



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA # C-1 DATE 6/30/16
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

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Meeting Date: 6/30/16
Agenda Item #: C.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 6/13/16

Agenda Title: Appointment of six members and four alternates to the Multnomah County
Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested: June 30, 2016 Time Needed: N/A
Department: Community Services Division: Transportation
Contact(s): Joanna Valencia, Planning and Development Manager
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): N/A - Consent Agenda

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Request Board approval of the following recommendations for appointment for the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee:

- Reappoint Jim Couch, Art Graves, Greg Olson, Rory Renfro, and Susan Watt for an additional two-year term (July 2016 – June 2018)
- Appoint Joel Huffman as a new member to serve a two-year term (July 2016-2018)
- Appoint Jeff Grover, Gary Purvine, Michael Rubenstein, and Matthew Barney as new Alternates to serve a two-year term (July 2016-2018)

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.

The Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee (BPCAC) was established by 1997 and is codified in Multnomah County Code Chapter 3. The duties of the BPCAC are to advise the Board and transportation-related divisions on matters involving bicycle and pedestrian transportation. Multnomah County's Transportation Planning staff manage the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program which includes the BPCAC.

In June of each year, roughly half of the Committee's membership terms expire. Five members chose to seek an additional term for reappointment. Another member resigned early thus creating one vacancy for new members.

The BPCAC's bylaws (which are also codified in MCC Chapter 3) state that the BPCAC may have up to five alternates. Due to the high number of qualified and talented applications received during the recruitment period, staff recommend appointing four alternates.

County staff received 7 applications for new membership to the BPCAC. Staff reviewed each application using "New Member Criteria" developed over the years with significant input from Transportation Planning staff, BPCAC members, the Office of Citizen Involvement, and the Office of Diversity and Equity. The top scoring applicants are recommended for appointment to be new members or alternates.

Please see the attached Appendices A and B that list brief biographies of all the current members and applicants who are recommended for appointment to the BPCAC.

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.

Transportation Planning staff worked with the Communications Office to announce the recruitment for vacancies on the BPCAC using a press release and County social media in April. Current BPCAC members also forwarded the recruitment announcement to their various networks. The popular local blog BikePortland shared the announcement. The city of Troutdale also reposted the announcement on its website.

Transportation Planning staff focused outreach efforts to the County's rural areas and the East County cities. Announcements of the BPCAC's vacancies were placed in the Skyline Rural Watch Newslines as well as a community listserv for Sauvie Island residents. Transportation Planning staff also made announcements when attending the Northeast Multnomah County Community Association's (NEMCCA) monthly meetings in Corbett, as well as the Sauvie Island Community Fair.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Kim Peoples /s/

Date: June 13, 2016

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/

Appendix A.

Short biographies of new Members and Alternates recommended for appointment to the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

New Members Recommended for Appointment

Joel Huffman is a resident of the City of Gresham, and is recently retired from the construction industry where he became familiar with street and road improvements. Joel served on the Reynolds School Board from 1995 to 2007. He considers himself an avid recreational cyclist with extensive experience riding the rural roads of East Multnomah County and the Gorge.

New Alternates Recommended for Appointment

Jeff Grover is a self-identified pedestrian advocate who enjoys walking the rural roads in Corbett where he lives. Jeff is an active volunteer with a variety of organizations including working with veterans as part of the American Legion, and organizing surplus food donations in the Corbett area to take to Eastern Oregon. Previously, Jeff served on the Corbett Water District Board, the Corbett School District Board, and on Metro's Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC).

Gary Purvine is a long-time resident of the Corbett community where he is very active with the Northeast Multnomah County Community Association, coordinating community events as well as the monthly Safety meetings. Jeff also owns a small construction company and is well-versed in working with private property owners as well as government.

Michael Rubenstein is an avid daily cyclist who has lived on Sauvie Island for the last 30 years. Michael has recently taken the initiative to coordinate between the Sauvie Island community and the County Sheriff's office on bicycle safety-related issues. Prior to retiring, Michael worked for Kaiser Permanente for 25 years.

Matthew Barney is a Portland resident who works as the Bicycle Tourism Coordinator for the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce where he does a lot of advocacy and project coordination throughout East Multnomah County. Prior to working for the Chamber, Matthew lead cycling events all over North America.

Appendix B.

Short biographies of current Members who are recommended for reappointment to the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

Jim Couch is a resident of the small incorporated community of Maywood Park and has been an avid bicycle commuter for 35 years. He's previously served as a past member of the University Place Economic Development Commission (in the state of Washington) and owned his own bike shop for over 17 years.

Art Graves is a land use planner and a licensed landscape architect. He is very involved with his local neighborhood association. As the father of two young boys, Mr. Graves also has a passion for improving the safety for kids on our community's streets.

Greg Olson has been on the BPCAC since 2004 and was also awarded a 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Board of County Commissioners. Greg currently resides in the city of Gresham and serves as the Chair of the City of Gresham Transportation Sub Committee. Mr. Olson is also a member of the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Bicycle Tourism Initiative Steering Committee. Greg is a passionate bicyclist and rides over a thousand miles a year all over the west coast.

Rory Renfro is an active transportation planner with previous employment with TriMet developing transportation options alternatives to better integrate the transit system with walking and bicycling. Mr. Renfro has nearly 10 years experience in the planning field and is associated with several local advocacy groups including the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and American Trails. He is a self-described daily pedestrian and cyclist.

Susan Watt has been a member of the BPCAC since 2012. She is a resident of unincorporated Multnomah County in the West Hills and is a member of the Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Association. She is a frequent bike rider, both for recreation and commuting. She works as a Construction Manager for the Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation, and is familiar with the design and construction of bike and pedestrian trails.