

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
IRCO's Coalition of Communities of Color
10301 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR 97220
Wednesday, May 29, 2013**

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING #C

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioner Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending were representatives from IRCO, including Associate Director Lee Po Cha, and Coalition of Communities of Color Co-Chair, Gerald Deloney; and, Lynda Grow and Marina Baker, Board Clerks.

Mr. Lee Po Cha opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. He introduced the IRCO board members and program director in attendance, and thanked those who provided the food and entertainment this evening. He discussed the importance of the programs at IRCO, and the impact the partnership with Multnomah County has in funding those programs. After his opening remarks, he turned the meeting over to the Board of Commissioners.

Chair Cogen opened the public hearing by thanking everyone who came tonight and to IRCO for hosting this event. Chair Cogen asked the Board of Commissioners to introduce themselves, and then he recognized the other Elected Officials in the audience. The Chair said that this Public Hearing is not a time for the Board to deliberate, but for the Board to hear from the public on the programs within the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. He said this public hearing was the third of three Public Hearings held in order for the public to give input into the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.

Chair Cogen advised that the Board Clerk will call up four individuals at a time to give testimony. When their name is called, they are to come up to the presenter's table, and when it is their turn to speak, to state their name for the record. Time was limited to two minutes per person due to the large number of people who had signed up to testify. He also reminded the attendees that translation services are available in Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese and Somali/Swahili. He said if attendees had not filled out a public testimony form yet, there is still time to do so and that the forms are in the back of the room.

Testimony was taken and received for the file. 59 people signed up to testify on various programs through partner-agencies who provide services including Culturally Specific Services such as IRCO Programs, SUN Community School Educational Services and High School Turf Projects, Mental, Alcohol/Drug Addiction Services and Domestic Violence Crisis Services; Healthy Birth Initiative; Healthy Start; SEI and Youth Development, short Term Rent Assistance; Homeless Adults, Families and Youth;

Future Generations Collaborative, Gang Prevention Services; Community Health, el Programa Hispano; NAYA, VOZ Workers' Center, Senior Services, Aging & Disability Services; Landfill; and, County Animal Services.

Written testimony was also received for the file.

Chair Cogen invited others who had not signed up to testify, to do so. No one else did.

Chair Cogen closed the public hearing, thanked everyone for attending, and adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon