

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, July 31, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Jules Bailey and Loretta Smith present. Commissioner Judy Shiprack was excused.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

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Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, WE WILL GET STARTED. WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. WE WILL RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT. DID YOU SEE THAT? IT WAS SO QUICK IT WAS NOT VISIBLE TO THE HUMAN EYE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE LIBRARY DISTRICT CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. MARINA, DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING?

Board Clerk: WE DO, MADAME CHAIR. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA MATTERS. TESTIMONY IS LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON UNLESS DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

Ms. Madkour: ONE POINT OF PROCEDURE, AT THIS TIME IF WE CAN CONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND HAVE OUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chair Kafoury: NOW WE RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. NOW CAN WE HAVE THE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: [NAMES BEING READ] IF YOU CAN PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Mr. Phillips: YES, I'M PAUL PHILLIPS AND I SPOKE HERE JULY 17th. I'M HOLDING UP THIS PIECE OF PAPER, IT'S FROM THE CITY TARGET. THERE ARE SEVEN TARGET SYMBOLS HERE. AND ON THE BACK OF THIS PAPER I HAVE THE DATE 12-3-04 TO 11-15-2010, THAT'S A PERIOD OF LESS THAN SIX YEARS THAT I AND MY SERVICE ANIMAL WAS ATTACKED BY THE SAME DOG IN MY APARTMENT BUILDING. AND THIS HASN'T BEEN FAIR TO MR. BAILEY, BECAUSE MAYBE HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE OREGON STATE LAWS ON SERVICE ANIMALS BEING ATTACKED, TO EVEN INTERFERE WITH THEM. RECENTLY IN CHINATOWN A MOUNTED PATROLMAN ACTUALLY HAD SOMEBODY KARATE KICK A HORSE HE WAS MOUNTED ON AND THEY PROMPTLY ARRESTED THE MAN. YET I WAS TOLD BY THE PORTLAND POLICE THAT THEY DON'T ENFORCE SERVICE ANIMALS BEING ATTACKED IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND. THAT WAS ANIMAL CONTROL DOGS. AND OF COURSE I ENDED UP WITH MY -- WITH A BROKEN LEFT HIP AND TWO FRACTURES TO MY SPINAL CORD AND I STILL HAVE DIFFICULTY AFTER -- WALKING. IT'LL BE FOUR YEARS SINCE NOVEMBER 15th. AND LAST WEEK PREVIOUSLY WENT AWAY LIKE A USED PIECE OF TOILET PAPER. I MENTIONED BARBARA ALEXANDER BROWN HAVING DEBORAH KAFOURY'S COUSIN REPRESENTING HER, SHE WAS A FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEE THAT WAS A WHISTLE-BLOWER HERE. AND SHE HAD JASON KAFOURY AS AN ATTORNEY. I READ ON THE INTERNET HER CASE NOW HAS FOUR ATTORNEYS. GREG KAFOURY, SOMEBODY ELSE, I FORGET HIS NAME, BUT YOU CAN READ THAT ONLINE IF YOU TYPE IN BARBARA ALEXANDER BROWN, ABOUT HER BEING A WHISTLE-BLOWER. I HAVE PAPERS HERE FROM THE PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY THAT WAS DELIVERED AT MY DOOR, THAT'S FOR LOW-INCOME PEOPLE THAT WANTS A SURVEY OF SOME TYPE. THEY WERE SO CHEAP THEY WOULDN'T EVEN MAIL THE PAPERS. I'M GOING TO HAND THOSE IN TODAY. IT'S DATED AND SIGNED WITH MY NAME ON IT. I DIDN'T FILL IT OUT BECAUSE IT'S SO STUPID, THE QUESTIONS, ASKING A BLIND PERSON IF THEY HAVE VISION DIFFICULTIES OR SATISFACTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT WITH IT BEING A LOW-INCOME SITUATION OF \$35 A MONTH, AND JUST EIGHT MONTHS INCREASE. AND OF COURSE I'M NOT THE ONLY APARTMENT PERSON IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND. THAT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING THINK LAB. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO DISCUSS TODAY IS THAT I'M -- WITH A COUPLE OF OTHER PEOPLE, WE'RE FINDING A NONPROFIT CALLED THE HEALING MAN SANCTUARY. WHAT THE THOUGHT IS BEHIND THIS NONPROFIT IS BASICALLY, WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS FOCUS ON, AGAIN, THE CHRONIC HOMELESS. THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS FOR OVER A YEAR'S TIME AND KIND OF MISS THE SERVICES AND ABILITY TO GET INTO HOUSING, WHETHER IT'S THEIR INCOME OR OTHER FACTORS. WHAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON AGAIN IS THE PEOPLE OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS AND WHAT THIS NONPROFIT WILL DO, WE'RE LOOKING AT ACQUIRING RIGHT NOW SOME R.V. PARKS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY. AND WHAT WE WANT TO DO BASICALLY IS WE'RE WORKING ON GETTING A LOT OF AIRSTREAM TRAILERS. A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THEY WERE BUILT BY WALLY BYHAM ORIGINATED IN 1936, QUALITY TRAILERS. WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS BASICALLY BUY A LOT OF THESE TYPE OF TRAILERS AND PUT IN THE R.V. PARK SPACES, AND PROVIDE HOUSING AND GET A LOT OF PEOPLE OFF THE CITY SIDEWALKS. AND OUR COSTS ON SOME OF THESE TRAILERS WILL BE \$10,000 OR LESS, WE'RE ABLE TO GET SOME OF THE VINTAGE AND SOME OF THE 1950 TO 1980s AT \$10,000 OR LESS. THESE HAVE THE STOVES, THE BATHROOMS, THE SHOWERS. THEY ARE FULLY SELF-CONTAINED. THEY HAVE THE LONGEVITY OF THE AIRSTREAM BRAND. A LOT OF THESE TRAILERS HAVE LASTED MANY YEARS. SO THE \$10,000 TO PUT SOMEBODY INTO HOUSING, AS YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE COSTS FOR THE APARTMENTS ARE \$250,000 A UNIT. SO OUR COSTS JUST ON THAT AIRSTREAM, A VERY NICE WAY TO LIVE, WE CAN PUT PROBABLY 15 TO 20 PEOPLE INTO DIFFERENT -- BY 15 TO 20 DIFFERENT AIRSTREAMS FOR THE COST OF JUST ONE APARTMENT CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED IN THE MARKETPLACE. OUR COSTS ARE GOING TO BE VERY LOW. WE WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY TO THE TAXPAYERS. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO LIVE COMFORTABLE. THEY ARE GOING TO BE IN A NICE COMMUNITY SETTING. THEY WILL HAVE CLUBHOUSES THERE. THEY WILL HAVE A LOT OF ROOM TO RELAX TO, SLEEP. THEY WILL BE SAFE. AND AGAIN, OUR MAIN FOCUS IS TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN HOMELESS FOR OVER ONE YEAR, THAT NEED ASSISTANCE FROM SOMEBODY THAT CAN COME IN AND SAY, WE WANT YOU TO COME TO THE SANCTUARY. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU HAVE NO INCOME, WE WANT TO YOU COME OVER AND SEE WHAT IT'S ABOUT, WE WANT TO PUT YOU IN A NICE AIRSTREAM TRAILER. YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE AMENITIES, YOU'LL BE SAFE. WE ALSO WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE CITY SO YOU STILL CAN HAVE ACCESS TO THOSE SERVICES. BUT AGAIN, ON AN OVERALL COST BASIS IT'LL SAVE THE CITY A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY AND THE PEOPLE WILL LIVE BETTER. THEY WILL BE SAFER AND AGAIN, THE NAME OF THE COMPANY WILL BE HEALING MAN SANCTUARY. AGAIN, IT IS FORMED FOR THE CHRONIC HOMELESS PEOPLE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING, JOE.

Mr. Walsh: MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. TODAY I COME BEFORE YOU TO TALK ABOUT A SUBJECT THAT YOU PROBABLY THINK HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH COUNTY, AND THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON IN GAZA. IT HAS TO DO WITH COUNTY IN THIS SENSE. WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME ARGUING AND IN PAIN, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO HELP CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WHAT'S GOING ON IN GAZA RIGHT NOW IS THAT CHILDREN ARE BEING SLAUGHTERED, SLAUGHTERED. AND OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR SECRETARY OF STATE ONLY SAY IS ALL HAS A RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF. WELL, THEY DO. YOU AND I HAVE A RIGHT TO DEFEND OURSELVES. BUT WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TORTURE PEOPLE IN THE PROCESS. WE WOULD GO TO PRISON FOR THAT. GAZA IS MADE UP OF 1.8 MILLION PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM WOMEN AND CHILDREN THAT ARE AT RISK AT THE MOMENT. THE U.N. HAS SET UP SAFE HAVENS AND THEY HAVE BEEN BOMBED. CHILDREN SLEEPING HAVE BEEN SLAUGHTERED. AND WE SAY NOTHING. SECRETARY KERRIE WAS MEMBER OF VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR. HE WAS ONE OF MY HEROES DURING THE 1960s AND 1970s, WHEN I GAVE UP A NAVY CAREER BECAUSE I OPPOSED THE VIETNAM WAR. HE WAS ONE OF MY HEROES WHEN HE TESTIFIED IN CONGRESS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, HE LOST HIS SOUL SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE. IF YOU WATCH AND YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS PLACE CALLED GAZA, IT'S CALLED AN OPEN PRISON FOR 1.8 MILLION. AND THE ISRAELIS SAY, WELL, GET OUT OF THE WAY OF OUR BOMBS. AND THERE'S NO PLACE TO GO. THEY ARE CUT OFF BY THE SEA, THEY ARE CUT OFF BY THE BORDERS. THERE'S NO PLACE TO GO. AND THEN THEY KILL CHILDREN AND WOMEN AND SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT? THEY GOT IN THE WAY OF OUR BULLETS. IT'S THEIR FAULT. IT IS THE MOST BIZARRE ACTION ANYBODY'S EVER TAKEN. AND WE CALL IT A WAR. AND LET ME EXPLAIN SOMETHING ABOUT A WAR, FROM A MILITARY STANDPOINT. A WAR MEANS THAT YOU AND THE OTHER SIDE HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING. THAT'S WHAT IT IS. TWO OPPOSITE PEOPLE FIGHTING OVER SOMETHING AND BOTH OF THEM HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING. THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT THE PEOPLE OF GAZA WILL EVER DEFEAT ISRAEL. NONE. THEY ARE A GROUP OF PEOPLE, ISRAEL IS A SUPER POWER. IT'S LIKE WE WERE TO BOMB PUERTO RICO AND JUST ANNIHILATE IT. AND THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING. DOES IT AFFECT US? YES, IT AFFECTS US IN EVERY WAY. YOUR TAXES ARE BEING USED, WE SPEND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO PUT THOSE BULLETS AND BOMB HE IS A PLANES AND IN THOSE TANKS. I'M SORRY I'M OVERTIME. GOOD TO BE BACK. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: MR. PICKERING.

Mr. Pickering: BENJAMIN PICKERING, RECOVERING FROM A YEAR OF [INAUDIBLE]. WHAT LIGHTNING HERE WAS TALKING ABOUT, THE PEOPLE ON THE STREET, THAT'S A GOOD POINT WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. BECAUSE, LIKE, A HUMAN PERSON LIVING WITH STRESS, OR THINGS THAT THEY DEAL WITH, WHICH I CAN'T IMAGINE OR EVEN GO THERE, BUT I MEAN, I MEAN, HELPING THE PEOPLE ON THE STREET, THAT WOULD HELP WITH A LOT OF THINGS. BECAUSE I'VE GOT STUFF TO WHERE I CAME HERE IN PORTLAND AND IT WAS THE FIRST TIME -- I MEAN, I'VE LIVED AND SEEN HOW IT WAS TO BE HOMELESS FOR A COUPLE MONTHS. AND I LIVE WITH A VIGIL THAT HELPED ME BACK UP. THAT WAS THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO HELPED ME IN THE STATE OF OREGON WHEN I WAS GOING THROUGH BEING WITH 42 STAPLES IN MY HEAD. AND THE DOCTOR SAYS, YOU KNOW, YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE A REST. YOU'VE JUST HAD 42 STAPLES, IT'S PRETTY SERIOUS. SOME PEOPLE SAY, HEY, THAT'S A CONSIDERATION. BUT LIKE, I'M STILL RECOVERING AND I FEEL A WHOLE LOT BETTER FROM A YEAR AGO. BUT LIVING ON A VIGIL, THEY HELPED ME A LOT. I'M GOING THROUGH A COURSE INDICATE, IT'S BEEN A YEAR AND STILL GOING THROUGH THE COURTS. BUT RECOVERING, I LIVED WITH MY BRAIN INJURY WHEN I WAS HIT BY TWO-TON LOG AT 10 YEARS OLD. I LOST MY EYESIGHT. SOMETIMES I GET THESE CHRONIC HEADACHES WHERE IT'S PULLING MY EYE THIS WAY AND I'M COMPLETELY BLIND IN MY LEFT EYE. BUT TAKING A SEVERE BRAIN INJURY WHEN I WAS TEN YEARS OLD AND LIVING WITH THAT, AND JUST RECENTLY HAD 42 STAPLES IN MY HEAD, COMING THIS LAST YEAR, LIVING WITH THE ACCIDENT THAT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS 10, BUT LIKE I CAME TO THE STATE OF PORTLAND TO GET AWAY FROM MY ATTACKER SO THAT -- THINKING THAT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS TAKING CARE OF THEIR END, HEY, IT'S A SUSPECT ON THE STREET, LET'S GET THAT GUY. WHAT IF HE HITS SOMEONE ELSE, HE COULD HAVE KILLED ME. WHAT IF HE'S OUT THERE, THEY ARE DOING THEIR PART. AND I'VE BEEN ATTACKED. BUT LIKE I COME HERE TO THE STATE OF PORTLAND, AND BRIGHT LIGHTS AND THINGS, LOUD NOISES AND THINGS ARE IRRITATING, THEY BOTHER ME VERY MUCH SO. WHEN I'VE BEEN HIT IN THE HEAD, EVERYTHING'S SO DRAMATIC BECAUSE I'VE HAD SO MUCH TRAUMATIC STUFF HAPPEN TO ME IN MY LIFE. YOU KNOW? THEY DON'T -- IT SEEMS LIKE MEDICAL DOCTORS, TO A POINT -- I'M NOT EVEN A DOCTOR BUT I KNOW HOW IT FEELS, MY BODY BEING PULL I UNDERSTAND EVERY DIRECTION, LIKE THE FEELING OF, YOU KNOW, TRUSTING THE INCIDENT THAT HAPPEN, THE ONGOING THINGS TO ME, OF LIKE WHERE I WAS -- I CAME HERE TO TALK ABOUT MY POLICE BRUTALITY OF BEING BEAT UP BY FOUR OFFICERS AS I'M LEAVING WITH THE 42 STAPLES TO MY HEAD LATER, WHICH CAME WHERE -- IT'S LIKE I'M COMING TO THE STATE OF PORTLAND, AND I WAS SEXUALLY HARASSED, HELD UP AT KNIFEPOINT AND MY MONEY TAKEN. MY MONEY FROM THE STATE HELPING ME, RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE GREYHOUND STATION, THEY OFFERED TO HELP GET ME SET UP DOWN HERE. I'M USED TO ALWAYS HAVING AN ADVOCATE HELPING ME, TO GET THROUGH LIFE IS A STRUGGLE TIMES, YOU KNOW. THEN GETTING EMBEZZLED, TWO OFFICERS BEAT ME UP AND GRIND MY FACE IN THE

GROUND, AND THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE ME THINK IT'S MY FAULT. WHO'S THERE WHEN SOMEONE'S CRYING OUT FOR HELP? IT'S JUST LOVE, THAT'S ALL, THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT SAY.

Board Clerk: MADAME CHAIR, THREE MORE PEOPLE SIGNED UP. [NAMES BEING READ]

Ms. Eng: HI, GOOD MORNING, COUNCIL, IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU GUYS. FOR SOME REASON, MAYBE I'M PREJUDICED AGAINST THE PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL BUT FOR SOME REASON I WANT TO PUT ALL MY TRUST IN YOU TODAY. I'M LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP. A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME, THIS IS KIND OF COOL, MY DAD WAS A SOCIAL WORKER IN THE 1960s IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. HIS JOB WAS TO GET SINGLE MOTHERS INTO EDUCATION, SOMETIMES SECRETARIAL OR TYPING SKILLS OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE. AND I GREW UP FROM A SOCIAL WORKING KIND OF PERSPECTIVE. AND HE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT THIS. I THINK IN SOME WAYS IT WAS THE MOST PERSONALLY REWARDING THING HE DID, AND THAT WAS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. ONE OF MY INSIDE JOKES WITH THE UNIVERSE IS THAT THEY GET A BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE WITH ME. NOBODY PAYS ME FOR WHAT I DO. I'VE BEEN VOLUNTEERING. IT'S LIKE, DO YOU WANT A VOLUNTEER JOB? FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS NOW I'VE NEVER HAD A PROPER INCOME. I'VE HAD BLUE COLLAR JOBS BUT OVERALL, WITH THE THINGS GOING ON, THE MAIN THING I WANTED TO GET TO WAS THE NEO-NAZI OR IT IS NAZI OR HITLER ENTHUSIASTS ON THE POPE BENEDICT XVI. CHARLES JOHNSON MENTIONED A GREAT IDEA. WHY CAN'T WE GET AN INJUNCTION OR A SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT TO NOT ALLOW THIS TO GO ON, IN CONSIDERATION THAT IT'S A HATE CRIME AGAINST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS. AND BEYOND JEWISH PEOPLE WHO FEEL THREATENED, I THINK WE MUST REMEMBER THE NAZI LEGACY OF KILLING AND MAIMING THE DISABLED, MEDICAL TORTURE, DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GYPSIES, CATHOLICS, HOMOSEXUALS. AND THAT THIS LEGACY OF HATRED AS IT IS INFLICTED ON THE CITY THROUGH THE DEFICIT OF LEADERSHIP IN PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL, SOMETHING THAT TO ME -- IT'S LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE IN MY HEART. I'VE KIND OF WENT INTO HIDING. I ACTUALLY HAVE THIS FEELING LIKE I WILL THROW UP WHEN I GO TO CITY COUNCIL. LIKE, I GET OVERWHELMED WITH NAUSEA, WITH DISTRUST, WITH APPREHENSION, BECAUSE I'M BURNED OUT AND I GOT TIRED OF BRINGING THEM MY OPEN HEART, MY GOOD IDEAS AND THEN FEELING LIKE I WAS JUST GETTING A DOOR SLAMMED IN MY FACE. THE FIRST TIME HE TALKED TO MAYOR HALES WAS IN HIS FIRST DAY OF OFFICE, HAVING THE MEETING ABOUT JANUARY A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. I SPOKE ABOUT THE PSU RAPE CRISIS WHERE WOMAN AFTER WOMAN AFTER WOMAN WAS BEING RAPED. I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE THAT JAMIE LARSON HAD BEEN MUTILATED. IT'S A COLLECTIVE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CAMPUS, JUST AT CHRISTMAS. THIS IS REALLY APPROPRIATE THAT I'M HERE SPEAKING. I WAS RIDICULED IN THE OREGONIAN AS OUTLANDISH. IF IT'S OUTLANDISH TO COMPLAIN ABOUT RAPE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WHERE CAN I BE SAFE. BUT I THINK THE

DISRESPECT MAYOR HALES SHOWED ME, LET ME KNOW WHAT KIND OF TONE WAS SET FOR HIS TENURE. I WANT YOU TO KNOW I NEED MORE FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THESE THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE NAZI.

>> GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Bushman: HI, MY NAME IS KATHLEEN BUSHMAN AND I'M WITH HEALING MAN SANCTUARY AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT ISSUE. PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL RECENTLY SAW FIT AS TO DESCRIBE PORTLAND'S HOMELESS AS A THREAT BECAUSE THEY POSSESS AN ECONOMIC THREAT TO PORTLAND'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I'M OPPOSED TO DEFINING PEOPLE THAT WAY BUT WE'LL GO WITH THAT DEFINITION. THE SAME TIME THEY POSED THAT THE HOMELESS AS A THREAT, THEY PROCEED WITH MORE GENTRIFICATION PROJECTS. LIKE LIGHTNING SPOKE OF \$250,000 COST TO PROVIDE A SINGLE UNIT IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND IN THIS NEW GENTRIFICATION PROJECT, THEY ONLY HAVE TO PROVIDE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE UNITS WITHIN THE GENTRIFICATION PROJECT. AND THAT AFFORDABLE UNIT WILL ONLY LAST FOR 10 YEARS. AFTER 10 YEARS THEY CAN PROCEED TO CHARGE WHATEVER THE MARKET WILL BEAR. WELL, IF YOU SEE THAT AT THE SAME TIME THEY ARE GIVING A \$7 MILLION TAX REBATE TO THE DEVELOPERS TO PROVIDE THESE AFFORDABLE UNITS, THAT WILL ONLY LAST 10 YEARS. AFTER 10 YEARS THEY CAN GO AHEAD AND CHARGE WHAT THEY WANT. BUT THAT MIGHT BE WHAT HAPPENED IN SAN FRANCISCO, HAPPENED IN PORTLAND. IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST YEAR, IN A SINGLE YEAR, BECAUSE OF THEIR GENTRIFICATION PROJECTS OVER THE YEARS, THEY SAW AN EVICTION RATE THAT ROSE OVER 115% IN ONE YEAR IN 2013. IF THE HOMELESS ARE A THREAT, THAT THREAT'S GOING TO BE A HUGE THREAT BECAUSE IT CAN'T STOP. WAGES IN OREGON ARE STAGNANT AND WE HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE COUNTRY. LAST YEAR IN A SINGLE YEAR IN PORTLAND THE AVERAGE RENT IN PORTLAND ROSE OVER 11% IN ONE YEAR. IT JUST CONTINUES. AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE LAST HOMELESS COUNT WAS -- WENT UP OVER 5% IN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD. SO THIS PROBLEM IS GOING TO -- MAN, EXPAND. SO I THINK WE NEED A BETTER SOLUTION THAN POLICE HARASSMENT, BECAUSE IF THEY SEE IT AS A THREAT, THEY MAY HAVE TO ESCALATE THE HARASSMENT TO LIVE AMMO IF THEY ARE GOING DEAL WITH THIS GROWING ISSUE AND THEY SEE IT AS A THREAT. THIS -- BUT THE SANCTUARY COULD PROVIDE, LIKE I FOUND IT ON THE INTERNET, AN R.V. UNIT WITH 65 ACRES. IT'S MUCH LARGER THAN WE WOULD NEED, I WOULD THINK. WE COULD HOUSE ALMOST ALL OF PORTLAND'S HOMELESS ON 65 ACRES. IT'S AN R.V. MARK THAT ALREADY HAS ELECTRICITY AND WATER. IT COSTS BETWEEN ONE AND TWO MILLION FOR THE ENTIRE 65 ACRES. WE'D NEED A MUCH SMALLER AREA. BUT GIVEN THAT, WE COULD SUPPORT THE AIRSTREAM UNITS ON THERE FOR \$10,000 OR LESS. WE COULD TAKE ALL OF PORTLAND'S HOMELESS AND PUT THEM ON THAT

SPACE. ON A LONG-TERM BASIS, IT WOULDN'T END UP AT THE END OF 10 YEARS DISAPPEARING.

>> THANK YOU.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, MY NAME'S CHARLES JOHNSON. I WANT TO ECHO THINGS MS. BUSHMAN RAISES. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THESE 10-YEAR GUARDIANED FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING WHAT WE'RE REALLY SAYING IS, DEAR LOW-INCOME PERSON: IF YOU SETTLE IN HERE WE'RE GOING EVICT YOU IN 2024. SO ASPIRATIONALLY I HOPE THE COUNTY COMMISSION CAN WORK WITH ALL OF THOSE DIFFERENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN PUBLIC HOUSE SOG WE NEVER START WITH THAT KIND OF ENGINEERING IN OUR PLANS. IT'S NOT WHERE WE WANT TO BE AS OREGONIANS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO SAY THAT OUR PLAN IS THAT IN 10 YEARS WE'RE GOING THROW THE LOW-INCOME PEOPLE OUT OF THE MIXED USE BUILDING. DEVELOPERS WILL SAY THAT'S NOT THE CASE, BUT ANECDOTAL STORIES FROM SAN FRANCISCO GIVE US REASON TO BE CONCERNED. I THINK WE HAVE -- ALTHOUGH THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CHALLENGING THINGS PUT FORTH HERE, I'M VERY GLAD TO BE SITTING HERE AND SEEING THAT WE HAVE A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER. I'VE SPOKEN AFTER A PERSON WHO HAS VISUAL AND MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS. EVEN THOUGH WE COME AS CITIZENS TO RAISE THE BAR EVEN HIGHER, MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS A LOT TO BE PROUD OF, DESPITE WHAT MS. ENG RAISED ABOUT CERTAIN COMMUNITIES THAT REALLY SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT SOME GOVERNMENTAL BEHAVIOR, AS A PERSON SOMEWHAT PRACTICING JUDAISM AND IDENTIFYING AS JEWISH, I HOPE MY COMINORITIES, AFRICAN-AMERICANS WILL CHALLENGE THE CITY FOR SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE WHEN WE PROMOTE PEOPLE WHO SHOW AN AFFINITY FOR THE THIRD REICH TO BE CAPTAIN IN THE POLICE. IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO REALLY LOOK AT THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF THAT VIOLATION. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS ON SUNDAY, THE MORNING OF SUNDAY THE 3rd WILL BE REMEMBERING THIS COUNTRY DOES HAVE GREAT INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS WHO OCCASIONALLY GET ASSASSINATED. THE ANNIVERSARY OF DR. KING'S "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH IS UPON US. SUNDAY MORNING ALBERTA AND MLK PEOPLE WILL COMBINE THAT IDEA WITH DOING THINGS TO STAY HUNDRED. THERE'S AN MLK DREAM RUN, YOU CAN FIND IT ON FACEBOOK. EVEN THOUGH MR. WALSH PUT FORTH THE VERY SERIOUS CONCERN OF HAVING HUNGRY CHILDREN IN AMERICA, YET BEING ABLE TO TELL ISRAEL WILL HELP FINANCE MORE BOMBS AND GUNS FOR YOU, THAT, YOU KNOW, PUTS US IN A POSITION WHERE WE REALLY NEED TO HOLD DR. KING'S DREAM AND VISION ABOUT CHILDREN BEING TOGETHER WITHOUT HATE IN FRONT OF US. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND ENCOURAGING US IN THAT DIRECTION.

Ms. Bushman: MAY I SAY ONE THING? IT -- MAYBE IT'S NOT SO IRRELEVANT TO BE TALKING ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ISSUE OF GAZA. BECAUSE WHEN YOU

SPEND PORTLAND TAXPAYER MONEY TO PURCHASE ITEMS, I HOPE YOU REMEMBER NOT TO BUY ISRAELI PRODUCTS. OR AT LEAST YOU COULD MAKE STATEMENT THAT WAY.

>> THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: R.1, PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MCC CHAPTERS 33, 34, 36 RELATING TO THE CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF SECH PERMIT, WILDLIFE HABITAT.

>> MADAME CHAIR?

>> YES.

Vice-Chair McKeel: I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS AGENDA ITEM.

Commissioner Bailey: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WE HAVE A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER MCKEEL TO POSTPONE THIS AGENDA ITEM AND A SECOND FROM COMMISSIONER BAILEY. ALL THOSE EN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE ITEM HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: R.2, RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DISPOSITION REPORT FOR THE WIKMAN BUILDING AT 4420 SOUTHEAST 64th AVENUE, PORTLAND, OREGON, AND APPROVING A SALE TO BRANDON BROWN AND RAHIM ABBASI.

Mr. Bowers: MICHAEL BOWERS, FACILITIES DIRECTOR, GOOD MORNING, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR THAT THE TEAM UNDER DCA WILL BE BRINGING A PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD TO SELL A SURPLUS PROPERTY. SO WE MADE GREAT PROGRESS THIS PAST YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND OUR REAL ESTATE TEAM, PARTICULARLY LED BY MR. MIKE SUBLETT. TWO THINGS WE'D LIKE TO INCORPORATE WAS COMMUNITY FRIENDLY PROCESS, AS WELL AS A BUSINESS FRIENDLY OUTREACH PROCESS. SO I BELIEVE WE'VE SUCCEEDED IN THAT. I'LL LET MIKE KIND OF TALK ABOUT THE BACKGROUND AND THE PROCESS ITSELF. THEN WE CAN LET THE DEVELOPER THAT HAS PROPOSED ON THE PROPERTY SPEAK TO THE BOARD BRIEFLY.

>> THANK YOU, MIKE, THANKS VERY MUCH. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION. AS MIKE SUBLETT SAID, WE WERE LAST BEFORE YOU IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR AND THE BOARD PASSED RESOLUTION TO REQUEST PROPOSALS ON THE WIKMAN BUILDING. WE ISSUED A DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR COMMENT AND THAT GOES TO MICHAEL'S POINT ABOUT REALLY GETTING INPUT FROM POTENTIAL PROPOSERS BEFORE A PROPOSAL IS RELEASED. WE

RELEASED A DRAFT PROPOSAL FEBRUARY 11th WHICH GAVE THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION A CHANCE TO COMMENT ON OUR PROPOSAL AND HOW TO IMPROVE BACK IN MARCH. WE RECEIVED FOUR PROPOSALS. WE'RE ALWAYS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE RESPONSES AND EFFORT PROPOSERS PUT INTO IT. THERE'S BEEN A GREAT INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY IN THIS COMMUNITY. IT'S A GEM OF A BUILDING, A REAL WONDERFUL ASSET. AND OF THE FOUR PROPOSALS WE AGAIN, WE HAD AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEET AT THE END OF MAY. THE COMMITTEE WAS COMPRISED OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY CONTRACTS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY FACILITIES, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK DISTRICT 3'S OFFICE. IN ADDITION TO THE PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION THIS PROPERTY IS IN THE LENZ TOWN CENTER URA, AND A MEMBER OF THE ROSE CITY COALITION WHO LOOKED AT ACQUIRING THE BUILDING PREVIOUSLY. THE SCORING WAS QUITE CONSISTENT. ONE QUICK NOTE ABOUT THE SCORING. IT'S NOT COMPARATIVE AMONG THE PROPOSALS, IT'S AGAINST THE STANDARDS PUT OUT IN THE RFP. AND THE PROPOSAL THAT SCORED ABOUT -- APPROXIMATELY 10% HIGHER THAN THE NEXT CLOSEST PROPOSER WAS A PROPOSAL BY BRANDON BROWN AND RAHIM ABBASI. IT WAS A PROPOSAL TO GET IT TO THE STANDARDS OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER AND USE IT AS AN INCUBATOR SHARED OFFICE COMMUNITY EVENT SPACE. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE PROPOSERS AND LET THEM SAY A FEW WORDS IF THAT'S OKAY. TO MY LEFT, RAMIM ABASSI AND TO HIS LEFT BRANDON BROWN.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. I JUST WANTED TO TELL THAT YOU WE'VE APPRECIATED ALL OF MIKE'S EFFORT TO GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS. IT'S BEEN A LITTLE LONGER THAN OUR NORMAL ACQUISITION TO BE HONEST. WE'RE NOT USED TO GOING IN AND IT TAKING SO LONG. WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE DIRECTION OF BEING SUCCESSFUL ACQUIRERS OF THE PROPERTY. WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD STARTING AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY WHEN THE R.F.P. WAS FIRST GETTING ISSUED. WE REALLY FELL IN LOVE WITH THE OPPORTUNITIES OUT THERE. IT'S A NICE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE ENTRY POINT IS LOW ENOUGH THAT IT'S GOOD FOR SMALLER DEVELOPERS LIKE OURSELVES TO ENTER THE MARKET AND CREATE SOMETHING FUNCTIONAL AND USEFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE BUILDING ITSELF IS BEAUTIFUL. WHEN WE FIRST STARTED DOING OUR RESEARCH WE FOUND OUT IT WAS A PROPERTY THAT WAS OWNED -- WAS DESIGNED BY A FAMOUS ARCHITECT THAT MOVED HERE HIMSELF AND CREATED THREE OUR BUILDINGS THAT WERE ON THE HISTORIC REGISTER. WE WERE SURPRISED THIS ONE WAS NOT. WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE COULD ACTUALLY GET IT REGISTERED AND FIND A WAY TO DO SO. OTHER THAN THAT, WE REALLY HOPE THE IDEA WE HAVE ABOUT THE USE OF THE SPACE WILL END UP BEING A CATALYST FOR THAT NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND

THE AREA TO HELP BRING A LITTLE MORE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND HELP THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE ALREADY OUT THERE.

>> LOVE THE BUILDING, LOVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WE'RE EXCITED TO GET GOING.

>> THANK YOU, BRANDON, THANKS RAHIM, SHOULD THE BOARD VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION, THE NEXT STEP IS WE WOULD HAVE A DRAFT FOR THE PURCHASERS AND THE DEVELOPERS. THERE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS OF DUE DILIGENCE FROM THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT. OUR TARGET WOULD BE TO CLOSE AT THE END OF OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR AND GET IT BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS AND BACK INTO PRODUCTIVE USE AND MOVE IT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

>> JUST ONE FINAL NOTE. WHEN I CAME TO THE COUNTY TWO YEARS AGO AND DID RESEARCH ON CARNEGIE LIBRARIES AND HOW BEAUTIFUL THIS BUILDING IS, I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND MANY OF HIS EARLY 1900s CARNEGIE LIBRARIES HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED OR ARE IN DISREPAIR. WE'VE SAVED SEVERAL AS A COUNTY BUT THIS HAS SUCH GREAT POTENTIAL, WE'RE EXCITED THIS IS JUST A NICE GEM THAT'S KIND OF IN THE ROUGH. WE HAVE A SHOT AT REALLY CREATING A NICE LITTLE ANCHOR OPPORTUNITY IN THAT COMMUNITY.

>> ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Smith: MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. MIKE, I'M TRYING TO FIGURE THIS OUT. THERE WAS AN R.F.P. PUT OUT?

>> A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS WITH SCORING CRITERIA, COMMISSIONER SMITH.

>> I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, BECAUSE WE DON'T APPROVE ALL OF THESE, WHY ARE WE VOTING ON THIS AND NOT GOING THROUGH THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS?

>> THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF ANY PROPERTY IS UP TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. AS A CONSEQUENCE THE COMMISSION DIRECTED FACILITIES TO RUN AN RFP PROCESS, WHICH WE DID. AND WHAT WE'RE PRESENTING TO YOU TODAY IS THE DISPOSITION REPORT FOR YOUR -- THE BOARD'S FINAL SAY ON THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF THIS COUNTY ASSET.

>> BECAUSE IT WAS SURPLUS PROPERTY? IS THAT THE DIFFERENCE?

>> THAT'S A GOOD POINT, FORGIVE ME, YES. WE WENT INTO THE RECENT HISTORY, NOT THE LONG HISTORY, SO FORGIVE ME. BUT ABSOLUTELY, COMMISSIONER SMITH, THIS WAS DECLARED SURPLUS IN 2011.

>> RIGHT. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR FOR THE FOLKS WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE WE DON'T DO THIS NORMALLY. IT'S GENERALLY DONE OUT OF OUR PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT, RIGHT?

>> FOR SURPLUS FACILITIES, THOSE ARE TYPICALLY DISPOSED OF OUT OF DCA FACILITIES DIVISION.

>> AND THEN WE VOTE ON THEM BECAUSE IT'S SURPLUS PROPERTY. THAT'S THE KEY.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> COMMISSIONER, IT'S A THREE-STEP PROCESS TO EXPLAIN THE THREE SHOTS WE HAVE WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE? THE DECLARATION OF PARCEL, WHICH I MAKE TO THE BOARD. THEN WE TALK ABOUT WHAT WE WOULD LEAK TO SEE HAPPEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT IN AN RFP. THEN WE ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA. THE BOARD TELLS US, YES, THEY ACCEPT THE CRITERIA. THE THIRD STEP IS THE RESPONSES TO THAT CRITERIA AND A PROPOSAL TO COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION. THERE'S REALLY THREE BOARD ACTIONS WITH ANY DISPOSITION PROCESS TYPICALLY.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD?

>> CHAIR, THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT THIS HISTORIC BUILDING AND REALLY WANT TO GET IT ON THE REGISTER AND PRESERVE IT AS A HISTORIC BUILDING OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN YOUR USES THAT YOU IDENTIFY, YOUR INCUBATOR SPACE AND YOUR SHARED OFFICE SPACE THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT. I THINK THAT PARTICULARLY THE INCUBATOR IDEA IS SOMETHING THAT'S REALLY NEEDED AS WE MOVE OUT IN THE EAST PART OF OW COUNTY. SO I LIKE THAT YOU'RE WANTING TO DO THAT. CAN YOU ELABORATE A LITTLE MORE ON YOUR 76 AROUND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT FOR THE USE OF THE SPACE?

>> SURE, THANK YOU. WHEN WE FIRST LOOKED AT THE BUILDING THE HARD PART WAS FIGURING OUT HOW TO SPACE PROGRAM THAT. WE STILL DON'T HAVE A PROGRAM FOR HOW THAT WOULD BE DIVIDED OUT YET. MOST OF THE IDEAS ARE COMING FROM OTHER PROJECTS AROUND TOWN AND AROUND THE COUNTRY RIGHT NOW, SHARED WORK SPACE AND SHARED OFFICE SPACE RESULTS IN HAPPIER EMPLOYEES AND I WORK OUT OF A SHARED OFFICE SPACE RIGHT NOW WITH MY OFFICE AND MY TEAM. IT'S AN

AMAZING AMENITY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SMALLER OPERATIONS TO HAVE. YOU'RE ABLE TO COMMUNE WITH OTHER PEOPLE IN SIMILAR FIELDS THAT AREN'T IN THE SAME, YOU KNOW, LINE OF WORK YOU YOURSELF MIGHT DO. THE ABILITY FOR CROSS-COMMUNICATION AND IDEA-SHARING IS QUITE AMAZING. THE IDEA WOULD BE THE MAIN ROOM SPACE, THE BIG MEETING ROOM WOULD BE TURNED INTO THE SHARED WORK OFFICE SPACES. THE BACK SPACE WHERE THERE'S SOME DIVISION OF OFFICE, WE PROBABLY WOULD TRY TO KEEP THAT AS IS AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED A LITTLE MORE PRIVATE OFFICE SPACE. THERE'S AN EXISTING CONFERENCE ROOM BUILT INTO IT. WE'VE ALREADY PRETTY MUCH CLEARED WITH THE CONSULTANT FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION THAT THERE'S NOTHING IN THERE THAT CAN BE REMOVED, IT WAS ADDED IN THE 70s AND THEREFORE NOT PART OF THE HISTORIC BUILDING. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO UNCOVER THOSE BEAUTIFUL WINDOWS. IT WAS A BACK PATIO BUT NOW IT'S JUST A GRAVEL DRIVEWAY WITH THE TREE IN IT STILL. IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ACTIVIST THAT. PART OF OUR DEAL, WHENEVER WE HAVE SHARED WORK SPACE, YOU NEED KITCHEN, BATHROOMS, SOME SORT OF CONFERENCE ROOM WHERE PEOPLE CAN MEET AND SHARE IDEAS. OUR CONCEPT IS TO OPEN UP AS MUCH OF THAT MAIN ROOM AS WE CAN, SEPARATE THE CONFERENCE SPACE FROM THE MAIN WORK SPACE AND THAT WAY THE CONFERENCE SPACE COULD POTENTIALLY BE DOUBLED AND USED EVENING AND WEEKENDS FOR SOME SORT OF COMMUNITY EVENTS. MAYBE THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HAS THEIR MEETINGS THERE, SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES, AND THAT GREEN SPACE WE WANT TO CREATE IN THE BACKYARD.

>> GREAT. I JUST THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA AND I'M HOPING TO SEE IT MOVING OUT INTO THE EAST PART OF COUNTY, AS WELL. WE SEE A LOT OF OLDER BUILDINGS BEING RENOVATED DOWN HERE FOR CREATIVE SPACE STATIONS AND INCUBATORS AND I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. I LIKE THAT IDEA.

>> MAY I I HAVE ONE MORE THING? COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK IS NOT HERE TODAY, HER LEADERSHIP AND HER OFFICE HAS BEEN JUST INCREDIBLE GUIDANCE, LEADERSHIP, SUPPORT, AND SO WE'D ALL BE REMISS WITHOUT RECOGNIZING THAT AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACKS LONG AND DEEP EFFORTS IN CARING ABOUT THIS.

>> THANK YOU. THAT'S A NICE COMMENT, MIKE. I THINK THIS IS REALLY A GREAT DAY. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN WITH THIS BUILDING FOR A WHILE KIND OF LIKE IT, HAVE A LITTLE SENSE OF PRIDE THAT COMING TO THIS PLACE IS REALLY A WIN-WIN. YOU'RE SPEAKING TO OUR HEARTS WITH RENOVATING THAT BUILDING, WE ALL LOVE IT. IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL GEM IN OUR COMMUNITY BUT ALSO TO OUR HEADS, THE NEEDED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD, I THINK YOUR IDEA IS WONDERFUL. ALL I WOULD SAY IS SINCE WE DO FEEL SO CLOSE TO THE BUILDING I HOPE YOU'LL INVITE US TO THE OPENING SO WE CAN SEE YOUR FINISHED

PRODUCT. SOUNDS FABULOUS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? WE'VE APPROVED R.2. THANK YOU. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

Board Clerk: R.3, NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF OREGON'S STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

Chair Kafoury: WELCOME BACK, DAVE.

Mr. Houghton: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND BOARD. HERE I AM AGAIN. I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE HERE. SO I'M HERE TO REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE FY2014 HOMELAND -- STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH OREGON'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. WE'RE GOING TO BE APPLYING FOR \$294,824, THAT'S A LITTLE BIT LESS THAN YOU SAW ON THE NOTICE OF INTENT, BECAUSE TWO OF THE PROJECTS WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED IN THIS CYCLE BUT MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR A FUTURE GRANT CYCLE. UNLIKE PREVIOUS YEARS, GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT ARE ENTIRELY COMPETITIVE. AT LEAST 25% OF THE GRANT FUND MUST BE USED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. SO OUR COMBINED APPLICATION WILL, PRESUMING WE'RE SUCCESSFUL, WILL SERVE FOUR CITIES, FAIRVIEW, GRESHAM, TROUTDALE AND PORTLAND, AS WELL AS THREE COUNTY AGENCIES, WHICH INCLUDE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. THESE GRANT FUNDS ARE BASICALLY USED TO SUPPORT THE STATE'S HOMELAND SECURITY TRAGEDIES, TO PROTECT AGAINST, MITIGATE, RESPOND TO AND RECOVER FROM ACTS OF TERRORISM AND OTHER HAZARDOUS CATASTROPHIC EVENTS. SO THAT'S WHAT I HAVE. I FORGOT TO SAY THAT RACH LEGAL FROM OUR OFFICE IS HERE, AND RACHEL ACTUALLY HAS BORNE THE FAR GREATER BURDEN OF GETTING THIS GRANT APPLICATION ASSEMBLED AND PUT TOGETHER AND READY FOR SUBMISSION. SO I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY APPRECIATION FOR HER. IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, SINCE I CAME LATE TO THE PARTY, SHE IS PROBABLY IN A POSITION TO HELP ANSWER THOSE.

>> CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. I WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE POSSIBLE GRANT AND I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT OUT OF THE SEVEN -- AND I'M LOOKING, WE HAVE HAZMAT EXERCISES, UPGRADES, PLANNING COUNTYWIDE, HUMAN COSTS, TECHNOLOGY HAZARDS AND REGIONAL PLANNING. IN ANY OF THESE PROJECTS ARE YOU ALL PLANNING TO IDENTIFY HOW TO HELP ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE FOLKS, FOLKS WHO ARE VULNERABLE? ARE YOU GOING TO REACH OUT TO THEM TO GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION THEY NEED, IN CASE THERE IS SOME SORT OF DISASTER HERE TO BE PREPARED FOR?

>> I THINK I CAN TAKE THAT ONE. SO GENERALLY SPEAKING -- FIRST OF ALL, WE DO OTHER ACTIVITIES IN OUR OFFICE THAT AREN'T NECESSARILY FUNDED BY THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT ITSELF. AND INCLUDES IN THAT ARE PLANNING AROUND THE LOCAL POPULATIONS. CITIZEN CORE OUTREACH, ONE OF THE APPROACHES THAT I TOOK WHEN I WAS HERE BEFORE AND WOULD CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE SAUL AND DIANE HERE, WE WOULD ALWAYS BE LOOKING TO WORK WITH COMMUNITIES WHO ARE NONENGLISH OR LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING, AND COMMUNITIES WHO MAY BE MORE DISENFRANCHISED TO TRY TO FIND WAYS TO HELP THEM WITH PREPAREDNESS ISSUES. ALTHOUGH I CAN'T SPEAK DIRECTLY TO YOUR QUESTION I THINK THE INTENT OF THE OFFICE IS TO DO THAT. I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE WAS LANGUAGE SPECIFICALLY WRITTEN IN THE APPLICATION IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

>> BUT IN TERMS OF NO. 2, THE CONTINUES CORPS PROJECT, THROUGH THAT PARTICULAR PROJECT THERE COULD BE SOME VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, TRAINING OR ADVOCACY OR EDUCATION ON WHAT SHOULD BE HAPPENING WITH VULNERABLE FOLKS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY?

>> I WOULD ADD YES, THAT WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THAT PROJECT. BUT I WOULD ALSO ADD THAT NOT IN THIS APPLICATION, BUT ONE OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY'S APPLICATIONS FOR THIS PROCESS WE WROTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CALENDARS IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH. WE ALL SORT OF COORDINATED WHAT WE WERE APPLYING FOR, AND THAT WAS SOMETHING THEY WANTED TO TAKE ON. WE WERE HAPPY TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THAT. THAT'S ONE WAY, EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT IN OUR OWN OBLIGATION, WE ARE SUPPORTING THAT.

>> I'D LIKE TO SEE THE ABILITY TO TRANSLATE SOME OF THOSE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE'RE SUCH A VERY DIVERSE COMMUNITY AND I THINK WE'VE BEEN A LEADER IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. WE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION, CHAIR. THANK YOU. HI, DAVE, NICE TO SEE YOU. YOU MENTIONED THAT THE AMOUNT YOU'RE APPLYING FOR IS LESS THAN WHAT WAS IN THE APR, RIGHT?

>> YES.

>> WILL THAT AMOUNT COVER -- AND THEN YOU HAVE SEVEN PROJECTS. THE AMOUNT YOU'RE ASKING FOR WILL COVER THESE SEVEN?

>> THAT'S THE TOTAL OF THE PROJECT REQUEST.

>> GOT IT. OKAY, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL THOSE EN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE NOTICE OF THE INTENT IS APPROVED.

Board Clerk: R.4, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SANDY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY FOR FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE OF COUNTY DRAINAGE FACILITIES.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS. THE PURPOSE THIS MORNING IS TO TALK ABOUT THE SANDY DRAINAGE AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY FOR MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES OUT IN EAST COUNTY. THIS AREA IS BOUND BESIDE NORTHEAST 223rd ON THE WEST AND SANDY RIVER ON THE EAST AND PREDOMINATELY MARINE DRIVE ON THE NORTH. COMPANY IS FORMULATED WELL TO TAKE CARE OF FLOOD CONTROL ISSUES IN THAT AREA. IT'S THE SAME BODY OF EMPLOYEES THAT FORM PENN 1 AND PENN 2 IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, MOST OF THE DRAINAGE DISTRICTS. WE'VE EMPLOYED THIS PRACTICE OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS TO VERY EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL PRACTICE. THIS JUST FORMALIZES THOSE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. IT'LL COST ABOUT \$6500 A YEAR TO PERFORM THAT MAINTENANCE AND THAT IS BORNE OUT OF THE ROAD FUND. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR BOTH AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE IGA IS APPROVED.

Board Clerk: R.5, PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING JULY 26th, 2013, AS AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AWARENESS DAY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> COLLEAGUES AND GUESTS, FOR THE RECORD ROBERTA PHILLIP SERVING AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S ADA COORDINATOR. THE AMERICANS WITH

DISABILITIES ACT WAS CREATED AS A TOOL TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT A PERSON HAS A DISABILITY. THE SPIRIT OF THE ADA IS OF ACCESS AND INCLUSIVITY, A VALUE SHARED BY ODE AND OUR EMPLOYEE RESOURCES GROUP. THAT'S WHY ODE IS STANDING WITH ADAPT TODAY. SINCE BEING DESIGNATED, MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S ADA COORDINATOR A FEW WEEKS AGO I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH FACILITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY IN PARTICULAR TO ACKNOWLEDGE SHERRY SWABBING HAMMER WHO ISN'T HERE TODAY, AND HER COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING ACCESS FOR EVERYONE. BOB LEAVER IS HERE ON BEHALF OF SHERRY TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS. I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE SUPPORT OF COLLEEN BOWLES AND MIKE, MIKE IS HERE. WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER TO WEAVE VARIOUS EFFORTS THAT HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND COLLEEN WILL BE SPEARHEADING AN EFFORT TO CREATE A WORK GROUP WITHIN FACILITIES TO FOCUS ON ISSUES OF ADA COMPLIANCE. GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEPTEMBER. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE CO-CHAIRS OF ADAPT, TRACY BUCKNER AND SHERRY TAYLOR TO MOVE US FORWARD.

Ms. Taylor: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS SHERRY TAYLOR AND I'M ONE OF THE COCHAIRS FOR ADAPT. ADAPT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AND WE'RE STRUGGLING FOR MEMBERSHIP. I REMEMBER I WAS SO EXCITED WHEN I FIRST HEARD THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WAS FORMING AN EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR ALLIES. I REMEMBER THE VERY FIRST MEETING HERE IN THE BOARD ROOM A KICK-OFF MEETING TO DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS INTEREST IN THIS, AND IF THIS GROUP WAS IN FACT NECESSARY THAT. DAY WE HEARD OVER AND OVER AGAIN, PEOPLE TALK ABOUT SLIGHTS AND NEGATIVE ACTIVITY FROM COWORKERS AND EACH THEIR SUPERVISORS AROUND THEIR DISABILITIES. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE IF IT WAS AN INVISIBLE DISABILITY. WE DECIDED THEN AND THERE THAT THERE WAS ENOUGH INTEREST AND THAT IN FACT HAVING THIS ARJ WAS VERY IMPORTANT. SO WHY ARE WE STRUGGLING TO MEMBERSHIP THEN? WE SAW THAT BOARD ROOM THAT DAY, FILLED WITH PEOPLE FOR THE FIRST MEETING. BUT AFTER THAT I HAVE TALKED WITH PEOPLE AND ASKED THEM WHY THEY HAVE NOT JOINED. I FOUND THAT THERE ARE -- ALTHOUGH THERE ARE OTHER REASONS, THE PRIMARY ONE IS STIGMA. THERE IS STIGMA ATTACHED TO BEING ASSOCIATED WITH AN ERG ABOUT DISABILITY. I'VE TALKED TO OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE SHARED THEIR STORIES WITH ME. AND ONE IN PARTICULAR THAT STANDS OUT TOLD ME THAT THEY HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS, AND THAT IF THEY IN FACT JOINED ADAPT AND OTHERS FOUND OUT ABOUT THAT, THAT IT WOULD BE VERY TROUBLING TO THEM AND THEY WOULD BE LOOKED AT DIFFERENTLY, AND THAT THEY COULD NOT STAND THAT CHANCE. SO THAT'S A BIG SHAME, BECAUSE DISABILITY IS NOT INABILITY. SO IT'S CLEAR THERE'S MUCH WORK TO DO AND THERE'S MUCH -- IN TERMS OF AWARENESS AND EDUCATION. EXCUSE ME, I'M VERY NERVOUS. BUT THOSE TWO THINGS ARE OUR FOREMOST PRIORITIES. I'M HAPPY TO SAY

THAT HUMAN RESOURCES IS PRESENT AT MOST OF OUR MEETINGS, SO THAT THEY CAN ASSIST US WITH THINGS AS THEY COME UP. WE APPRECIATE THEIR SUPPORT. SO BECAUSE WE NEEDED INDICATION, AND BECAUSE THERE IS STIGMA AND WE TRY TO INCORPORATE SOME OF THE DIFFICULT HARD TO TALK ABOUT THINGS IN OUR MEETINGS. AT OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TOPIC WILL BE MENTAL HEALTH, PERCEPTION, STEREOTYPE AND STIGMA. NOT TOO LONG AGO SEVERAL OF US TRAVELED OVER TO OHSU TO MEET WITH THEIR DISABILITY ERG. WE TOLD THEM THAT WE WERE GOING TO DO THIS MEETING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. EACH THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE A LOT LONGER, THEY SAID WOW, WE HAVEN'T EVEN TOUCHED THAT ONE YET. THE TRUTH IS, ONE IN FOUR PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE IN THEIR LIFETIME. SO WE FEEL WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT IT, THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO SO. SO THE SPEAKERS WE HAVE LINED UP SO FAR FOR THIS MEETING ARE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TERRY BEAMER, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, TRAVIS GREY. WE HAVE A PANEL OF PRACTITIONERS FROM OHSU, KAISER PERMANENTE, AND MODA HEALTH. THE MEETING WILL BE FROM 1:00 TO 3:00 AUGUST 18th IN ROOM 313. THE TAKE-AWAY WILL BE THAT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ARE NOT A PERSONAL HEALTH FAILING BUT THEY ARE A TREATABLE MEDICAL ISSUE. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND APPEAR INVITATION TO MANY OF YOU TO COME TO THE MEETING TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH IF YOU'RE INTERESTED AND ABLE TO DO THAT. AT THIS TIME MY CO-CHAIR TRACY BUCKNER WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. [INAUDIBLE]

>> I'M SORRY, CAN YOU PAUSE FOR ONE MOMENT SO WE CAN GET A MICROPHONE?

>> OH. [LAUGHTER]

>> WE DON'T WANT ANY OF OUR VIEWERS TO MISS A WORD OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

Ms. Buckner: I'M HONORED TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BE CO-CHAIR FOR THIS EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE DISABILITIES AND THEIR ALLIES. WE CREATED THE NAME FOR THIS GROUP, ADAPT, WHICH STANDS FOR ABLED AND DISABLED ADVOCATES PARTNERING TOGETHER. AND WE WANT TO FOCUS THIS GROUP ON THE NEEDS OF EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE DISABILITIES. AND THEIR ALLIES, AS WELL. I KNOW THERE ARE MANY EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE INVISIBLE DISABILITIES IN THE WORKPLACE, BUT

OFTEN THEY DON'T REALIZE HOW MUCH THEY AREN'T ABLE TO BECOME INVOLVED. AND THEY -- BECOMING INVOLVED THEY CAN LEARN MANY NEW THINGS. I MYSELF LEARNED MANY NEW THINGS AS I JOINED ADAPT, RELATED WITH DISABILITIES IN THE WORKPLACE. I HAVE MET MANY DIFFERENT EMPLOYEES, BEEN TO MEETINGS. I'VE ALSO LISTENED TO THOSE EMPLOYEES, THEIR STORIES OF STRUGGLES AND FRUSTRATIONS. THERE'S A LOT OF FEAR AND SHAME THERE INVOLVED WITH COMING OUT WITH A DISABILITY AND SHARING THAT DISABILITY WITH YOUR COWORKERS, WITH YOUR SUPERVISOR, MANAGEMENT TEAM, AND THERE DOESN'T NEED TO BE. WE HAVE SO MUCH WORK TO DO TO EDUCATE PEOPLE IN ORDER TO BE MORE SENSITIVE OF OTHERS WITH DISABILITIES. AND HOW TO WORK AROUND DISABILITIES. WE PLAN TO HAVE MEETINGS WITH DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS UPCOMING IN THE NEXT MONTH. LIKE SHERRY MENTIONED, PLEASE DO COME TO OUR MEETING OR DISCUSS THE DIFFERENT TOPICS WITH US. I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS ADAPT COMMITTEE. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. CAN WE HAVE QUESTION FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OR COMMENTS?

>> I HAVE A QUESTION. I NEED TO PUT MY MIC ON. THANK YOU, ROBERTA, THANK YOU, OUR GUESTS FOR COMING TODAY. I THINK THIS IS SO IMPORTANT AND IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES OF EVERYONE WHO RETURNED THIS MULTNOMAH COUNTY UMBRELLA OF OUR EMPLOYEES. SO I REALLY LIKE THIS. AND CAN YOU GIVE ME THE DATE, THE TIME AND THE PLACE? I WOULD LOVE TO COME TO YOUR WORKSHOP. THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

Ms. Phillip: AUGUST 18th, IT'S A MONDAY, FROM 1:00 TO 3:00, ROOM 315 IN THIS BUILDING.

>> OKAY, GREAT, THANK YOU.

>> YES, THANK YOU ALL. THAT ACTUALLY WAS MY QUESTION AGAIN, I WAS GOING HAVE YOU SAY AGAIN WHERE THE MEETING WAS AND WHAT TIME SO, THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER?

>> I WOULD THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK. IF THE COUNTY IS NOT DOING EVERYTHING IT CAN TO CELEBRATE THE -- ALL OF THE ABILITIES OF ALL OF ITS EMPLOYEES AND TO LIFT EVERYONE UP THEY ARE REALLY MISSING THE BOAT. THANKS FOR HELPING CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF TALENT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD, AS WELL. AND PLEASE DO LET US KNOW, IN ADDITION COMING TO YOUR MEETINGS, IS THERE SOMETHING WE AS THE BOARD CAN DO TO HELP ELEVATE YOUR -- THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR GROUP TO OUR EMPLOYEES AND TO HELP ELIMINATE OR ERADICATE SOME OF THE STIGMA AROUND IT. I REALLY DO BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE OFFERING FOLKS IS A CHANCE TO BE EDGE GAUGED AND INVOLVED. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT. WE WANT ALL THE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK HERE TO FEEL LIKE THEY ARE VALUED BECAUSE THEY ARE. THANKS.

>> THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE THAT.

>> DO YOU WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

>> I WILL NOW READ THE PROCLAMATION. [MS. BUCKNER READ THE FIRST PART OF THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD AND MS. TAYLOR READ THE SECOND PART.]

>> THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: MR. JOE WALSH.

Mr. Walsh: MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU. THIS IS VERY SPECIAL AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK. ONE OF THE THINGS BEING AN EX-CHIEF UNION STEWARD, I'VE NOTICED TODAY'S THE 31st BUT WE'RE PROCLAIMING THIS DAY GOING BACK TO THE 26th. I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE. WE'RE DOING A PROCLAMATION OF SOMETHING THAT'S ALREADY PASSED. I'M SURE THE PEOPLE AT HOME ARE A LITTLE CONFUSED ON THAT AND NOBODY SEEMS TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED. I THINK -- AND CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG -- BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE A MEETING LAST WEEK THAT WE OVERLAPPED AND MISSED A DATE. I WOULD LIKE SOMEBODY TO EXPLAIN THAT A LITTLE BIT FURTHER, WHY YOU DID THAT. BECAUSE THAT, TO ME, IS AN INDICATOR OF, YOU KNOW, WE COULD HAVE DONE THIS BETTER, WE COULD HAVE DONE THIS A COUPLE MONTHS AGO AND PLANNED IT AND HAD PEOPLE COME BEFORE US PRIOR TO THE DAY. SO IF YOU'RE SAYING WE'RE GOING TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY, BUT THE DAY IS PAST, THAT'S PROBLEMATIC FOR ME. IT DOESN'T FIT INTO MY BRAIN. SO I WOULD JUST CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU ON YOUR WORK. THEIR WORDS ARE REALLY SPECTACULAR. AS SOMEBODY WITH A DISABILITY I LIVE WITH IT EVERY DAY. WHEN I GO ACROSS THE STREET TO CATCH THE BUS, IT'S CONCERNING TO ME WHEN I GET ON THE BUS HOW CROWDED IT IS. AND WHETHER SOMEBODY IS GOING GET UP AND ALLOW ME TO SIT DOWN. NORMALLY I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM BUT IT IS AN ISSUE EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN -- SOMETIMES I LET BUSES GO BECAUSE

THEY ARE TOO CROWDED. SO IT'S A BIG ISSUE. AND I WISH THAT WE COULD SAY, YOU KNOW, WE ARE PROCLAIMING THE 31st AS A DAY TO CELEBRATE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS TO HAVE A DISABILITY, AND TO BE SENSITIVE TO THOSE PEOPLE AROUND US. I THINK WE COULD DO A BETTER JOB. AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT I WANTED TO SAY. I WANT CONGRATULATE YOU IN ONE SENSE BUT ALSO CAUTION YOU, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BETTER. THANK YOU.

>> FRANKLY IT WAS A MATTER OF SCHEDULING AND THE BOARD CAN CHOOSE TO CHANGE IT OR NOT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WE WILL GO FORWARD AND VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND WE WILL TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE FUTURE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE PROCLAMATION VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING FORWARD.

>> THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: AND NOW THAT WE HAVE FINISHED OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WE HAVE THE TIME FOR NONAGENDA ITEMS. DOES THE BOARD HAVE ANYTHING THEY WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

Vice-Chair McKeel: OH, YEAH.

Chair Kafoury: WHAT'S GOING ON IN EAST COUNTY, COMMISSIONER?

Vice-Chair McKeel: LOTS, SO MUCH. TOMORROW OUR OFFICE HAS ALWAYS SPONSORED THE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE AND THAT STARTS TOMORROW. THE BARRELS WILL BE IN THE BUILDING.

Chair Kafoury: DOES THAT MEAN SCHOOL'S COMING? YAHOO!

>> THAT RUNS THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST BUT THE BARRELS WILL BE IN THE BUILDING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES. THEN ON FRIDAY NIGHT IN GRESHAM WE HAVE THE JAZZ ROUND ROBIN, THE MOUNT HOOD JAZZ FESTIVAL IS BACK, FRIDAY NIGHT IS THE JAZZ ROUND ROBIN THAT STARTS AT SIX IN DOWNTOWN GRESHAM. SATURDAY AT NOON TO 10:00 P.M. IN THE PLAZA. WE HAVE THE FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK IN TROUTDALE FROM 5:00 TO 9:00 P.M. WE HAVE THE CRUISE-IN, IN TROUTDALE ON SUNDAY. ALSO ON SATURDAY IS A SOULFUL GIVING CONCERT FROM NEW IN TO 7:30 AT THE YOSHIDA ESTATE.

>> I HAVE MY CLASS REUNION, AS WELL.

>> CONGRATULATIONS, THOSE WILL BE FUN.

>> ANY OTHER COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER?

>> MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE I WILL BE ATTENDING THE THIRD ANNUAL MLK WALK-RUN ON SUNDAY MORNING. THAT WILL BE AWESOME. AND I INVITE ALL OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE. IT'S GREAT. I THINK THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT YEAR FOR THIS WALK AND I SO PRESSURE OUR COMMUNITY FOLKS KEEPING US ON OUR TOES IN TERMS OF BEING TIMELY IN WHAT WE DO. BUT UNFORTUNATELY IN MANY CASES WE'RE NOT THE HOLDER OF THE AGENDA, AND WE DEPEND ON FOLKS TO GET US INFORMATION FAIRLY QUICKLY. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK PEOPLE DO IN TERMS OF, ASKING US FOR PROCLAMATIONS AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. BECAUSE IT MAKES US A BETTER BOARD WHEN WE HAVE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT EVERYBODY IN OUR COMMUNITY. I SO APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THAT FOLKS DO HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL POUNDED]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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