



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

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Meeting Date: 1/27/11
 Agenda Item #: R-3
 Est. Start Time: 10:35 am
 Date Submitted: 1/12/11

Agenda Title: **Multnomah Food Action Plan & Celebration**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.

Requested Meeting Date: 1/27/11 **Amount of Time Needed:** 30

Department: Office of Sustainability **Division:** _____

Contact(s): Kat West

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Presenter(s): Kat West, Keith Falkenberg, Guillermo Maciel, Katie Lynd, and members from the Multnomah Food Initiative Steering Committee.

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of the Multnomah Food Action Plan.

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 Food Action Plan is a fifteen-year roadmap for our community to create an intentional food system that reflects the values of our community: healthy people – social equity – local food – local economic vitality. This Plan is the culmination of over a year of effort by the Multnomah Food Initiative Steering Committee and community stakeholders who believe that we can accomplish our shared vision of a sustainable food system by working together towards common goals.

In 2009, Multnomah County Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the recommendations of the Portland/Multnomah Food Policy Council for Multnomah County to convene a community planning process called the Multnomah Food Initiative. Multnomah County residents are

passionate about our local food system and there are many organizations doing tremendous work on making our food system both sustainable and equitable. However, what our community lacked was a shared vision and a strategic action plan to develop common goals, policies, and implementation strategies to achieve a sustainable and equitable food system. The Office of Sustainability secured a \$20,000 grant to undertake this effort.

Multnomah County convened a Steering Committee made up of 30+ organizations to lead the Multnomah Food Initiative. In May 2010, the initiative kicked off with a Food Summit with over 200 food system stakeholders lending their support to the development of an action plan. Public workshops were held in October and November 2010 to develop a shared community vision and to develop critical actions for the Multnomah Food Action Plan. The Plan underwent a third round of community input with a public comment period in November 2010.

Community food system stakeholders have signed a Declaration of Support committing to the vision of the Multnomah Food Action Plan and to working together to achieve our shared goals. Many stakeholders have committed to new partnerships and innovative new actions which will be recognized or announced at the celebration.

A celebration for the Multnomah Food Action Plan and recognition of our community partners will commence immediately after the Board's vote on adopting the Plan.

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

No impact.

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

The Multnomah Food Action Plan fulfills policy commitments from the 2009 Climate Action Plan and aligns with the county's adopted Sustainability Principles.

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

Community and local government participation in this effort has been tremendous. The Multnomah Food Initiative Steering Committee is comprised of 30+ organizations that include local government, business, academia, non-profits, and the faith community. In addition, the community attended public workshops and submitted public comments.

Required Signature

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



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