



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

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AGENDA OF  
MEETINGS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
NOVEMBER 13 - 17, 1989

- Tuesday, November 14, 1989 - 9:30 AM - Formal Meeting . . . Page 2
- Tuesday, November 14, 1989 - 1:30 PM - Informal Meeting . . Page 5
- Thursday, November 16, 1989 - 9:30 AM - Meeting Cancelled

Tuesday, November 14, 1989 - 9:30 AM

Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 602

Formal Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SERVICES

R-1 Liquor License application renewals submitted by Sheriff's Office with recommendation that same be approved as follows:

- a) PACKAGE STORES - Albertson's Food Center #502, 1350 NE 122nd; Safeway Store #382, 3527 SE 122nd; David's Market, 12217 SE Foster Rd.; Fred's Marina, 12800 NW Marina Way; CFM Franchising Company #12, 16437 SE Powell; Fred Meyer, 14700 SE Division; Division Thriftway, 16140 SE Division; K. S. Food Market, 15231 SE Division; Weece's Market, 7310 SE Pleasant Home Road, Gresham; J & N Grocery, 10729 SE Harold St.; Three-D Market, 1739 SE 139th Ave.; Foster Food Mart, 12918 SE Foster Rd.
- b) RETAIL MALT BEVERAGE - Shady Rest Tavern, 15920 SE Stark; Powelhurst Tavern, 12344 SE Powell Blvd.; Pleasant Home Saloon, 31637 SE Dodge Park Boulevard, Gresham; The Lariat Tavern, 17238 SE Division; Daily Double Tavern, 1607 NE 162nd; Club Genesis, 13639 SE Powell; Rose Bowl, 3800 SE 164th Ave.; King's Wild Tavern, 13550 SE Powell Blvd.; The Peanut Farm, 12646 SE Division.
- c) RESTAURANT - Carrow's Restaurant #7144, 16246 SE Stark St.; Pizza Baron, 2604 SE 122nd; Round Table Pizza, 15920 SE Division; Stark Street Pizza Company, 17544 SE Stark.
- d) DISPENSER CLASS A - Woodshed Restaurant, 16015 SE Stark; Pink Feather, 14154 SE Division St.; Tippy Canoe Inn, 28242 Crown Point Highway, Troutdale; Hong Kong Restaurant, 12510 SE Division; China Hut Restaurant, 16721 SE Division; The Drum and Riccardos LaFiesta Restaurant, 14601 SE Division; Multnomah Falls Lodge, S/S Scenic Highway and Columbia Gorge, Bridal Veil.
- e) DISPENSER CLASS B - The Racquet Club, 1853 SW Highland Road

NONDEPARTMENTAL

- R-2 TIME CERTAIN REQUESTED 9:30 AM - Recognition of members of the Community Service Forest Project Steering Committee for their contributions to this new and innovative project
- R-3 TIME CERTAIN REQUESTED 9:45 AM - In the Matter of Presentation of the Citizen Involvement Committee's County Visions Report

PLANNING ITEM

- R-4 Final Order in the matter of adopting Findings, Conclusions and Conditions on Case CS 7-89, for the Approval of community service designation to allow development of a Tri-Met Terminus facility, for property located at 13525 SE Foster Road (Continued from November 7)

PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

(Recess as the Board of County Commissioners and reconvene as the Public Contract Review Board)

- R-5 Order in the matter of Exempting from Public Bidding the Purchase of an Ares II Robot from 21st Century Robotics
- (Recess as the Public Contract Review Board and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners)

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

- R-6 In the matter of ratification of an intergovernmental agreement with Oregon's Children Services Division, for the County to be reimbursed \$15,600 for providing weekly in-home visits by Community Health Nurses to 45 teen mothers and their infants for the period November 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990
- R-7 Budget Modification DHS #20 making an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$215,361 from General Fund Contingency to Aging Services, Federal/State Fund, to replace previously anticipated revenue from the City of Portland for the Portland/Multnomah Commission on Aging (Continued from November 2)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

R-8 In the matter of ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Wood Village for the delegation of emergency management responsibility to the County Office of Emergency Management, and for the County to develop an emergency operation plan for the City

Thursday Meetings of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners are recorded and can be seen at the following times:

Thursday, 10:00 PM, Channel 11 for East and West side subscribers

Friday, 6:00 PM, Channel 27 for Rogers Multnomah East subscribers

Saturday 12:00 PM, Channel 21 for East Portland and East County subscribers

PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL NOT BE TAKEN AT INFORMAL MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 14, 1989 - 1:30 PM  
Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 602

INFORMAL

1. Discussion of the Metropolitan Human Relations Committee's role in the community

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0501C.41-45

R-9      In the matter of the appointments to the Income Tax Study  
Committee of the following: Andrea Dobson, Jim Richardson,  
Donald S. McClave, Jim Owens, Richard R. Harris

0501C.46

DATE SUBMITTED November 6, 1989

(For Clerk's Use)

Meeting Date 11-14-89

Agenda No. Informal pm

REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT ON THE AGENDA

Subject: MHRC

Informal Only\* November 14, 1989 p.m.  
(Date)

Formal Only \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

DEPARTMENT General Services DIVISION Director's Office

CONTACT Jeannette Pai TELEPHONE 796-5136

\*NAME(S) OF PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION TO BOARD \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEF SUMMARY Should include other alternatives explored, if applicable, and clear statement of rationale for the action requested.

Metropolitan Human Relations Committee's role in the community.

(IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE USE REVERSE SIDE)

ACTION REQUESTED:

INFORMATION ONLY     PRELIMINARY APPROVAL     POLICY DIRECTION     RATIFICATION

INDICATE THE ESTIMATED TIME NEEDED ON AGENDA \_\_\_\_\_

IMPACT:

PERSONNEL

FISCAL/BUDGETARY

General Fund

Other \_\_\_\_\_

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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SIGNATURES:

DEPARTMENT HEAD, ELECTED OFFICIAL, or COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Spinda Alexander

BUDGET / PERSONNEL \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY COUNSEL (Ordinances, Resolution, Agreements, Contracts) \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

(Purchasing, Facilities Management, etc.)

NOTE: If requesting unanimous consent, state situation requiring emergency action on back.

# Metropolitan Human Relations Commission

November 9, 1989

Multnomah County • City of Portland

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**For more information contact:**

**Jeannette Pai or Georgia Owens, Metropolitan Human Relations Commission  
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In memory of Mulugeta Seraw, the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission of the City of Portland/Multnomah County in the state of Oregon, join in coalition with citizens regionally and nationally in denouncing the immorality and abhorrence of hate crimes.

We believe that we must move beyond the artificial barriers of color, geography, class and political affiliation and join in coalition--that we might empower each other in our efforts to attack the ignorance that breeds such actions.

We pledge the efforts of the undersigned organizations and individuals across the United States toward the goal of mutual respect and dignity for all.

We call upon all citizens of the Northwest and other states to demand justice when hate crimes occur.

We believe that it is through our constant and vigilant efforts to eradicate racism, sexism, homophobia and "disabilism" that we can best pay our respects to Mulugetta Seraw.

Therefore, in Mulugeta's memory, let us continue to fight for justice, for equity and for humanity.

- Ethiopian Community Cultural Organization - Portland, Oregon
- Metropolitan Human Relations Commission - Portland, Oregon
- Oregon Commission on Black Affairs - State of Oregon
- Coalition for Human Dignity - Portland, Oregon
- Center for Democratic Renewal - Seattle
- Center for Democratic Renewal - Kansas City
- Center for Democratic Renewal - Atlanta
- Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs - State of Oregon
- Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment - Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho
- Salem Human Rights Commission - Salem, Oregon
- Eugene Human Rights Program - Eugene, Oregon
- Citizens for One Oregon - Willamette Valley, Oregon
- Urban League - Portland, Oregon
- Cascade AIDS Project - Portland, Oregon

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- Senator Jeannette Hamby -Portland, Oregon
- Oregon Council on Hispanic Advancement - Portland, Oregon
- Minority Youth Concerns Action Program - Portland, Oregon
- State Community Services - Oregon
- Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
- North Carolinians Against Racist Violence
- CINAAR
- Japanese American Citizens League (National Office)
- Nippon Kan Heritage Association
- Neil Goldschmidt, Governor - State of Oregon
- Phoenix Rising Foundation - Portland, Oregon
- Oregon Human Development Corporation - Portland, Oregon
- Portland Chapter of the American Jewish Committee - Portland, Oregon
- J. E. Bud Clark, Mayor - Portland, Oregon
- Dick Bogle, City Commissioner - Portland, Oregon
- Earl Blumenauer, City Commissioner - Portland, Oregon
- Mike Lindberg, City Commissioner - Portland, Oregon
- Bob Koch, City Commissioner - Portland, Oregon
- Multnomah County, Oregon
- Representative Mike Burton - Portland, Oregon
- Senator Paul Phillips - Portland, Oregon
- John Kitzhaber, President of the Senate - State of Oregon
- Vera Katz, Speaker of the House - State of Oregon
- Barbara Roberts, Secretary of State - State of Oregon
- Representative Al Young - Hillsboro, Oregon
- Senator Jim Hill - Salem, Oregon
- Senator James Bunn - McMinnville, Oregon
- U.S. Senator Robert Packwood
- U.S. Representative - Les AuCoin
- U.S. Representative - Ron Wyden
- Concerned Indian Community - Portland, Oregon
- Native American Rehabilitation Association - Gresham/Portland, Oregon
- Office of Neighborhood Associations - Portland, Oregon
- The City/County Advisory Committee on the Disabled - Portland/Multnomah County, Oregon
- Montana Human Rights Commission Staff

Finally, in support of the desires of the Ethiopian Community Cultural Organization the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission has established a memorial fund for the acquisition of a headstone for Mulugetta Seraw.

All donations should be sent to:

U.S. Bank  
 Metropolitan Branch  
 Seraw Memorial Fund  
 P.O. Box 549

Portland, Oregon 97297-9988

Checks should be made payable to Seraw Memorial Fund.

# Commission asks for law against bias

By DIANE DULKEN  
Special writer, The Oregonian

The Metropolitan Human Relations Commission voted unanimously on Tuesday to push for a law barring discrimination by private clubs.

The citizens panel request is for Portland and Multnomah County governments to adopt an ordinance that is more sweeping than resolutions passed earlier this month by the Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

On Oct. 5, the City Council voted unanimously to ask men-only business clubs to open its membership to women by Jan. 1 and to pass a law to that effect if the clubs did not comply with the city's request. The county Board of Commissioners passed an identical resolution the following day.

The resolutions were aimed the Arlington and University clubs, two organizations that bar or restrict women from becoming members and which include many of Portland's civic and business leaders.

The Arlington Club, which has about 500 members, does not allow women inside its building at 811 S.W. Salmon St.

The University Club, 1225 S.W. Sixth Ave., counts about 40 women among more than 900 members, but the women have no voting rights, pay smaller amounts in dues and are not allowed into the men's grill during lunch.

The University Club was to vote Tuesday on the issue of admitting women. No results were available Tuesday evening and spokesmen for the two clubs were not available.

The human relations commission, an advisory panel to Portland and Multnomah County governments, asks that both governments go several steps further than the city and county measures. It asks:

- That the request become law through adoption of an ordinance.
- That the anti-discrimination clause apply to people with disabilities and minorities, and not just on the basis of gender.
- That the ordinance apply to clubs other than business organizations.

"It's a step at drafting something that is far more encompassing than simply targeting two clubs on gender," Sid Galton, commission vice-chairman, said after the meeting. Galton introduced the motion.

"We want there to be anti-discrimination ordinances that apply across the board to private clubs in so far as that's constitutionally permissible," he said. He added, however, that he didn't believe that the commission's resolution, which is worded generally, would apply to religious organizations.

Oregon law prohibits businesses and other entities that serve the public from discriminating on the basis of race, religion, sex, marital status, color or national origin. The state law does not prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability or sexual orientation, and it exempt "distinctly private" organization from the prohibitions.

City Commissioner Earl Blumenauer, whose office researched the resolution passed by city and county governments, said that he would examine the request by the human relations commission but added that he would hesitate to expand the scope of the city's resolution.

"I think there is a generic difference in organizations that relate to regular conduct of business and what people choose to do in terms of their own private association and fraternal, religious, charitable, social organizations," Blumenauer said. "There's no interest on my part to see the city, the county or the state starting to intervene by telling what fraternal or social organizations should do with their membership policies."

**CIVIL RIGHTS**

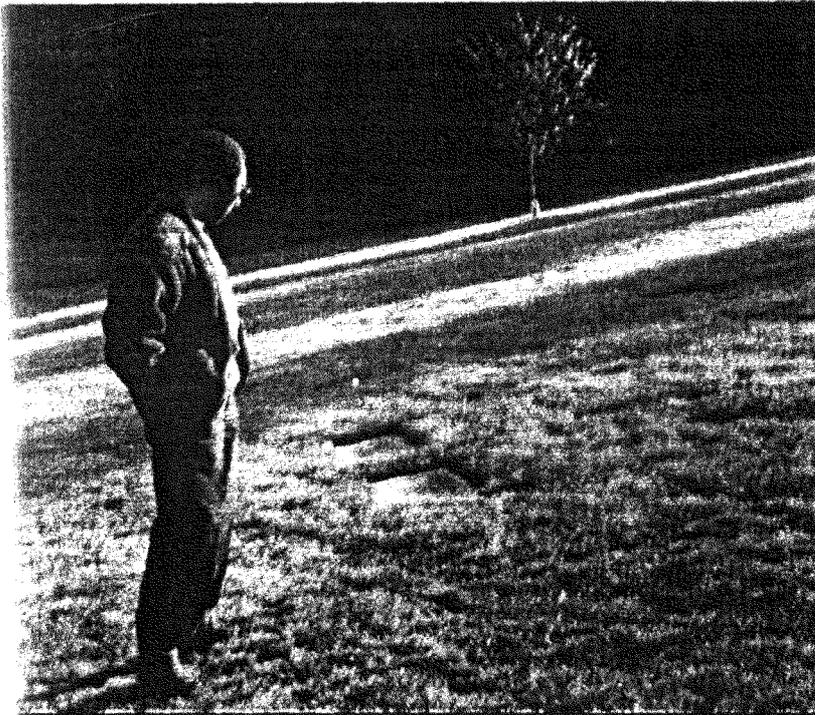
■ City and county officials are suddenly eager to end discrimination in local private business clubs. The Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Commission recently passed ordinances aimed at the **University Club** and the **Arlington Club**, both of which discriminate against women. But what about organiza-

tions that discriminate against men? For example, the local **Town Club** accepts only women members, and the tax-exempt **Young Women's Christian Association** prohibits men from serving on its board of directors. "It's difficult to discriminate against people already in power," says Sheryl Warren, executive director of the

Portland YWCA, in defense of her organization's discriminatory policy. "Until the overall goal of equality is met, we feel it is appropriate to have women in the leadership." But now Sid Galton, vice chairman of the **Metropolitan Human Relations Commission**, says the City Council and County Commission should look at

women-only clubs, as well. In addition, the human rights organization recently asked that ordinances be passed prohibiting all private clubs from discriminating against minorities and the disabled. "We want an ordinance as broad as the Constitution permits," says Galton. Meanwhile, the University Club has voted to grant women full membership; in a poll, Arlington members rejected such a move. ■

# One killing drew the Skinheads to Portland



The Oregonian/TOM TREICK

Betre Melles looks at the spot where his friend and countryman, Mulugeta Seraw, was buried in River View Cemetery.

□ Mulugeta Seraw's death brought the city unwanted attention and revealed hidden hatred

By DAVID AUSTIN  
of The Oregonian staff

**A** year ago, Mulugeta Seraw got together with two of his buddies and headed out to a Saturday night birthday party at a friend's house.

The celebration lasted the whole night and into the early morning hours. Music, talk and the pungent smell of Ethiopian cuisine filled the air.

Despite the air of casual good times, before the sun rose the next day Seraw would be dead and a sinister undercurrent of hate would be revealed in the City of Roses.

At about 1:30 a.m. Sunday the

■ **MEMORIES:** For Portland's Ethiopians, the pain of Mulugeta Seraw's death "is still there and it always will be."  
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three pulled up in front of Seraw's Southeast Portland apartment and were saying their goodbyes when three Skinheads — members of a white supremacy gang — confronted them and drew them into a fight.

The Skinheads, members of the East Side White Pride gang, punched and kicked the three black men repeatedly. One of the Skinheads struck Seraw in the head with a baseball bat with such force that several neighbors later told police they thought they heard gunshots in the area.

Seraw's two friends, also from Ethiopia, escaped with minor injuries that morning of Nov. 13, 1988.



SERAW

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# Hate: Racial crimes increased after killing

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Today, one of them, Tilahule Anteh, lives in seclusion in Portland. The other, Wondwosen Tesfaye, has moved to Los Angeles — to get away, he has told friends, from racial violence.

The Skinheads — Kenneth M. Mieske, Kyle Brewster and Steven Strasser — all have been convicted of murder or manslaughter charges in connection with Seraw's death.

Seraw was Portland's 41st of 49 homicide victims that year. But his murder stood out from the others because it was the first in the Northwest tied to Skinheads — and brought Portland some unwanted national attention.

In a city hailed for its environmental values and generally progressive politics, residents suddenly were forced to consider how a crime like that could happen in a place like this.

In the days and weeks that followed, shocked Portlanders rallied against the presence of Skinheads and their white-power dogma. But a curious thing happened.

Racial hate crimes in Portland nearly tripled in the months after the killing. Even more startling, the attacks seemed to be random. Blacks, Asians and other minorities weren't the only victims. Whites also were being attacked.

The Northwest already was seen as somewhat of a stronghold for white supremacists, given the presence of the Aryan Nations Church of Jesus Christ Christian in northern Idaho and the now-defunct neo-Nazi group, based in Eastern Washington, that called themselves The Order.

Among some observers, Seraw's death appeared to solidify Portland's reputation as a magnet for white supremacists.

"Portland is one of a handful of the cities across the country where there has been the greatest amount of Skinhead activity," said Irwin Suall, director of fact-finding for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in New York.

"The arrests and subsequent convictions of the Skinheads who were responsible for the murder didn't curb or dampen additional Skinhead activity," Suall said. "That is atypical. Generally speaking, we have found looking at the entire national scene that the most effective tool is firm law enforcement response. That happened, and things went the other way."

A nationwide survey published in June by the Anti-Defamation League estimated that about 3,000 racist Skinheads are active in 31 states, an increase from a 1987 estimate of only a few hundred. The league also has documented at least five killings across the country in addition to numerous assaults. The movement, which originated in Great Britain, has spread to other countries as well, including Brazil, East Germany and Turkey, the report noted.

Portland police say Seraw's death simply unmasked an uglier side of the city.

"The players were all in place. It just took that killing as a spark to make a big explosion," said one Portland policeman who gathers intelligence on Skinheads. "There are a lot of people in Portland who hold those views. Some really stand out; others don't always shave their heads."

The policeman, who requested anonymity because of the nature of his work, said that in the weeks and months after the killing, hundreds of Skinheads and other white supremacists flooded the city.

"They all just seemed to gravitate to Portland," the policeman said. "I think that a lot of the feelings were always there, but we weren't reporting it that much. Now that we've increased our intelligence on these

## MEMORIALS

Two memorial services are planned Sunday and Monday for murder victim Mulugeta Seraw.

The Ethiopian Community Cultural Organization will hold a memorial service for Seraw Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Greek Orthodox Church, 3232 N.E. Gilsan St.

The Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Program will hold a memorial candlelight vigil Monday at 7 p.m. at the program office, 3534 S.E. Main St.

The outdoor program, dubbed "Call to Unity," will feature drumming by Obo Addy, a native of Ghana, and various speakers.

guys, we're finding them easier to track."

Police reports place the number of hard-core Skinheads in Portland at about 50, said Officer Loren Christensen of the bureau's Gang Enforcement Team. There are about 250 known white supremacists who do not necessarily dress in the Skinhead regalia of shaved heads, tattoos and Doc Marten steel-toed boots, Christensen said.

Police recorded 279 contacts with Skinheads and white supremacists for the first 10 months of this year, Christensen said. That number compares to the 254 contacts police had in all of 1988.

Portland police intelligence reports kept over the past two years reveal that Skinheads from as far away as Oklahoma and other Midwest states arrived in Portland shortly before Seraw's death.

In April, Skinheads held a party in the 1800 block of Northeast Everett Street. A group of Skinheads brought a dead dog and dismembered it during the party. They placed the dog's head on the porch of a gay man and scrawled racist graffiti with the blood on other houses. No arrests were made in the case.

"It's gotten really bad here," said City Commissioner Dick Bogle. "They aren't running the city, but they sure are running rampant. These are misguided kids, and something has to be done to educate them before they go overboard again."

Several community organizations responded quickly in the wake of the Seraw murder, and the effects are lingering.

• The American Leadership Forum, a private group made up of business, community and civic leaders, has developed a project that will allow teen-agers to meet other teens from different racial and cultural groups in a setting that will foster better communication and understanding.

• Last month the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment convened in Beaverton for its third annual convention. The coalition, which includes about 210 members from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, formed to fight racism and deal with racial hate groups. This year's convention was dedicated to Seraw.

• The Metropolitan Human Relations Commission recently released a statement signed by 50 politicians, human rights groups and corporations denouncing racial violence.

The Ethiopian community, particularly, was devastated by Seraw's death, and many say they will not tolerate such attacks.

In a statement issued by the Ethiopian Community Cultural Organization last week, the group called for Portlanders to "take a stand" against racist acts.