM, DOESN'T MAKE ME LEVITATE SLIGHTLY. IT'S JUST KIND OF THIS PHENOMENA. AND THAT IS THAT WHEN I CAME IN TO AN INTEREST IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THERE WAS AN ISSUE BROUGHT TO THE LEGISLATURE IN THE 80s ABOUT FARM WORKER HOUSING. AND WE LOOKED AT THE ISSUE KIND OF UP ONE SIDE AND DOWN THE OTHER. AND WHAT WE SAW WAS A STOCK OF HOUSING THAT WAS SUBSTANDARD AND UNSAFE AND UNSANITARY THAT WAS BEING SUBSIDIZED AND WE WERE ASKED TO SUBSIDIZE IT AT AN INCREASING LEVEL, WHICH HAVING EXAMINED IT, IT OCCURRED TO US THERE A WE WERE SUBSIDIZING AN INDUSTRY THAT'S NOT WILLING TO PAY ITS WORKERS ANYTHING. THAT WAS MY INTRODUCTION WORKFORCE HOUSING.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE NOT MOVED THE DIAL ON SUGGESTING TO THE PRIVATE COMMUNITY THAT CREATES JOBS, AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE UNEMPLOYMENT BASE, THAT WE HAVEN'T SUCCEEDED SOMEHOW IN CONVINCING THEM OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. AND ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY ARE THE MOST CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT AND HOW GOVERNMENT BEHAVES, AND THEY WOULD JUMP TO CRITICIZE US FOR CONSIDERING SUBSIDIES FOR HOUSING, AS IF PEOPLE SHOULD, AS CHAIR KAFOURY SAYS, GET A JOB. THE PEOPLE ALREADY HAVE GOTTEN A JOB. THEY ARE WORKING AT A SUBSTANDARD WAGE THAT CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE COST OF HOUSING. THAT'S REALLY WHAT THIS DEMONSTRATES. MY CONCERN THAT IS WHEN WE CHASE THAT -- EXCUSE ME, SAM, I DIDN'T MEAN THAT TO BE A PUN -- [LAUGHTER] THERE'S NO END IN SIGHT TO THE DYNAMIC OF PURSUING SOMETHING WE REFER TO AS WORKFORCE HOUSING AS A BENEFIT. IT ONLY REWARDS BAD BEHAVIOR.

Mr. Chase: THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS. I THINK THAT WE HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES THAT NEED TO BE OUT THERE AND THE LIVING WAGES THAT NEED TO BE OUT THERE. WE'RE KIND OF CREATING THIS SAFETY NET SITUATION. NOW, WHEN FOLKS TALK ABOUT WHO'S GETTING THE MOST HOUSING SUBSIDY, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT IT IS NOT THE LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S NOT EVEN CLOSE. HOMEOWNERS GET A MORTGAGE DEDUCTION THAT MAKES THE SUBSIDIES PALE IN COMPARISON. WE HAVE AN INEQUITABLE WAY OF SUBSIDIZING HOUSING AND WE'RE PARTIALLY IN A VERY SMALL WAY HELPING BALANCE THAT SHIFT.

Commissioner Shiprack: AND I'M NOT SAYING I DON'T APPRECIATE YOUR WORK, IT'S JUST THAT TERMINOLOGY. I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING UP THE MORTGAGE TAX DEDUCTION. IN THE STATE OF OREGON WE TIE OUR STATE TAX TO THE FEDERAL TAX RETURN. AND THERE'S SUGGESTED WITHIN THAT LASH-UP POTENTIAL SOURCE OF EQUALIZING HOUSING BENEFITS ACROSS INCOME LEVELS WITHIN OREGON. I'M SURE THERE'S MORE ON THIS LATER.

Chair Kafoury: I REALLY LIKE THESE CHARTS. ONE INTERESTING THING TO POINT OUT THAT IS BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY HOUSING IN THE 0-60 RANGE FOR ABOUT HALF THE HOUSEHOLDS WHO ARE EARNING THAT MUCH, THAT THOSE FOLKS ARE PAYING AN EXORBITANT RATE, PERCENTAGE OF THEIR INCOME TOWARDS HOUSING BECAUSE THEY ARE IN HOUSING THAT'S AFFORDABLE AT A 60-100%. THAT MEANS THEIR DOLLARS PAYING TOWARDS HOUSING THEY AREN'T PAYING TOWARDS GOODS AND SERVICES THAT KEEP OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GOING, AS WELL PAYING FOR FOOD AND PAYING FOR KIDS TO PLAY SPORTS AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. BUT IT'S JUST SUCH A DRAMATIC SHIFT RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF US, I APPRECIATE THAT GRAPH.

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR KAFOURY, I'M GOING JUMP IN ON THE TERMS WE USE, AS WELL. I'M ANXIOUS TO SEE YOUR PIECE WHERE YOU BREAK IT OUT AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR HOUSING. WHEN WE USE THE WORD AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THAT'S SUCH A BIG TERM. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE REALLY UNDERSTAND EXACTLY IN THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN. SAME WITH WORK NORSE HOUSING. THAT'S PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING. I APPRECIATE THE SORT OF DRILLING DOWN ON THOSE TERMS BECAUSE THEY ARE SO BROAD I DON'T THINK THERE'S A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THAT REALLY MEANS TO PEOPLE.

Ms. Lieb: THANK YOU. YEAH, AND I THINK THAT'S PART OF WHY WE CHOSE TO CALL THIS EQUITABLE HOUSING. WE REALLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT ALL OF THE ABOVE. THIS MAP IS SHOWING RENT INCREASES BETWEEN 2011 AND 2015, AND YOU CAN SEE HOW THOSE ARE SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE REGION.

RENTS ARE INCREASING EVERYWHERE ACROSS THE REGION AND YOU SEE THE MOST DRAMATIC INCREASES IN PORTLAND, PARTICULARLY IN NORTH PORTLAND WHERE RENTS INCREASED 71% DURING THAT TIME PERIOD.

Mr. Chase: I'D LIKE TO JUMP IN ONCE HERE. NORTH PORTLAND IS IN MY DISTRICT. I'VE REFLECTED A LOT ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE. I JUST WANT TO REMEMBER AND REMIND US HOW HARD WORK PAYS OFF. ONE OF MY GREAT MENTORS IN LIFE, GRETCHEN KAFOURY, I REMEMBER WORKING WITH HER AND FOR HER IN THE 90s. I REMEMBER GETTING A TREMENDOUS NUMBER OF CALLS AND UPDATE NEIGHBORHOODS AND PEOPLE, YELLING AT US ON THE PHONE, WHY ARE YOU COMING IN AND PUTTING MORE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING INTO THIS AREA. YOU'RE CONCENTRATING POVERTY, YOU'RE GOING RUIN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. AND GRETCHEN STOOD STRONG, CONTINUED TO ADVOCATE AND PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I THINK NOW TODAY, IN MY DISTRICT, 17% OF THE POPULATION, WE HAVE 40% OF THE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING. THE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IS NOT A PROBLEM, IT'S PART OF THE SOLUTION. THINK ABOUT WHAT THESE NUMBERS WOULD BE LIKE IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT HOUSING. I THINK IT'S A GOOD PLACE TO REFLECT ON THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING TODAY REALLY WILL I THINK PAY OFF DOWN THE LINE.

Ms. Lieb: I HAVE A FEW MAPS THAT TRANSLATE THAT INTO SOME OF THOSE AVERAGE SALARIES IN THE INFO GRAPHIC. ONE IS A PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER, WHO MAKES ON AVERAGE ABOUT \$32,000, AND THEN THE COMBINED INCOME OF TWO FULL TIME MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS WHICH IS ABOUT \$38,000. SO, BASED ON THE PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER'S SALARY, IF YOU TAKE THAT 30% DEFINITION, YOU CAN AFFORD \$800 IN RENT. LET'S SAY IT WAS A 3 PERSON HOUSEHOLD OR THEY NEED A 2 BEDROOM UNIT, THIS IS LOOKING AT 2 BEDROOM UNITS AT RENT FOR LESS THAN \$800 A MONTH ACROSS THE REGION. AND SO, YOU CAN SEE IN PORTLAND, IT RANGES FROM 1-5% OF UNITS. IN OTHER REGIONS IT'S AS HIGH AS 10%, BUT OVERALL, LESS THAN 6% OF RENTAL UNITS ARE AFFORDABLE.

THIS ONE LOOKS AT WHERE A HOUSEHOLD MAKING MEDIAN INCOME CAN AFFORD TO BUY A HOME. IF WE TAKE THE AVERAGE SALARY OF A POLICE OFFICER, \$66,000, THAT'S MEDIAN INCOME FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF THREE. A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER IS \$60,000, SO NOT FAR BELOW THAT, SO IN THEORY, THAT HOUSEHOLD COULD AFFORD TO PURCHASE A HOME PRICED AROUND \$290, OR THE MORTGAGE PAYMENTS OF A HOME AT \$290,000, SO THIS IS SHOWING WE HAVE A FAIR AMOUNT OF FOR SALE HOMES THAT ARE AT LEAST, IN THEORY, AFFORDABLE TO A HOUSEHOLD MAKING AN AVERAGE INCOME OF FEWER, WHEN YOU LOOK AT CENTRAL AREAS OF PORTLAND. SO, I THINK THIS REALLY SPEAKS TO THE NEED TO INVEST IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES, AND CREATE THE KIND OF, THE KINDS OF WALKABLE, COMPLETE COMMUNITIES THAT WE KNOW PEOPLE ARE SEARCHING FOR WHEN THEY MOVE HERE. AND SO, I AM GOING TO JUST BRIEFLY INTRODUCE

THE FRAMEWORK THAT WE CAME UP WITH. WE HAD A WORK GROUP THAT MET SIX TIMES. TO REVIEW THE RESEARCH, I JUST SHARED, AS WELL AS A SERIES OR A STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT METHOD THAT WE HAD LAST YEAR, AND WE WORK WITH THEM TO FACILITATE A SERIES OF ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ACROSS THE REGION AS WELL AS A SURVEY, AND A FOCUS GROUP WITH PRIVATE DEVELOPERS. WE HAD 160 PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THOSE.

Ms. Lieb: THE ANALYSIS I JUST SHARED AND THE WORK GROUP AND THE GOAL WAS REALLY TO BUILD A SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES, AND WE HAVE TRIED TO DOCUMENT THAT, IN THE FULL REPORT THAT I WILL LEAVE A COPY WITH EACH OF YOU. BUT, WE REALLY WANTED TO SIMPLIFY IT INTO A FRAMEWORK THAT WOULD ENCOMPASS THE FULL RANGE OF IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES AROUND HOUSING, AND SO, THIS IS THE FOURTH STRATEGY FRAMEWORK THAT WE CAME UP WITH. THE FIRST ONE IS INCREASE IN DIVERSE, AND DIVERSIFY MARKET RATE HOUSING BY ELIMINATING THE REGULATORY BARRIERS AND CREATING INCENTIVES FOR DIVERSE HOUSING, SO WE KNOW THAT ADDING, OR LOOKING AT PLACES LIKE SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE THEY REALLY HAVE LIMITED THE AMOUNT OF NEW MARKET RATE SUPPLY COMING ON, THAT DOES HAVE AN EFFECT ON AFFORDABILITY, SO WE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT MARKET RATE SUPPLY AND THE DIVERSITY OF THAT SUPPLY, SO LOOKING AT SMALLER, FORM HOUSING, LIKE TOWNHOMES, AND DUPLEXES, SOME PEOPLE CALL THAT MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING. THINGS LIKE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS THAT CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE WE SEE REALLY HIGH DEMAND AND REALLY LOW VACANCY RATES TO JUST ADD TO THE OVERALL SUPPLY AND ELIMINATE SOME OF THE PRICE PRESSURE.

SO THAT'S THE FIRST STRATEGY, AND THE SECOND STRATEGY IS LEVERAGE GROWTH FOR AFFORDABILITY. AND IN ONE IS REALLY ABOUT TRYING TO RECAPTURE SOME OF THE VALUE THAT WE HAVE CREATED IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT HAS INVITED INVESTMENT, NOT ONLY LOCALLY BUT ALSO, WE HAVE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS NOW, CAPITALIZING ON THE VALUE THAT WE HAVE CREATED HERE. SO, WE LOOKED AT A LOT OF DIFFERENT TOOLS TO ENCOURAGE OR TO REQUIRE PRIVATE DEVELOPERS CONTRIBUTE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SO THAT WOULD INCLUDE MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY INCLUSIONARY ZONING, OR A NUMBER OF OTHER STRATEGIES TO LEVERAGE TAXES OR FEES, BASED ON THE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT. THE THIRD STRATEGY IS MAXIMIZE AND OPTIMIZE RESOURCES, AND THAT'S FOCUSED ON REALLY COORDINATING OUR RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES TO EXPAND THE SUPPLY OF INCOME RESTRICTED HOUSING.

AND THEN THE FOURTH STRATEGY IS MITIGATE THE DISPLACEMENT AND STABILIZE COMMUNITIES, AND THIS ONE IS REALLY, OVERLAPS WITH ALL THE OTHER STRATEGIES, BUT IS ABOUT COMMUNITY DRIVEN STRATEGIES TO

PREVENT THE DISPLACEMENT, PROMOTE SELF, SAFE AND HEALTHY HOUSING CHOICES, SO GOOD PRACTICES IN OUR PRIVATE RENTAL MARKET, AS WELL AS SUBSIDIZED HOUSING, AND THEN CREATING AND MAINTAINING ECONOMIC AND RACIAL AND AGE DIVERSITY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. LOOKING AT LAND-MAKING AND TRUSTS TO DO THAT, SO THAT'S REALLY A QUICK VERSION. I HAVE SOME BEST PRACTICE SLIDES BUT I WAS NOT PLANNING TO GO THROUGH THEM TODAY. BUT, WE HAVE A LOT MORE LOCAL BEST PRACTICES AND NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES IN THE REPORT.

Chair Kafoury: I HAVE A QUESTION, ON A PREVIOUS SLIDE WHEN YOU WERE LOOKING AT THE INCOME LEVELS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE SAW THAT THERE ARE MANY, MANY MORE HOMES, AND APARTMENTS AVAILABLE, MUCH MORE HOUSING AVAILABLE IN THE 100%, MFI, AND WHY IS YOUR NUMBER ONE STRATEGY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MARKET RATE HOUSING, WHEN WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE MORE MARKET RATE HOUSING THAN WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO CAN AFFORD IT?

Mr. Chase: I WILL JUMP IN ON THIS ONE. OUR STRATEGY INCLUDES BUILDING OUT THE SUPPLY. THAT IS, I THINK, IS IMPORTANTLY TIED INTO OUR WHOLE STRATEGY AROUND HAVING AN URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY, AND CREATING A QUALITY OF LIFE AROUND THE REGION THAT, IN A COMPACT CITY MEETS A LARGE NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS, AND OTHER GOALS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE. THE MARKET PART IS, WHERE I LOOK AT SAN FRANCISCO, AND WE BROUGHT A SPEAKER UP FROM SAN FRANCISCO, AND REALLY SPENT TIME UNDERSTANDING THAT MODEL. THAT IS A PLACE WHERE THEY SAID, THIS IS CHANGING TOO QUICK, AND WE NEED TO STOP HOUSING FROM DEVELOPING IN OUR REGION, AND SO, LET'S JUST PUT A MORATORIUM, ESSENTIALLY, ON DEVELOPMENT, AND THEN, IT WENT FROM MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO AFFORD TO LIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO, TO VERY WEALTHY PEOPLE, AND TO NOW, YOU HAVE TO BE A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE TO LIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO. YOU HAVE TO FOCUS ON THE SUPPLY SIDE. YOU HAVE TO HAVE ENOUGH UNITS FOR PEOPLE TO MOVE INTO, TO HELP RELIEVE SOME OF THE PRESSURES ON THE AFFORDABILITY.

Chair Kafoury: I GET THAT, BUT I THINK THAT, SO HAVING THE NUMBER ONE STRATEGY, IN MY OPINION, SHOULD BE WHAT YOU HAVE AS YOUR NUMBER TWO, WHICH IS FOCUS ON BUILDING HOUSING, FOR PEOPLE WHO, ACTUALLY, ARE LIVING HERE TODAY, SO THAT THEY CAN AFFORD, INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO BUILD. IT WILL HAPPEN EVEN IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE WE ARE THE HOTTEST MARKET IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. IT SEEMS PUTTING THE OTHER SLIDE WHERE IT HAD THE STRATEGIES, IT SEEMED LIKE IN CURRENT TIMES REALLY THE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON BUILDING HOUSING THAT MATCHES THE JOB MARKET HERE, WHICH IS SO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE RIGHT NOW CAN AFFORD. WE KNOW THAT SO MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE ARE JUST STRETCHED, AND ARE PAYING THREE-YEAR GRAPHS IN THE

RESEARCH, PAYING MUCH MORE OF THEIR MONTHLY SALARIES, TOWARDS HOUSING THAN THEY SHOULD.

Mr. Chase: THAT'S AN EXCELLENT POINT, I THINK WE SHOULD, ACTUALLY, PICK THE NUMBERS OFF OF THIS AND HAVE IT BE A FOUR-PART STRATEGY.

Ms. Lieb: IT WAS NOT INTENDED TO BE PRIORITIZED.

Mr. Chase: BUT I THINK, ALSO, WHAT IS BEING SORT OF, YOU ARE GOING TO GRAVITATE TO THE CERTAIN, EVEN IF YOU TAKE THE NUMBERS OUT, SO I THINK THAT THAT'S HELPFUL. THAT'S NOT THE NUMBER ONE STRATEGY, AND THEN THE NEXT IS NUMBER TWO, BUT I THINK THAT THE WAY --

Chair Kafoury: IT'S FOUR LEAVES OF A CLOVER?

Mr. Chase: YES. [LAUGHTER]

Commissioner Shiprack: JUST A COMMENT. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION, AND I AM SO HAPPY TO HAVE IT, AND I THINK THAT WE OUGHT TO MAKE SURE THAT, WE PUT ON THE TABLE ALL OF THE DYNAMICS THAT ARE DRIVING THE CONVERSATION. I ALWAYS FIND IT INTERESTING WHEN I TALK TO THESE SMART PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT IN GOVERNMENT, AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM, AND THEY WANT ME TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT MARKETS AND HOW THE MARKET WORKS. AND I GO BACK AND LOOK AT YOUR GRAPH OF HOW MANY DEMAND THERE IS FOR PEOPLE WONDER 60% OF MEDIAN FOR HOUSING, AND HOW LITTLE SUPPLY, AND IT JUST SUGGESTS TO ME THAT THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT THIS MARKET MODEL THAT DOES NOT WORK, AND ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THEN, THE ADVOCATES FOR THE MARKET MODEL LOVE TO SAY, THEY CAN PROVIDE US WITH ALL THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WE WANT. ALL WE NEED TO DO IS KNOCK DOWN THIS CRAZY CONSTRUCTION THAT IS KEEPING THE MARKET FROM WORKING EFFICIENTLY WHICH IS THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES, AND I JUST HAVE BEEN IN THE MIDDLE OF ENOUGH DISCUSSIONS TO KIND OF FEEL LIKE, YOU DON'T GET TO PICK AND CHOOSE FROM YOUR SERIES, WHICH ONES WORK FOR WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU WANT.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A REAL CONVERSATION, YOU HAVE TO ESTABLISH SOME UNDERSTANDINGS THAT ARE GOING TO GUIDE YOU TO A SOLUTION THAT YOU CAN AGREE IS IMPORTANT. SO, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S HELPFUL TO SEE THIS IN A STEADIED WAY AND TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT IT. I THINK THAT A SERVICE INTENSIVE GOVERNMENT LIKE MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHERE WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO EARN LESS THAN 60% OF THE MEDIAN INCOME WHO REQUIRE OTHER KINDS OF SUPPORTS IN ORDER TO GAIN STABILITY, IN WHATEVER HOUSING STOCK THAT WE CAN PROVIDE, IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CONVERSATION, AND SO HAVING THIS KIND OF MIND MELD BETWEEN THE

PEOPLE WHO BUILD AND RENT HOUSING, AND THE PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE THE SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE HOUSING, IS AN IMPORTANT AREA THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE.

Vice-Chair Smith: I WANT TO ADD ONTO THIS, I'VE BEEN PRIVY TO THE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE HAVE HAD AT IMPACT, AND ALSO, LIKE THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, I DON'T KNOW WHO IS GOING TO THESE MARKET RATE HOUSING PLACES. WHO ARE THESE FOLKS? WHAT JOBS DO THEY HAVE? THEY ARE DOUBLING IN, AND TRIPLING UP, AND THE DATA SAYS THAT FROM THE SURVEY, THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE MORE OF A DEMAND FOR MULTI-FAMILY. FOR FAMILIES IN THE NEXT YEARS. IT MADE ME CRINGE. YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT FAMILIES WOULD NOT WANT TO LIVE IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME? SO, I THINK THAT THERE IS ALL THIS DATA THAT'S OUT THERE, AND IT REALLY WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH ALL OF US; WITH METRO, CITY OF PORTLAND, COMMISSIONERS, SO THAT WE CAN REALLY KIND OF LOOK UP ON THERE AND MAP THIS OUT BECAUSE I AM LIKE THE CHAIR, IF WE HAVE A NEED FOR A DIFFERENT TYPE OF HOUSING, AND WE ARE FOCUSING ON MARKET RATE, IT'S BECAUSE DEVELOPERS, THEY ARE MAKING MONEY OFF OF IT. THEY CANNOT MAKE ANY MONEY OFF OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PIECE, SO THEY ARE GOING TO THE LOW HANGING FRUIT. AND SO, I THINK THAT WE, AS POLICY-MAKERS, WE CAN CORRECT THAT BY PUTTING INTO PLACE SOME POLICIES THAT WILL KIND OF EQUAL IT OUT. I DON'T THINK IT'S EITHER OR. I AGREE, I THINK WE NEED TO BE ON THE PARALLEL TRACK AT THE SAME TIME DOING MARKET RATE, AND DOING THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PIECE, OR EQUITABLE HOUSING, SO I THINK THAT EVERYONE WILL WELCOME THAT CONVERSATION.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, I WANT TO GO BACK TO YOUR MAP, TOO, BECAUSE YOUR MAP REPRESENTS THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY, CORRECT? WOULD THAT BE CORRECT?

Mr. Chase: IT'S BEYOND THAT. THERE IS THE CLARK COUNTY IN THERE, AS WELL.

Commissioner McKeel: RIGHT, RIGHT. OK. I AM JUST SAYING, THERE IS A PIECE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY MISSING. A LARGE PIECE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SO I AM GUESSING THIS IS THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY.

Ms. Lieb: YES.

Commissioner McKeel: METRO, YES.

Ms. Lieb: YES.

Commissioner McKeel: YES. METRO'S URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY. THANK YOU. JUST CLARIFYING.

Ms. Lieb: AND WE JUST HAD SOME NEXT STEPS TO SHARE, SO I AM COMBING THROUGH AND WE HAVE LOTS OF NOTES AND CARDS FROM THE SUMMIT, AND WE'LL BE REPORTING BACK ON WHAT WE HEARD THERE. IN TERMS OF THE NEXT STEPS, WE ARE WORKING ON DEVELOPING AND LAUNCHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION, AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THAT? WE SHOULD HAVE COMMUNICATION COMING OUT SOON.

Mr. Chase: WELL, I THINK THAT PART OF THE EFFORT IS THAT THERE IS ONE, IS TRYING TO WORK WITH JURISDICTIONS, THE 24 OTHER JURISDICTIONS AROUND THE REGION THAT, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LOT MORE ENGAGED IN PROVIDING THE TOOLS. I COULDN'T AGREE MORE THAT THE MARKET IS NOT GOING TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT THE LEVELS THAT I THINK, I MEAN, 30% OF MEDIAN INCOME OR WHAT I CONSIDER WORKFORCE, 30 TO 50% OF MEDIAN INCOME, OR BELOW. SO THERE HAVE TO BE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES OR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS OR BONDS OR LEVIES OR OTHER STRATEGIES THAT FOLKS NEED TO PUT IN PLACE. NOW, ONLY SOME OF THOSE JURISDICTIONS ARE GOING TO WANT TO DO THAT.

OTHERS ARE MOST LIKELY ONLY GOING TO ENGAGE IF THERE IS ANOTHER REGIONAL FUNDING SOURCE OR ANOTHER STRATEGY THAT BRINGS THE WHOLE REGION ON AND PROVIDES RESOURCES TO DO THAT, AND I THINK THAT WE NEED A COMBINATION OF THOSE THINGS. WE ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDING RESOURCES TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, ON ONE TRACK, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE PROVIDING RESOURCES TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, PRIORITIZING THE ONES THAT ARE GOING AT DEEPER AFFORDABILITY LEVELS, IS WHERE I WANT TO SEE US GO. WE HAVE STILL TO NEGOTIATE A LITTLE SOME OF THAT. BUT, THE JURISDICTIONS THAT WANT TO GO THE DEEPEST ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING ARE THE ONES THAT I WILL BE LOOKING WITH THE FUNDING STRATEGIES, AND TO PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE TO HELP THEM TO MAKE THOSE CODE CHANGES, AND ACTUALLY, IMPLEMENT THOSE POLICY SOLUTIONS. AND THERE IS ALSO ACTUAL PROJECT PLANNING FOR THE SPECIFIC AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

Ms. Lieb: WE'RE HOPING TO ROLL THAT PROGRAM OUT THIS SUMMER AND WILL HAVE MORE COMMUNICATION COMING OUT SOON, BUT IT WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM, WHICH IS FUNDED THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX, BUT FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO EQUITABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. AND THE OTHER AREAS ARE CONTINUING TO ADVOCATE FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO ENSURE THAT LOCAL JURISDICTIONS HAVE ACCESS TO ALL OF THE TOOLS THAT THEY CAN USE TO SUPPORT EQUITABLE HOUSING, SO LOOKING AT THOSE PREEMPTIVE BANS AND OVERTURNING THEM AND TRYING TO SUPPORT OUR PARTNERS IN THE ADVOCACY COMMUNITY, AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, AROUND STATE

LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS, THE THIRD AREA IS CONTINUING TO BUILD A RESEARCH AGENDA AROUND THIS ISSUE, AND ONE OF THE IDEAS WAS THE IDEA OF A HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION, COMBINED HOUSING TRANSPORTATION COST CALCULATOR TOOL. THERE ARE A FEW TOOLS LIKE THIS OUT THERE. HUD HAS PUBLISHED ONE. CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNOLOGY HAS, BUT BEING ABLE TO LOOK ANYWHERE AND UNDERSTAND NOT ONLY WHAT IS THE COST OF HOUSING THERE, BUT WHAT IS THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION BECAUSE THAT'S HOW WE UNDERSTAND THE TRUE AFFORDABILITY, AND IF WE COULD LOOK AT CHILDCARE COSTS AND EVERYTHING ELSE, WISH WE KNOW THAT HOUSING IS JUST ONE PART OF THE PUZZLE BUT TO REALLY CONNECT OUR HOUSING STRATEGIES TO OUR TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS.

Ms. Lieb: THE FOURTH AREA, IS CONTINUING TO PLAY A CONVENING ROLE TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COORDINATION. SO, A FEW OF THE AREAS THAT CAME UP IN OUR STAKEHOLDER AND CONVERSATIONS, WERE A DISCUSSION ABOUT PUBLIC SURPLUS, PUBLICLY OWNED LAND, AND WAYS TO BETTER FACILITATE THE TRANSIT CENTER OF PUBLICLY OWNED LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO, THAT COULD BE A NEXT STEP FOR US. OTHER AREAS, ANOTHER AREA IS LOTS OF OTHER CITIES HAVE CREATED REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS THAT LAYER PUBLIC FUNDING WITH PHILANTHROPIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS TO CREATE A LARGER LOAN FUND FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO, STARTING TO LOOK DEEPER AT SOME OF THOSE STRATEGIES, AND BRING DIFFERENT PARTNERS TO THE TABLE TO SEE HOW MUCH COULD HELP TO SUPPORT THAT WORK, AND THOSE POSSIBILITIES.

Chair Kafoury: WHILE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DOESN'T HOLD ONTO LAND OR PROPERTIES MUCH, WE DID HAVE A RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS LAST POINT. COMMISSIONER SMITH'S OFFICE AND MY OFFICE WORKED TOGETHER TO CONVEY A PIECE OF PROPERTY ON NORTH WILLIAMS. A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT CAME INTO OUR HANDS, THE BUSINESS, THE NONPROFIT THAT OWNED IT, HAD FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, SO IT CAME TO US, AND INSTEAD OF SELLING IT, WE DECIDED TO OFFER IT OUT AND RIGHT NOW PEOPLE ARE BIDDING ON, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF USING THAT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN AN AREA WHICH WE KNOW IS A HOT COMMODITY. SO, WE WILL HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF DOING THIS. HOPEFULLY, SOMETHING GREAT, AND YOU CAN TAKE PICTURES AND SHOWCASE IT.

Commissioner Shiprack: SORRY, THAT PART OF THAT, ABOUT TAKING PICTURES, WE CAN ALL COME TO THE RIBBON-CUTTING. AND I THINK THAT ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT IS HIGHLIGHTED WITH THE REPORT, AND IN THIS DISCUSSION, ITSELF, IS THAT AS POLICY-MAKERS, AND REALLY POLICY LEADERS, IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE NEED TO BE CONTINUALLY VIGILANT ABOUT BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS BETWEEN AGENCIES AND JURISDICTIONS AND BETWEEN SORT OF SUBJECT MATTER, EXPERTISE, AND JUST HAVING METRO

HERE. IT'S A BIT OF A JOKE BUT I HAVE T-SHIRTS IN MY OFFICE THAT GO BACK TO A LITTLE COMMUNITY DISCUSSION AROUND GLENDOVEER.

Mr. Chase: METRO SHIRTS OR SOMETHING?

Commissioner Shiprack: I STILL HAVE A FEW THAT SAY, "SAVE GLENDOVEER. DEMOLISH METRO." [LAUGHTER] AND I WANT TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THAT IS A KIND OF A SYMPTOM OF WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU TRY TO LOOK AT YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH KIND OF ISSUE STRAWS. THROUGH THE STRAWS, THAT LOOKS LIKE A TOTALLY RATIONALE THING TO DO. THAT WAS A LARGE, FAIRLY FLAT, PIECE OF PUBLICLY OWNED LAND, AND THERE IS BIG DEMANDS FOR LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THERE IS A BIG DEMAND FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND, AND WE ALSO SEEK TO ACHIEVE BALANCE, AND METRO HAS BEEN A BIG ADVOCATE OF OPEN SPACES. SO, WHILE WE'RE SEEKING BALANCE, AND TALKING ABOUT WAVING THE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, I DO HAVE TO POINT OUT IF WE LOOK AT THE MAP, YOU SEE ONE OF THE GREAT AREAS OF DENSITY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THIS IS NOT IN THE DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF A TREMENDOUS INFLOW OF STUDENTS, MANY OF THEM, NOT A MAJORITY OF THEM, ELIGIBLE FOR FREE REDUCED LUNCH, AND VERY, VERY MUCH IN THE BELOW 60% OF THE MEDIAN INCOME.

THIS HAS IMPACTS THAT GO BEYOND HOUSING. IT HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. SO, PART OF THE DIFFICULTY, PART OF THE REASON THAT THIS HAS BEEN SUCH A STICKY PROBLEM, IS THAT WHEN WE HAVE ADDRESSED IT, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO WEAVE TOGETHER THE LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP ACROSS THE JURISDICTIONS AND ACROSS THE SUBJECT MATTER, INTERESTS TO GET THE KIND OF, JUST REALLY, BROAD-BASED, NOT JUST CONSENSUS, BUT COMPROMISE THAT WE NEED TO PUSH THIS FORWARD. SO, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE STARTING THE CONVERSATION, AND AS I SAID, I HAVE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE IN MY OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE, AND THEY ARE KIND OF SOUVENIR ITEMS, DOESN'T HAPPEN EVERY DAY.

Mr. Chase: I WILL TAKE ONE.

Commissioner Shiprack: I BELIEVE THAT YOUR EXECUTIVE HAS ONE.

Mr. Chase: YES, HE DOES.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Mr. Chase: CAN I THROW IN ONE MORE CURRENT TOPIC AROUND THAT CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX? THAT IS MOVING FORWARD IN THE LEGISLATURE. AND COULD BE, I THINK, CREATE A REALLY SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR REGION, FOR US TO CONSIDER, IN THE FUTURE,

AROUND A SIGNIFICANT NEW RESOURCE. OUR CONSTRUCTION EXCISE TAX IS .12%, AND THAT GENERATES 6 MILLION A BIENNIUM RIGHT NOW, AND YOU COULD GO UP TO 1% WITH THAT LEGISLATION CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION. IT ALLOWS CITIES AND COUNTIES TO DO THAT. IT, SPECIFICALLY, EXEMPTS METRO FROM BEING ABLE TO DO THAT, AND WHAT I WOULD SAY IS, THERE ARE SOME JURISDICTIONS THAT WOULD REALLY BENEFIT FROM THAT. THERE ARE MANY THAT WOULD NOT PURSUE THAT, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE LIMITED TO HOUSING. AND SO, IF METRO IS NOT PART OF THAT LEGISLATION, THAT TAKES AWAY OUR OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY BRING ALONG THE WHOLE REGION AND TO PROVIDE AND DO THEIR PART IN CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES, SO I THINK THAT THAT'S JUST A VERY IMPORTANT COMPONENT THAT NEEDS TO BE IN THAT LEGISLATION.

Vice-Chair Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION, IS THAT BECAUSE OF PREEMPTION OR THE LANGUAGE SAY THAT METRO WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN?

Mr. Chase: IT DOES NOT SAY METRO IS NOT, BUT IT EXEMPTS METRO FROM THE LANGUAGE. SO YOU MUST BE A CITY OR A COUNTY.

Vice-Chair Smith: IS THERE A WAY FOR YOU TO WEIGH IN RIGHT NOW?

Mr. Chase: WE ARE WEIGHING IN.

Chair Kafoury: RANDY TUCKER IS WORKING IT. [LAUGHTER]

Mr. Chase: WE'RE WEIGHING IN. THIS IS REALLY ME SPEAKING, DEVELOPING VERY QUICKLY. THIS IS ME SPEAKING. COUNCIL NEEDS TO DECIDE WHERE THEY WOULD BE ON THIS ISSUE, BUT I DO THINK THAT IT IS THE METRO COUNCIL, BUT IT IS HAPPENING SO FAST, THAT I AM WORRIED THAT THOSE MESSAGES MAY NOT GET TO THE LEGISLATURE IN TIME THAT PLEASE DON'T, DON'T HAMSTRING US FROM BEING ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A REGIONAL FUNDING STATUTE. WE'VE BEEN AFTER THIS FOR 25 YEARS.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK THAT WE HAVE REALLY GOOD EXAMPLES, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OF SUCCESS IN WORKING ACROSS OUR ENTIRE COUNTY, WITH THE HOME FOR EVERYONE, WHERE WE HAVE BROUGHT IN GRESHAM AND SOME OF THE SMALLER CITIES, AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND SO WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER, AND SPREADING THE RESOURCES ACROSS OUR COUNTY AND INSTEAD OF JUST FOCUSING IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND WHERE IT HAS BEEN TRADITIONALLY THE AREA OF FOCUS, AND YOU GUYS ARE POISED TO REALLY HELP THAT. I GET A LOT OF QUESTIONS. PEOPLE SAY, WHY DON'T YOU INCLUDE WASHINGTON AND CLACKAMAS? I WOULD LOVE TO. I DON'T HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THERE, BUT YOU ALL DO. SO HAVING YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO CONVENE ALL THE COUNTIES IN THE AREA.

Commissioner Shiprack: JUST ANOTHER COMMENT, JUST SO KIND OF SEDUCTIVE OF A CONVERSATION BECAUSE IT'S SO IMPORTANT AND A WE HAVE GONE INTO KIND OF THIS SORT OF SKYROCKETING VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY, PARTICULARLY, IN PORTLAND, I THINK THAT IT SUGGESTS AREAS THAT WE LOOKED AT IN THE PAST AND HAVEN'T MOVED ON -- ATTORNEYS, I BELIEVE, PAY INTO AN ACCOUNT, OFF OF THEIR TRUST FUND, CLIENT TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS. ACCOUNTS THAT ARE HELD IN TRUST IN ESCROW, THAT ACCRUE INTEREST. NOW INTEREST IS VERY LOW, BUT THE VALUE OF THE ACCOUNTS HAS GONE UP CONSIDERABLY. I DON'T KNOW IF WE LOOK AT INTEREST ON ESCROW ACCOUNTS, BUT WHEN YOU ARE IN A MARKET THAT'S VERY HOT, AND THE HOUSE COMES ON THE MARKET, AND IT IS SALE PENDING BEFORE YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO GO TAKE LOOK AT IT, THERE IS AN ACCOUNT HOLDING ONTO THE FUNDS THAT SECURE THAT. AND IT IS SPREAD OUT NOW, AND WE HAVE PEOPLE COMING HERE AND BANGING ON THE TABLE TO USE A JAIL AS A HOUSING RESOURCE.

I SEE PICTURES THAT ARE, AT SOME LEVEL IN THE CONVERSATION, ENTERTAINING OF REPORTERS CAMPING OUT ON THE MAYOR'S OFFICE SIDEWALK. IT'S REALLY NOT ENTERTAINING SUBJECT MATTER WHEN THE NEED FOR HOUSING HAS GOTTEN TO THAT POINT OF DESPERATION WHERE IT IS TENTS OR TARP CAMPING OR JAIL AVAILABILITY, AND SO I THINK THAT IT INVITES US TO BE REALLY RESOURCEFUL AND CREATIVE ABOUT LOOKING AT THESE RESOURCES. I DON'T KNOW WHAT REAL ESTATE AGENTS, THESE ARE PROBABLY GREAT TOPICS BUT I THINK YOU HAVE TO TAKE SOME OF THE SACROSANCT LAYERS OFF AND LOOK AT WHERE MONEY IS FLOWING IN THIS INDUSTRY, THAT IS THE HOUSING INDUSTRY. I HAVEN'T BOUGHT A HOUSE FOR OVER 23 YEARS. SO, 3%, 5%, 6%? BUT, I DO KNOW THAT THE NUMBERS THAT WE'RE TAKING THESE PERCENTS OUT OF HAVE GONE UP CONSIDERABLY. SO, I THINK THAT THERE ARE AREAS THAT ARE OPEN NOW TO LOOK AT, AS THE NEED HAS PUSHED US.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? MORE FOR YOUR PRESENTATION OR HAVE WE COME TO THE END?

Ms. Lieb: WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION BUT I THINK WE WILL LEAVE THE REPORT WITH YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING, AND APPRECIATE YOU COMING ON SHORT NOTICE. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS A TOPIC OF HIGH INTEREST FOR ALL OF US AROUND THE TABLE, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU COMING THIS MORNING.

Mr. Chase: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE TIME YOU HAVE TAKEN TO TALK ABOUT THIS.

Ms. Lieb: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING US.

Mr. Chase: WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THIS.

Chair Kafoury: AND WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR GRANT PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING THIS SUMMER MAYBE A GOOD TIME TO TALK ABOUT IT AND WE CAN GET THE WORD OUT.

Mr. Chase: WE WOULD LOVE TO DO THAT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: NOW WE HAVE COME TO THE POINT ON THE AGENDA FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS, AND I KNOW THAT JENNY HAS SOMETHING SHE WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT.

Ms. Madkour: YES. AS YOU MAY RECALL THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WAS LITIGATING A CASE IN FEDERAL COURT THIS WEEK WHEREIN A FORMER MEMBER OF THE JAIL SAID THAT THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO AN ASSAULT, AND ANDREW JONES, THE SENIOR ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY LITIGATED THAT CASE, AND AS WE WERE SITTING IN THE MEETING THIS MORNING, I RECEIVED NEWS THAT THE FEDERAL JURY CAME BACK WITH A FULL DEFENSE VERDICT, WHICH MEANS THAT THAT'S A BIG WIN FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY SO CONGRATULATIONS, MR. JONES. STRONG WORK.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:30 a.m.

Chair Kafoury: ANYTHING ELSE? NO? ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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