



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 1/22/15
Agenda Item #: C.2
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 1/14/15

Agenda Title: **Appoint Susan Silodor and Alicia Denney to the Multnomah County Planning Commission**

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>January 22, 2015</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>Consent Agenda</u>
Department:	<u>Non-Departmental</u>	Division:	<u>Chair's Office</u>
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Presenter(s):	<u>N/A</u>	I/O Address:	<u>503/600</u>

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Request Board approval of appointment of Susan Silodor and Alicia Denney to the Multnomah County Planning Commission for four year terms.

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.

Multnomah County is required to have a citizen involvement committee that broadly represents the geographic areas of the County. The Planning Commission assists with the development of our land use planning legislative program which addresses rural land use planning issues to meet state requirements and rural planning policies set forth by the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. There are nine (9) members of the Planning Commission who serve four-year terms. No more than two members of the Commission can be engaged in the same kind of business, trade or profession.

Recruitment for two Planning Commission positions occurred over four weeks in November through early-December 2014 including a news release, advertisement on the County's website and notice to interested organizations. The Chair's office and the Commissioners for Districts 1 and 4 also suggested community members they knew that would potentially be interested. Further recruitment occurred by contacting potentially interested people to explain the Planning Commission's role and

encourage submission of an application.

Ten applications were received for the two positions. Two community members are being recommended for appointment. Susan Silodor is recommended for one position. Ms. Silodor lives on Sauvie Island, is retired, and desires bringing opposing views together and helping to maintain unique characteristics of individual rural communities. Alicia Denney is recommended for the second position. Ms. Denney lives in the Dodson community in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, is a teacher with the Reynolds School District, and offers the point of view of a resident living in the outer eastern part of Multnomah County. We believe both candidates' backgrounds and interests in rural planning make them an excellent fit for this Planning Commission.

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.

Public outreach is conducted to find new volunteers for the Planning Commission when vacancies occur. Outreach for these appointments was accomplished with support from the County's Public Affairs Office, the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee and included news releases, contacts with recognized neighborhood associations, web based announcements and distribution to key stakeholders. Staff contacted the Chairs office and District 1 and 4 Commissioners for input on potential candidates.

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Required Signature

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

Nancy Bennett, Chief of Staff /s/

Date:

1/13/2015