

**ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE
MEETINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Monday, September 21, 2009 - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

**CITY OF PORTLAND COUNCIL &
MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING**

Chair Ted Wheeler convened the meeting at 5:03 p.m., with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Jeff Cogen, Deborah Kafoury and Diane McKeel present, and City of Portland Mayor Sam Adams and Commissioners Dan Saltzman, Randy Leonard, Nick Fish and Amanda Fritz present.

JM-2 The City of Portland Council and Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Joint Meeting. Presenters: Joshua Todd, Interim Director, Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community; Reese Lord, Youth Coordinator, Education Strategies.

Chair Wheeler welcomed everyone to the joint meeting. The purpose of this meeting for Multnomah County and the City of Portland is to reaffirm this commitment to the meaningful engagement of our local youth in City/County government.

A. Highlight the Achievements of the City/County Youth Engagement Team during the 2008-2009 Program Year, presenting the Youth Engagement Report from Multnomah Youth Commission.

Presenters Chris Edmonds and Nay'Chelle Harris, MYC Co-Chairs made their report, showed their power point presentation and made their recommendations. The Council and Commissioners thanked them for their report.

B. RESOLUTION Adopting the Youth Engagement Manual and *PDXyouth.org* as the Primary Tools to Engage and Support the Role of Children and Youth in the Decision Making Processes of the City of Portland and Multnomah County - a Key Strategy of Implementing *Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth*.

Commissioner Cogen moved and Councilman Fish seconded, approval of the Resolution.

Mayor Adams introduced the Resolution into the record. He stated that this resolution is an important next step in the implementation of youth involvement at the City. These tools will improve youth access to government services relevant to their lives by

consolidating and providing links to resources in a format and language natural to you. It will facilitate opportunities for youth opinions, concerns, and creative impulse to be heard and responded to by Portland's government. It will serve to involve youth in government by providing resources that facilitate direct communication with elected officials and City agencies, volunteerism, internships and jobs with government, events, and a participatory governance structure for the youth web portal.

Presenter Ernesto Dominguez, MYC Policy Liaison addressed why they have developed this site, gave a brief history of the project including youth involvement; and emphasized the importance of the partnership between the City and County to the youth of our region.

Jeremy Van Keuren, City of Portland – Office of Management & Finance, discussed how youth developed look feel and organization; reviewed the three main pages; and emphasized the importance of the Voice section and how it supports their mission.

Bill Lesh, Principal – Center for Advanced Learning, spoke to the value of site as a learning opportunity and gave a brief overview of the partnership and what CAL will be doing to support this organization.

Graeme Oberhausen, Terell Wilson and Ashleigh Paschal, Youth Planner Program along with Carolina Iraheta, City of Portland – Bureau of Transportation; and, Gary Marshke - Chair of the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee, gave a brief overview of BOR and YPP; how the manual was developed and detailed discussion of the following sections: 1-Youth input, 2-Hiring youth and 3-How change happens.

After all explanations were heard and Board and Council questions were answered, Resolution 2009-113 was unanimously adopted.

C. Honor the Recipients of the Youth Champion Award for the City of Portland and Multnomah County: Sgt. George Weatheroy of the Portland Police Bureau and Carla Remeschatis from Multnomah County School-Based Health Centers.

Mayor Adams stated that "The Youth Champion Award" -- sponsored by the City/County Youth Engagement Team – recognizes an employee of the City of Portland and an employee of Multnomah County who have helped implement "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth" by advocating for the involvement and engagement of young people into the work (planning, decisions, or programs) of the City and/or County. "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth" is the nation's first youth-created Bill of Rights which has been adopted by a local government as official City & County policy.

Introductions were made by Chris Edmonds and Nay'Chelle Harres, MYC Co-Chairs. The Awards were presented by immediate past recipients: Tiffani Penson, City of

Portland – Office of Management & Financial and Sara Ryan, Multnomah County Library.

The two Honorees were acknowledged and given their awards. The Board and Council members congratulated them for their achievements.

D. Welcome and Provide the Oath of Office to the 42 Members of the 2009-2010 Multnomah Youth Commissioners, the Official Youth Policy Body for both Multnomah County and the City of Portland.

Mayor Sam Adams gave opening remarks. Introductions were made by Todd Diskin and Emily Ryan.

Chair Wheeler gave the Oath of office to the members; the names of each are attached to the record hereto.

Chair Wheeler stated for the record: "Youth don't see the boundaries between the City and County. More importantly, the need to support young people isn't just the responsibility of government but our entire community. The Youth Bill of Rights provides a shared plan, created by young people, for how every member of our community can support the success of our youth. Youth engagement is a great investment in the future health, livability, and vibrancy of our community."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. for a reception that followed.

Submitted by:
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