

**Minutes for the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Tuesday, December 18, 2012**

**BOARD BRIEFINGS**

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

Also present were Jenny M. Morf, County Attorney and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

**B.1 Community Reaps Our Produce and Shares (CROPS) and Beginning Urban Farmer Apprenticeship (BUFA) Briefing CROPS and Beginning Urban Farmer Apprenticeship (BUFA) Briefing. Presenters: Dan Bravin (Office of Sustainability) and Weston Miller (OSU Extension Service).**

Chair Cogen welcomed everyone for attending and made opening remarks.

Mr. Bravin gave the presentation. He thanked the Board for recognizing the importance of these valuable programs. He said CROPS just completed its fourth successful growing season and donated over 15,000 pounds of fresh, organic produce to snowcap charities emergency food pantry. BUFA just completed a second successful season and graduated 17 beginning urban farmers who received in-field training and small business training. Applications are now being accepted for the third season to begin April 3, 2013. This is an intensive, eight-month program co-sponsored by Multnomah County and the Oregon State University Extension Service. He introduced graduates who attended today's meeting.

Mr. Miller spoke about his experience in ecological horticulture and how that applies to a small-scale farmer and landscaper. He discussed the attributes of the farming program offered by Multnomah County and the successful collaboration OSU has experienced with Multnomah County's program. The presenters responded to Board questions.

The Board thanked them for their tremendous work and innovative program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at:**  
**[http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=3](http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3)**

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