



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST
(revised 12/31/09)**

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA # R-1 DATE 1/31/13
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 1/31/13
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 1/9/13

Agenda Title: Confirming Appointments and Reappointments to the Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation

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

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>January, 31st, 2013</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>10 minutes</u>
Department:	<u>Non-Departmental</u>	Division:	<u>Sustainability</u>
Contact(s):	<u>John Wasiutynski</u>		
Phone:	<u>503.988.3193</u>	Ext.	<u>X83193</u>
Presenter(s):	<u>John Wasiutynski</u>	I/O Address:	<u>503/6</u>

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Board needs to confirm County Chair Jeff Cogen's new appointments and reappointments to the Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation as required by Ordinance Number 1171.

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

In 2010, the Board created the Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI) to promote sustainable policies and actions and to advise the county on regional, state or national sustainability policy matters. ACSI members are appointed to two year terms on the committee and are eligible to serve two consecutive terms. Ordinance Number 1171, which established ACSI, calls for the Chair to appoint members to the committee and the Board to confirm those appointments. The Chair has appointed the following members to the committee: Doug Tsoi, Mary Peveto, Rebecca O'Neil, Meera Norris, and Gauri Rajbaidya. The Chair has reappointed the following members to a second term: David Brook, Leslie Carlson, Sattie Clark, and Angus Duncan.

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

None.

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

None.

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

ACSI members are citizen volunteers. Appointments are made by the Chair and confirmed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Multnomah County Office of Sustainability staffs ACSI.

Required Signature

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

John Tydlaska /s/

Date: 1/9/13



John WASIUTYNSKI <john.wasiutynski@multco.us>

Re: Multnomah County Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation

2 messages

Multnomah County Office of Sustainability <sustainability@multco.us>

Thu, Dec 6, 2012 at 11:42 AM

To: Meera Norris <meera@pdx.edu>

Bcc: john.wasiutynski@multco.us

Thank you for your interest in the Multnomah County Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI). We have received your application and will soon begin the selection process for new ACSI members. All applicants will be notified by December 21st if they have been selected.

The first ACSI meeting of 2013 is scheduled for January 9th from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Multnomah Building located at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Please save the date as it is critical that newly appointed members attend the first quarterly meeting of 2013.

Thank you again for your interest and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Multnomah County Office of Sustainability

On Wed, Dec 5, 2012 at 1:42 PM, Meera Norris <meera@pdx.edu> wrote:

Hello,

I would like to apply to be a part of the advisory committee! I have attached my application in a word form and also copy and pasted it below.

Thank you for the opportunity!

Best regards,

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→ Meera Norris
503-890-0516

Name: First Middle Initial Last

Meera L Norris

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City, State, Zip Code

Portland, Or, 97218

Occupation:

Founder/Director at Seeds of Understanding Urban Farm

Dealer Services Coordinator at SmithCFI

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Email: Meera@pdx.edu

Are you a resident of Multnomah County? 1 **Yes** 0 No

Do you work in Multnomah County? 1 **Yes** 0 No

Are you currently a County employee or the employee of any organization contracting with the County or bidding on County contracts? 0 Yes 1 **No**

Why do you want to serve on the advisory committee?

I would be honored to work for the advisory committee because the county needs a fresh voice representing communities that are often isolated from environmental progress. For the past few years I have dedicated my time to empowering specifically the refugee and Muslim community in NE Portland in areas of health and environmental issues. I have been able to use networking and resourcefulness to bring visions into reality, specifically creating a urban farm in Ne Portland.

Working with the advisory committee will enable the committee to see around corners of issues like how poverty and environmental issues are intertwined and the dynamics of privilege that hinder our City from its full potential in the area of sustainability. For my personal growth and goals as a public health professional I would feel honored to work with other minds that can offer new perspectives in helping our city flourish. My ultimate goal is to work in a position with the government to help create and implement policies for health and economic empowerment of women and families so this personally would be a wonderful stepping stone while offering your committee a determined visionary.

Sustainability focuses on the intersection of the economy, social equity and the environment. What expertise or points of view in one or more of these areas could you bring to the advisory committee?

In 2011 I became aware of a plot of land owned by the Muslim Community Center of Portland. This land was situated on N Killinsworth and Vancouver, a highly urban area of Portland. I had been working with the MCCP hosting empowerment circles to women attending the mosque and saw this land as a incredible opportunity. After a few months I had proposed, networked, and executed a plan to turn the garbage filled land into a thriving urban farm for low income and refugees in the neighborhood. This project became a spring board for me to become more involved in health and environmental disparities in our local area. I was chosen to be Green Steward ambassador for Ecumenical Ministries of Portland and Josiah Hill educating locally on lead poisoning and effects of pollution on populations in low income areas. I will continue to use my unique background of American French and Egyptian to engage people and create bridge building. In the advisory committee I will bring my educational background (BA in Women Studies with a focus on women in the economy) and my empirical knowledge of local issues.

How do you think sustainability is most relevant to the services Multnomah County provides in the community?

Sustainability is relevant in every sector of every service in Multnomah County. In my eyes sustainability is a outlook on society a change in perspective from the naivety of the recent past.

Sustainability is most relevant in areas that are facing the highest impact without a sustainable outlook. An example of this is creating a localized production of basic needs i.e. food and energy.

Please highlight relevant current or past community involvement, including volunteer work, committee or board experience.

Founder/Director Seeds of Understanding Urban Farm , owned by Muslim Community Center of Portland

Green Steward Ambassador, Josiah Hill, Ecumenical Ministries,

Please list any potential conflicts of interest you may have, including your current or potential employment (including serving on the board of directors) with an organization that is currently doing business with the County or that may bid on County contracts.

No conflicts of interest.

I work full time at an Interior Design Company but will be able to meet after work with committee after hours or weekends.

Signature: Meera Norris

Date:

12/05/12

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John WASIUTYNSKI <john.wasiutynski@multco.us>

Thu, Dec 20, 2012 at 6:44 PM

To: Kalissa CANYON-SCOPES <kalissa.canyon-scopes@multco.us>

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**Multnomah County Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation
Application for Committee Membership – January 2013 – December 2015**

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Given that sustainability issues have the greatest impact on low-income communities and communities of color, we highly encourage representatives from these communities to apply.

Please return application to:

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Portland, OR 97214

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City, State, Zip Code

Occupation: Energy Policy Analyst / RPS Administrator, Oregon Department of Energy

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Are you a resident of Multnomah County? Yes No

Do you work in Multnomah County? Yes No

Are you currently a County employee or the employee of any organization contracting with the County or bidding on County contracts? Yes No

Why do you want to serve on the advisory committee?

I would like to serve on the advisory committee because I care about the long-term outlook of our community and our county. Multnomah County provides significant benefits to its constituents and is viewed as a leader. A citizen advisory committee can do a great deal of good in providing expertise, vision and new concepts. I was particularly struck by the inclusion of "innovation" in the title of the committee. The County is looking for fresh ideas, next generation technology, and the economic development it can cultivate. County constituents expect this kind of thinking from its government organizations (high expectations!), and I would like to help make the county and its office of sustainability successful.

Sustainability focuses on the intersection of the economy, social equity and the environment. What expertise or points of view in one or more of these areas could you bring to the advisory committee?

My career history is energy and the environment. My career started in river conservation, focusing on hydropower and coal development in Appalachia. Ten years ago, I moved to Portland to work on non-federal hydropower in the Pacific Northwest. In 2007, I transitioned into managing a multifamily efficiency program for the Energy Trust of Oregon. Most of our program incentives paid for upgrades at apartments in the Portland metro area. I became familiar with multifamily housing management agencies and realized that lower-income folks had limited access to healthy, comfortable, and affordable residences. In my current job at the Oregon Department of Energy, I administer the Renewable Portfolio Standard and develop new policies and analyze new technologies. For example, I'm currently working on community solar model development. I am the agency's sustainability coordinator. And in my current role, I've been able to work with county commissioners and the AOC, and I've been impressed with the work and role of counties.

How do you think sustainability is most relevant to the services Multnomah County provides in the community?

I think sustainability is for everyone. Whether it is health care services or the court system, sustainability should be for all incomes and all peoples. This is not just about the environment – sustainability means making decisions with the future in mind. The county is in a unique position to partner with community leaders and showcase good work. Innovation is just as important. It attracts economic development and gives constituents new options and choices.

Please highlight relevant current or past community involvement, including volunteer work, committee or board experience.

I currently chair one citizen committee that oversees renewable power options on your electric and gas bill. I participate in several workgroups and committees. Some examples: a group of 30 coastal and state folks who work together on Oregon's territorial sea, the state sustainability coordinator network, or a technical oversight committee regarding the seasonal high supply of wind and hydropower. Committees and good working relationships are a cornerstone of how we do business in Oregon.

Personally, I'm a hospice volunteer. I've worked on a tiny, tiny farm. I spend my spare time in a boat or on the trail, and I play cello in a quartet and a community orchestra. I feel connected to my community on many levels. Serving on this committee would be one more step in supporting my community.

Please list any potential conflicts of interest you may have, including your current or potential employment (including serving on the board of directors) with an organization that is currently doing business with the County or that may bid on County contracts.

I work for the state Department of Energy, and there are currently contracts between our agency and the County. For example, my agency provides funds for low-income weatherization in oil-heated homes. I do not believe this represents a conflict with the County, because I do not oversee these contracts, the funds flow from my agency to the County, and I would not be representing the agency if I served on this committee.

Signature: Rebecca O'Neil Date: 12/5/12

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Through this work, I have been impressed by the level of dedication from Multnomah County staffers and community volunteers to the goals of promoting a healthy, prosperous and resilient community for all county residents and inspired by the effectiveness of the work.

When I moved to Oregon almost 20 years ago, I was inclined to take for granted the characteristics of Portland that are now revered nationwide: a commitment to sustainability, innovative transportation infrastructure embraced by the public, great urban neighborhoods, and great urban green spaces. In the last few years I have come to appreciate the dedicated work of individuals that has earned Portland our unique reputation. People who were willing to go far above and beyond to envision a different way to build, rebuild and sustain urban living. I believe that the Multnomah County Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation is comprised of just those kind of thought leaders and I would welcome the opportunity to join them.

There is yet room to improve, even where our region has led on transportation, public health, and the green economy, there remains the opportunity to unlock the potential of a truly sustainable economy and robust society. Too many American communities struggle to realize growth economically where the costs are not disproportionately borne on the backs of low income and communities of color, which are costs we must all ultimately bare. The county, like no other public entity, is uniquely positioned to see the value in public health as a protected commodity for all. In addition, providing the infrastructure to ensure equal access to a clean and healthy environment, and strong communities built around neighborhood schools and libraries are the backbone to regional economic vitality.

I would be honored to work with ACSI toward these ambitious goals.

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Through my work as founder of a grass roots air pollution citizen action organization (Neighbors for Clean Air), I have worked with local industry, regulators and neighborhood based organizations to find innovative solutions to the vexing problem of harmful emissions. We seek to work directly with communities most effected by toxic emissions. DEQ's data supports that the impacts are disproportionately felt in neighborhoods with higher concentrations of low-income and communities of color. Neighbors for Clean Air has been working to reach out to leaders of these communities to educate them on the problem and to build sustainable effective grass roots action to reduce air pollution. At the same time we are working to identify and remove the systemic barriers that put these populations at greater risk.

How do you think sustainability is most relevant to the services Multnomah County provides in the community?

The county, and its residents, often bears the consequences of policy which fails to calculate the true cost of leaving populations behind or allowing the costs to disproportionately fall on vulnerable individuals: from rising chronic health needs to increases in crime, to the vulnerability of volatile tax revenue which we rely on to fund critical services.

Please highlight relevant current or past community involvement, including volunteer work, committee or board experience.

I served on the Department of Environmental Quality Portland Air Toxics Solutions Advisory Committee that studied the data on all source categories of emissions for the tri-county metro area and worked with stakeholders to make pollution reduction recommendations.

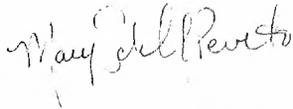
I have served on the NW neighborhood association board.

I have served on the board of Portland Voice/We make the media – a 501 (c) 3 organization founded to establish a new online investigative journalism source for Oregon news.

Please list any potential conflicts of interest you may have, including your current or potential employment (including serving on the board of directors) with an organization that is currently doing business with the County or that may bid on County contracts.

I am aware of none.

Signature:



Date:

3 December 2012

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Are you a resident of Multnomah County? Yes No

Do you work in Multnomah County? Yes No

Are you currently a County employee or the employee of any organization contracting with the County or bidding on County contracts? Yes No

Why do you want to serve on the advisory committee?

Along with serving the community at the grassroots level, I am also interested in bringing forth the voices I hear from my community to the table where policy level and program level ideas are discussed. With my knowledge of the community advocacy work and my experience in the field of sustainability I hope to be able to contribute at this committee.

Sustainability focuses on the intersection of the economy, social equity and the environment. What expertise or points of view in one or more of these areas could you bring to the advisory committee?

As a current Board Member and Policy Advocacy and Civic Engagement Committee member at APANO, I advocate for the issues of equity for the underserved API communities in the areas of Health, Education and Civic Engagement. These areas overlap with the social and environmental sustainability issues.

I have also been involved in the past several years working with SERA Architects in the built sustainable environment. Most notable ones are the Oregon Sustainability Center, Tupelo Alley Apartments (LEED Gold) along Mississippi Street and currently the major renovation of the Edith Green and Wendell Wyatt Federal Building in downtown Portland (aiming beyond LEED Platinum).

With the involvements mentioned above, I bring a breadth of knowledge both from the community needs perspective and also from the construction industries.

How do you think sustainability is most relevant to the services Multnomah County provides in the community?

Multnomah County has a great vision of just, safe, healthy and prosperous community. Sustainability is not a stand-alone component related only to green infrastructures. Are we making the most equitable disbursement and investment of the resources in our community to ensure the vision the county is working towards is not a short term goal but a shared sustained vision outside of the county offices? Shared and sustained policies in matters of environment and economics will have lasting effect on the safety, health, prosperity of our community. As our community grows and the diversity among us increases the allocation of resources becomes very relevant.

Please highlight relevant current or past community involvement, including volunteer work, committee or board experience.

Volunteer work: Treasurer, Board Member and Policy Advocacy and Civic Engagement Committee member at Asian and Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO); Resource Council Member for Colored Pencils Art and Culture Council; ACE Mentoring Program – Mentor Captain; Volunteered for the Portland Work Force Alliance; Leader for the pro bono work to renovate the gallery at the Multnomah Arts Center; general member at Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO) and part of Environmental Professionals of Color (EPOC) movement.

Please list any potential conflicts of interest you may have, including your current or potential employment (including serving on the board of directors) with an organization that is currently doing business with the County or that may bid on County contracts.

I am not aware of anything that would be a conflict of interest at this point.

Signature: Gauri Rajbaidya Digitally signed by Gauri Rajbaidya
DN: cn=Gauri Rajbaidya, o=SERA Architects, cn=Gauri Rajbaidya
Reason: I have reviewed this document
Date: 2013.01.14 17:09:50-0800 Date: _____

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First Middle Initial Last

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City, State, Zip Code

Occupation: Education and Training Manager, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

Daytime Phone: 503-880-9714 Email: Douglastsoi2.0@gmail.com

Are you a resident of Multnomah County? Yes No

Do you work in Multnomah County? Yes No

Are you currently a County employee or the employee of any organization contracting with the County or bidding on County contracts? Yes No

Why do you want to serve on the advisory committee?

Because I believe in public service. My personal mission statement is in helping people learn and feel closer to their community.

Sustainability focuses on the intersection of the economy, social equity and the environment. What expertise or points of view in one or more of these areas could you bring to the advisory committee?

I was the coordinator of Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community for three years, where I coordinated the internal and external sustainability efforts of 11 Washington County governments around sustainability. I have good experience in community based social marketing, carbon tracking, and sustainability reporting. I also have an outsider's perspective on Portland's sustainability efforts: what looks innovative, what looks idealistic and unrealistic, and what looks to liberal thinking as opposed to actual sustainability thinking.

How do you think sustainability is most relevant to the services Multnomah County provides in the community?

I think resiliency and citizen preparedness in a changing world is a big issue for citizens and a great opportunity for Multnomah County to provide a necessary service. Right now, there are a lot of efforts in climate mitigation. Great. But the bigger issue now is climate adaptation and resiliency.

Please highlight relevant current or past community involvement, including volunteer work, committee or board experience.

See above, in expertise.

Please list any potential conflicts of interest you may have, including your current or potential employment (including serving on the board of directors) with an organization that is currently doing business with the County or that may bid on County contracts.

None, unless NEEA provides services or partners with the County.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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