



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 5/16/13
Agenda Item #: C.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 5/8/13

Agenda Title: **Appointing Two New Multnomah County Planning Commission Members:
Larry Peterson and Jeremy Sievert, and Reappointing One Member: Bill Kabeiseman**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: Next Available **Time Needed:** Consent Agenda
Department: Community Services **Division:** Land Use and Trans.
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): n/a

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Appoint two new Planning Commissioners and reappoint one Commissioner.

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 is broadly representative of the geographic areas of the County. The Planning Commission assists the County with the development of our land use planning legislative program. There are nine (9) members 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, and Commissioners must reside in the various geographic areas of the county.

We recruited candidates from rural east Multnomah County to fill two vacancies on the Commission that were created by resignation of members from that area. The other sitting Commissioners represent the geographic areas of the County with five from the west side, and two from the east side. Mr. Sievert lives in the Corbett area, and within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. He is employed as a Director of Operations and Administration with a local paint manufacturing firm. On his appointment, Mr. Sievert would be the one Planning Commission member who lives in the National Scenic Area. His appointment would run through October, 2016, completing the departing Commissioner's term.

We are also recommending Mr. Peterson for appointment to the Commission. He lives in the West of Sandy River planning area east of the City of Gresham. He's employed as a construction estimator, and this background gives him an interest in costs of the regulatory process. His appointment will complete the vacant term that ends in March of 2015. We anticipate that these two new members will bring useful perspectives and will add value to Planning Commission deliberations.

Current Planning Commission member Bill Kabeiseman's term expires 6/25/13. We are recommending reappointing him to an additional four year term that would run through June, 2017. Mr. Kabeiseman is an Oregon land use attorney who brings invaluable knowledge of this legal specialty to the Commission.

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

There is no fiscal impact. Planning Commissioners serve without compensation. Staffing is included within the Land Use and Transportation budget.

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

The County is required to have a Citizen Involvement Committee by State code. The Planning Commission serves this purpose for the County's Comprehensive Plan and Code.

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

If a vacancy occurs, there is public outreach to find new volunteers for the Planning Commission. The outreach for these appointments was accomplished with support from the PAO office, the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee, and included news releases, contacts with recognized neighborhood associations, web based announcements, distribution to stakeholders lists. Staff contacted the Commissioner from District 4 regarding the new candidates.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Kim Peoples /s/

Date:

5/8/13
