

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County
Monday, September 21, 2009 - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

**CITY OF PORTLAND COUNCIL &
MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

JOINT MEETING

JM-2 The City of Portland Council and Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Joint Meeting. Presenters: Joshua Todd, Interim Director, Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community; Reese Lord, Youth Coordinator, Education Strategies.

Chair Ted Wheeler convened the meeting at 5:03 p.m., with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Jeff Cogen, Deborah Kafoury and Diane McKeel present, and City of Portland Mayor Sam Adams and Commissioners Dan Saltzman, Randy Leonard, Nick Fish and Amanda Fritz present.

Chair Wheeler welcomed everyone to the joint meeting. The purpose of this meeting for Multnomah County and the City of Portland is to reaffirm this commitment to the meaningful engagement of our local youth in City/County government.

A. Highlight the Achievements of the City/County Youth Engagement Team during the 2008-2009 Program Year, presenting the Youth Engagement Report from Multnomah Youth Commission.

Presenters Chris Edmonds and Nay'Chelle Harris, MYC Co-Chairs made their report, showed their power point presentation and made their recommendations. The Council and Commissioners thanked them for their report.

B. RESOLUTION Adopting the Youth Engagement Manual and *PDXyouth.org* as the Primary Tools to Engage and Support the Role of Children and Youth in the Decision Making Processes of the City of Portland and Multnomah County - a Key Strategy of Implementing *Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth*.

Commissioner Cogen moved and Councilman Fish seconded, approval of the Resolution.

Mayor Adams introduced the Resolution into the record. He stated that this resolution is an important next step in the implementation of youth involvement at the City. These tools will improve youth access to government services relevant to their lives by consolidating and providing links to resources in a format and language natural to you. It will facilitate opportunities for youth opinions, concerns, and creative impulse to be heard and responded to by Portland's government. It will serve to involve youth in government by providing resources that facilitate direct communication with elected officials and City agencies, volunteerism, internships and jobs with government, events, and a participatory governance structure for the youth web portal.

Presenter Ernesto Dominguez, MYC Policy Liaison addressed why they have developed this site, gave a brief history of the project including youth involvement; and emphasized the importance of the partnership between the City and County to the youth of our region.

Jeremy Van Keuren, City of Portland – Office of Management & Finance, discussed how youth developed look feel and organization; reviewed the three main pages; and emphasized the importance of the Voice section and how it supports their mission.

Bill Lesh, Principal – Center for Advanced Learning, spoke to the value of site as a learning opportunity and gave a brief overview of the partnership and what CAL will be doing to support this organization.

Graeme Oberhausen, Terell Wilson and Ashleigh Paschal, Youth Planner Program along with Carolina Iraheta, City of Portland – Bureau of Transportation; and, Gary Marshke - Chair of the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee, gave a brief overview of BOR and YPP; how the manual was developed and detailed discussion of the following sections: 1-Youth input, 2-Hiring youth and 3-How change happens.

After all explanations were heard and Board and Council questions were answered, Resolution 2009-113 was unanimously adopted.

C. Honor the Recipients of the Youth Champion Award for the City of Portland and Multnomah County: Sgt. George Weatheroy of the Portland Police Bureau and Carla Remeschatis from Multnomah County School-Based Health Centers.

Mayor Adams stated that "The Youth Champion Award" -- sponsored by the City/County Youth Engagement Team -- recognizes an employee of the City of Portland and an employee of Multnomah County who have helped implement "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth" by advocating for the involvement and engagement of young people into the work (planning, decisions, or programs) of the City and/or County. "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth" is the nation's first youth-created Bill of Rights which has been adopted by a local government as official City & County policy.

Introductions were made by Chris Edmonds and Nay'Chelle Harres, MYC Co-Chairs. The Awards were presented by immediate past recipients: Tiffani Penson, City of Portland -- Office of Management & Financial and Sara Ryan, Multnomah County Library.

The two Honorees were acknowledged and given their awards. The Board and Council members congratulated them for their achievements.

D. Welcome and Provide the Oath of Office to the 42 Members of the 2009-2010 Multnomah Youth Commissioners, the Official Youth Policy Body for both Multnomah County and the City of Portland.

Mayor Sam Adams gave opening remarks. Introductions were made by Todd Diskin and Emily Ryan.

Chair Wheeler gave the Oath of office to the members; the names of each are attached to the record hereto.

Chair Wheeler stated for the record: "Youth don't see the boundaries between the City and County. More importantly, the need to support young people isn't just the responsibility of government but our entire community. The Youth Bill of Rights provides a shared plan, created by young people, for how every member of our community can support the success of our youth. Youth engagement is a great investment in the future health, livability, and vibrancy of our community."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. for a reception that followed.

Lynda Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
Board of County Commissioners

Multnomah County

**Youth Engagement City/County Joint Council Session
September 21, 2009 at 5:00 pm**

AGENDA

Accept report and recommendations of the Multnomah Youth Commission (Report)

5:00-5:10 *Youth Engagement Report from Multnomah Youth Commission*
Chris Edmonds and Nay'Chelle Harris, MYC Co-Chairs

Adopt the Youth Engagement Manual and PDXyouth as the primary tools to engage and support the role of children and youth in the decision making processes of the City—a key strategy of implementing Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth (Resolution introduced by Mayor Adams)

5:10-5:20 *PDXyouth*
Ernesto Dominguez, MYC Policy Liaison

- Why are we doing this?
- Brief history of project including youth involvement
- Emphasize City/County partnership and why it makes sense for youth

Jeremy Van Keuren, City of Portland – Office of Management & Finance

- Youth developed look feel and organization
- Walk through primary architecture and three main pages
- Emphasize Voice section and how it supports mission and drives traffic (dynamic)

Bill Lesh, Principal – Center for Advanced Learning

- Value of site as a learning opportunity
- Brief overview of the partnership and what CAL will be doing

5:20-5:38 *Youth Engagement Manual*
Graeme Oberhausen, Terell Wilson and/or Ashleigh Paschal, Youth Planner
Program

- Brief overview of BOR and YPP
- Brief overview of how the manual was developed
- Detailed discussion of the following sections:
 - Youth input
 - Hiring youth
 - How change happens

Carolina Iraheta, City of Portland – Bureau of Transportation
Gary Marshke- Chair of the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee

Announce recipient of the Youth Champion Award Portland/Multnomah County (Presentation)

5:38-5:45 Introduced by Chris Edmonds and Nay'Chelle Harres, MYC Co-Chairs
Presented by immediate past recipients
Tiffani Penson, City of Portland – Office of Management & Finance
Sara Ryan, Multnomah County Library

Welcome new Multnomah Youth Commissioners (Presentation)

5:45-6:10 Opening Remarks: Mayor Sam Adams and Chair Ted Wheeler
Oath of Office: Chair Ted Wheeler
Commissioners introduction by: Todd Diskin & Emily Ryan
Recognition by Portland City Council and Multnomah County Commissioners
Photographs to follow



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AT-LARGE MEMBERS



Wilson Ainess (13)

Da Vinci Arts Middle School
1st Year on the MYC
Wilson wishes the world would be greener.



Perla Alvarez (13)

Ron Russell Middle School
1st Year on the MYC
Perla joined the MYC to try new things and meet new people. She wants to help the community and be involved.



Shade Baldwin-Standard (14)

Wilson High School
1st Year on the MYC
Shade wishes that everyone would work together and do everything they can to save the planet.



Madison Bowers (16)

Homeschooled
1st Year on the MYC
In her free time Madison volunteers for the Salvation Army.



Sean Brandom (16)

Cleveland High School
1st Year on the MYC
Favorite Quote: "Everyman dies, not ever man truly lives." -William Wallace. He wants you to know he liked this quote before the movie Braveheart was released.



E. Dominguez (20)

Out-of-school
2nd Year on the MYC
" I feel the best work happens when youth and adults are given an equal seat & voice at the decision-making table.



Perry Heistuman (16)

Pacific Crest Community School

2nd Year on the MYC

Perry joined the MYC to be more involved in the decisions made by City & County government.



Grace Mason (19)

Out-of-school

1st Year on the MYC

Grace wants to be an advocate for youth in foster care and homeless youth.



Thu Pham (15)

David Douglas High School

2nd Year on the MYC

Thu joined the MYC because she wanted to be part of a group that makes a difference.



Olivia Siulagi (16)

Catlin Gabel School

1st Year on the MYC

Olivia will make the world a better place by being the best person she can be and fighting for what she believes in.

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VOTING MEMBERS

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Ryan McBee (17)

Franklin HS

2nd Year on the MYC

Youth Commissioners spent over 100 hundred hours organizing to make YouthPass a reality. Out of 42 members only Ryan & SheRee benefited by receiving a free bus pass.

Max McCain (17)

Benson High School

1st Year on the MYC

Max is working very hard to get accepted into engineering school in the fall of 2009.



Shantel Monk (17)

De La Salle North Catholic High School

1st Year on the MYC

Shantel hopes to make the world a better place by having a business helping less fortunate people, especially foster children.



Marina Rulevskaya (17)

Marshall High School

4th Year on the MYC

"The MYC has been an amazing, fun, learning experience that taught me how much I can accomplish if I dream big."



Rachel Shelley (15)

David Douglas High School

2nd Year on the MYC

Rachel joined the MYC to get involved in her community and stay busy.



Karla Suarez Soriano (16)

Gresham High School

1st Year on the MYC

Personal quote: "The best way to let your voice be heard is by getting involved."



Carly Uebel (15)

Gresham High School

1st Year on the MYC

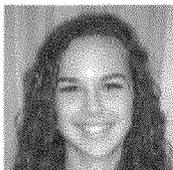
Carly's favorite quote: "Don't be afraid your life will end, be afraid it will never begin."



Joe Volpert (17)

Grant High School
4th Year on the MYC

Joe is President of Grant's National Honor Society, Model United Nations, Amnesty International Club, and is Captain of Grant's Dragon boat team.



Katherine Westmoreland (15)

David Douglas High School
2nd Year on the MYC

Katherine served as co-chair of the successful YouthPass Committee which established a free bus pass pilot project.



Lankai Xu (18)

Wilson High School
1st Year on the MYC

Lankai worked this summer teaching children about healthy nutrition and increasing use of the summer food program.

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Bianca Gille (16)

Jesuit High School
1st Year on the MYC
Bianca lives in the Cherry Ridge neighborhood of Troutdale



Blaine Granbois (18)

NAYA Early College Program
1st Year on the MYC.
Blaine believes a significant issue for youth today is cultural confusion and trying to figure out who they are as people.



Savanah Gregory (21)

Portland Youth Builders
1st Year on the MYC
Savanah spent 4 weeks in Thailand this summer with the Pangaea Project learning about labor rights and fair trade.



Nay'Chelle Harris (16)

Central Catholic High School
1st Year on the MYC
Nay'Chelle lives in the King neighborhood of NE Portland and wishes the people of the world would learn tolerance.



Kelly Henderson (18) Co-Chair

Portland State University
2nd Year on the MYC
Kelly serves as Mayor Potter's liaison to the MYC.



Amantha Hood (13)

Holy Redeemer Catholic School
1st Year on the MYC
Amantha feels the biggest issues facing youth are drugs, gangs, & transportation. Amantha is a proud resident of the N/NE Piedmont neighborhood.



Sam Huh (14)

Sam Barlow High School
2nd Year on the MYC

Sam is a 2nd degree black belt in Taekwon-do.



Annie Kersting (17)

Grant High School
4th Year on the MYC

Favorite quote: "Reality is merely an illusion- albeit a persistent one." Albert Einstein



Ashley Long (16)

St. Mary's Academy
1st Year on the MYC

Ashley wishes the people of the world would realize how dependent they are on each other which will lead to us uniting.

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Skye Arnold (15)

DART @ Franklin High School

1st Year on the MYC

Skye's wish for the world "People understand that united we stand, divided we fall."



Tim Bauman (17)

Central Catholic High School

1st Year on the MYC

In May Tim won 2nd place in Computer Science at the Intel International Science Fair.

Sean Brandom (16)
Cleveland High School
1st Year on the MYC

Favorite Quote: "Everyman dies, not ever man truly lives." -William Wallace. He wants you to know he liked this quote before the movie Braveheart was released.



SheRee' Bull (17)

Jefferson High School

1st Year on the MYC

SheRee' thinks the lack of funding for public education is the biggest issue facing youth.



Isabel Burri (17)

Open Meadow CRUE

1st Year on the MYC

Isabel feels the biggest issue facing youth is "the lack of opportunities we have to take initiative and become leaders in our community."



Klondy Karina Canales (17) Co-Chair

Reynolds High School

2nd Year on the MYC

Favorite quote: "Shoot for the moon and if you miss you'll be among the stars." Klondy serves as the Chair's liaison to the MYC.



Adreanna Cop (14)

Centennial High School
2nd Year on the MYC
Adreanna is a competitive ice skater.



Jared Denman (17)

Sam Barlow High School
1st Year on the MYC

Jared wants to see the MYC accomplish full implementation of the YouthPass (free bus pass for youth) program this year.



Chris Edmonds (16)

Grant High School
1st Year on the MYC

Favorite quote: "Winners are workers and workers are winners."



Seth Evans (17)

Portland State University
1st Year on the MYC

Seth hopes to make the world a better place by living a life that inspires other to do the same; practice selflessness and devotion to others.



Lisa Frank (17)

Lincoln High School
2nd Year on the MYC

We don't have to be the leaders of tomorrow, we can be the leaders of today!

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RESOLUTION No: 36733

Adopt the Youth Engagement Manual and PDXyouth as primary tools to engage and support the role of children and youth in the decision making processes of the City – a key strategy of implementing Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth. (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City of Portland recognizes that the well-being of children and youth is an important indicator of the health of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland recognizes that children and youth under age 18, who number 121,000 in our City and account for 21% of our population, do not have voting powers and thus are often denied the opportunity to influence decisions that affect their lives; and

WHEREAS, 90% of students believe the interaction of public officials with young people encourages civic engagement (US Mayor's Conference website); and

WHEREAS, only 37% of American adults believe today's children, once grown, will make the world a better place (Youth Service America); and

WHEREAS, children and youth are our future leaders and should be given adequate support to develop the to prepare them for such a responsibility; and

WHEREAS, as a Connected by 25 partner, the City of Portland recognizes young people thrive when they are connected to work, school, and their community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland takes pride in a strong tradition of implementing inclusive policies and reaching out to people of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Report to Council, *Fostering Empowerment of Youth for Tomorrow, Filling in the Gaps of Services Today!* was adopted by Council on September, 26, 2007 and committed the City to identifying specific recommendations City bureaus can take action on to improve youth involvement and engagement; and

WHEREAS, during the adoption of *Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth*, the City of Portland pledged to seek new and innovative ways to continually engage children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Planning Program in the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability (BPS) has created a *Youth Engagement Manual* to tangibly assist bureaus in engaging youth at various levels of involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management & Finance (OMF) has created a youth web portal on PortlandOnline called *PDXyouth* to facilitate the relationship and dialogue between youth and local government; and

WHEREAS, the Multnomah Youth Commission, the official youth policy advisory body to the City of Portland and Multnomah County, recommends joint usage of both the *Youth Engagement Manual* and *PDXyouth*; and

WHEREAS, the *Youth Engagement Manual* and *PDXyouth* will provide opportunities to engage and empower children and youth and promote their involvement throughout City bureaus and agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland adopts the *Youth Engagement Manual*, substantially similar to Exhibit A, and *PDXyouth*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City staff should utilize these tools to ensure that youth voice is heard at all levels of City government, especially when making decisions that directly affect youth's lives; and

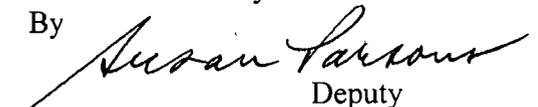
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BPS Youth Program Coordinator for the *Youth Engagement Manual* and OMF staff for *PDXyouth* will initiate and coordinate technical assistance and training on these tools for City bureaus seeking to advance the articles of the Youth Bill of Rights and report back to City Council within one year on progress and suggestions for improvement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that other bureaus and agencies at the City of Portland will look for opportunities to involve children and youth, that internships and volunteer opportunities within the City will be made available to children and youth, and that children and youth will be informed of those opportunities.

Adopted by the Council: SEP 21 2009

Office of Mayor Sam Adams
Prepared by: Abby Coppock and Pam Phan
Date Prepared: 09/03/09

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland
By


Deputy

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Agenda No.
RESOLUTION NO.
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Adopt the Youth Engagement Manual and PDXyouth as the primary tools to engage and support the role of children and youth in the decision making processes of the City – a key strategy of implementing Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth. (Resolution)

INTRODUCED BY	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>SEP 11 2009</u>
Mayor Sam Adams	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland
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Mayor—Finance and Administration <i>[Signature]</i>	By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy
Position 1—Utilities	
Position 2—Works	
Position 3—Affairs	ACTION TAKEN:
Position 4—Safety	
BUREAU APPROVAL	
Bureau: Office of Management & Finance and the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability	
Prepared by: Judith Tuttle: AC Date Prepared: 9-2-09	
Financial Impact Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes," requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Council Meeting Date 9-21-09	
Bureau Head: Kenneth L. Rust/Judith Tuttle <i>[Signatures]</i>	

AGENDA		FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
Special Session of City/County			YEAS	NAYS
Consent	Regular	1. Fritz	✓	
NOTED BY		2. Fish	✓	
City Attorney		3. Saltzman	✓	
		4. Leonard	✓	
		Adams	✓	

GROW Lynda

From: RYAN Emily
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 4:18 PM
To: #MULTNOMAH COUNTY ALL EMPLOYEES
Subject: YOUTH CHAMPION AWARD NOMINATIONS

The City/County Youth Engagement Team (made up of the Commission on Children, Families, & Community, Multnomah Youth Commission, Multnomah County Libraries, Office of Mayor Sam Adams, Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability, and Portland Parks & Recreation) is sponsoring the 2nd annual "Youth Champion Award." To be eligible nominees must be employees of either Multnomah County or the City of Portland who have helped implement "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth" by advocating for the involvement and engagement of young people into the work (planning, decisions, or programs) of the City and/or County. "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth" is the nation's first youth created Bill of Rights which has been adopted by a local government as official City & County policy.

Self nominations are allowed and all nominations are due Friday, September 11th. The award will be selected by a team of youth and adults and presented before the Multnomah County Board and Portland City Council at the Youth Commission swearing-in ceremony on Monday, September 21st. Please click on the link below and email responses to joshua.l.todd@co.multnomah.or.us (or reply to this email). There is great work happening at the County and this is our chance to celebrate it!

<http://www.ourcommission.org/youth>

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CITY OF PORTLAND/MULTNOMAH COUNTY
JOINT MEETING

JM-2 The City of Portland Council and Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2009 at the Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100, 501 SE Hawthorne, Portland.

The purpose of this meeting consists of the annual Multnomah Youth Commission swearing-in ceremony as well as presentations to the Council and Board relating to Adoption of the Youth Engagement Manual and Portland youth as the primary tools to engage and support the role of children and youth in the decision making process in the City of Portland; recognition of the Youth Champion Award winners; Acceptance of the Multnomah Youth Commission's annual Youth Engagement Report; and recognition of the Multnomah Youth Commissioners for 2009/2010.

If you have any questions, please contact Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community Interim Director Joshua Todd @ 86981 or Reese Lord, Education Strategies Youth Coordinator @ 503-823-4027.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Adopting the *Youth Engagement Manual* and *PDXyouth.org* as the Primary Tools to Engage and Support the Role of Children and Youth in the Decision Making Processes of Multnomah County, a Key Strategy to Implementing "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth"

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The well-being of children and youth is an important indicator of the health of the community.
- b. Multnomah County provides many services which directly impact the lives of young people including the Schools Uniting Neighborhoods program (SUN), School-based health clinics, and juvenile justice and homeless youth services.
- c. Multnomah County recognizes that children and youth under age 18, who number 147,250 in our County and account for 22% of our population (2000, Census Bureau) do not have voting powers and thus are often denied the opportunity to influence decisions that affect their lives.
- d. 90% of students believe the interaction of public officials with young people builds civic engagement (citation from US Mayor's Conference website).
- e. Only 37% of American adults believe today's children, once grown, will make the world a better place (<http://www.ysa.org/nysd/statistics.html>).
- f. Children and youth are the future leaders of our world and should be given adequate skills and support to prepare them for such a responsibility.
- g. As a *Connected by 25* partner, Multnomah County recognizes young people thrive when they are connected to work, school, and their community.
- h. Multnomah County takes pride in a strong tradition of implementing inclusive policies and reaching out to people from all ages and backgrounds.
- i. On May 22, 2007, by Resolution 07-102, the Board affirmed "*Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth*," and promoted youth engagement strategies throughout departments and agencies in the County.
- j. The City of Portland's Youth Planning Program has created a *Youth Engagement Manual* to tangibly assist government agencies in engaging youth at various levels of involvement.
- k. The City of Portland's Office of Management and Finance has created a youth web portal called *PDXyouth.org* to facilitate the relationship and dialogue between youth and local government.

- l. The Multnomah Youth Commission, the official youth policy advisory body to the County Board recommends, and the City of Portland supports, joint usage of both the *Youth Engagement Manual* and *PDXyouth.org*.
- m. The *Youth Engagement Manual* and *PDXyouth.org* will provide opportunities to engage and empower children and youth and promote their involvement throughout City bureaus and agencies.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. To support the use of the *Youth Engagement Manual*, attached as Exhibit A, and *PDXyouth.org* as the primary tools to engage and support the role of children and youth in the decision making process in the City of Portland.
2. To encourage County staff to utilize these tools to promote youth engagement in the decision-making process, especially with respect to decisions that directly affect the lives of children and youth.
3. To charge the Commission on Children, Families & Community, through its Youth Development Coordinator with initiating and coordinating technical assistance and training on these tools for County Departments and Agencies seeking to advance the articles of the Youth Bill of Rights and reporting back to the County Board within one year on progress and suggestions for improvement.
4. To encourage County departments and agencies to look for and inform children and youth of involvement opportunities such as internships and volunteering.
5. That this Resolution is a non-binding County policy.

ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 2009 and ratified September 24, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Ted Wheeler, Chair

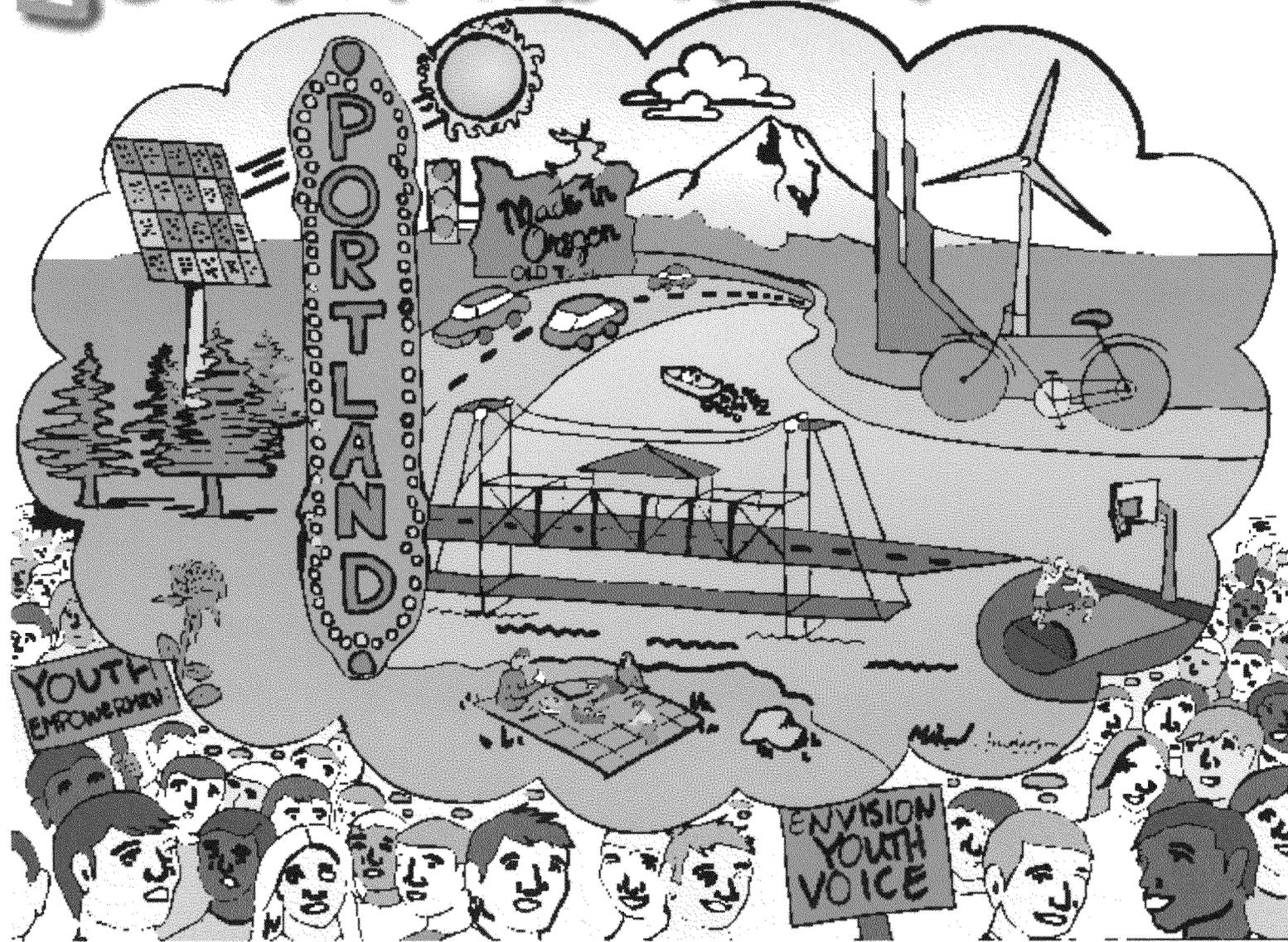
REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By _____
Stephanie E. Duvall, Assistant County Attorney

SUBMITTED BY:
Joshua Todd, Interim Director, Commission on Children, Families & Community

youth manual



I want youth input/voice in my project

"My favorite junctures where youth got involved, there was someone at least to direct you to it, or motivate you, or support you, or plant that seed. That's what outreach does. It's that vehicle that gets kids from where they're at to where they need to be."

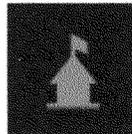
-Rob Ingram, Office of Violence Prevention, City of Portland

The youth of Portland say . . .

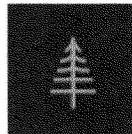
We asked Portland youth where they would like to have decision-making ability in a survey.

Overwhelmingly, the top three answers were:

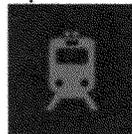
Schools



Parks



Transportation



The other categories listed involved:

- health
- the economy
- libraries
- homelessness
- gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer issues
- community organizations

Why is youth input important?

We strongly believe that youth should have voice and input into every area of our city, our communities and local government. After all, an adult community member has that right, at least in theory. They can go to open meetings and have their voice heard. They can vote on ballot initiatives on a wide variety of issues. It is only fair that the youth of Portland, **one third of the population**, have the same right to give their input. We can't quantify the value that youth bring unless they're in the room to give their opinions and feedback.



I Want to Hire Youth

"When we employ youth . . . we try to interact not only with that individual but also with that individual's family, their parents and the school, so that we are all on the same page. As far as why this individual [is] interested in working, what are their goals and how does that relate to their school activities and family? What's the understanding, so that everybody know[s]? I think that is really important and without that, if you just [think about] them separately, you can have problems."

-Tom Mears, CED Burgerville

Youth-centered Hiring

The Multnomah Youth Commission (MYC) has a very unique and youth-friendly process for selecting new members.

During the recruitment process, they have youth submit an application which includes four short answer questions, contact information, and an optional "box" that they can do anything they want with, as well as one peer recommendation

and one adult recommendation.

A selection panel comprised of youth and adults reviews the applications. Then there are two sets of interviews, one at Gresham City Hall and one at Portland City Hall; that way the interviewees can pick which destination works best for their schedule.

Interviews are not done individually, but as a group. At each interview session, the selection committee shares first, talking about the MYC



and their personal involvement. Then everyone — interviewers and interviewees — plays a game called "The Maze." Everyone has to get through the maze without talking, as a way of seeing how people work together in a team. After *The Maze*, there is a group discussion about how the game relates to MYC and how people feel about it. Then applicants are broken into three to four small groups, with five to eight applicants in each group and a member or two of the selection committee. Each group is given a policy scenario to solve. After time is up and all the groups have come up with an organizing plan for their scenario they present their plans to the selection committee. This activity gives applicants a chance to see exactly what the work of the MYC is like during the interview itself.

For the final part of the recruitment process, the applicants are put into pairs of two and rotated around to be asked a series of questions

How Change Happens

It's important to keep in mind that change happens on three different levels: on individual, organizational and societal/institutional levels. All three of these areas of change are necessary for real youth empowerment to take place on a larger scale.

1. Individual

This is internal change for one person, affecting how they think about things and how they act outwardly. In terms of empowering youth, for adults this means how you think of youth, speak and interact with youth.



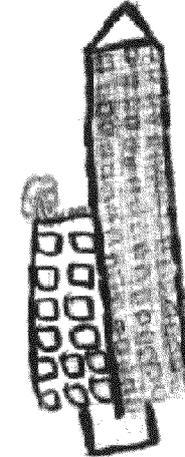
2. Organizational

This is how an organization (or in our case, a bureau) enacts change, and how it shares that change with its members/employees. For our purposes, this is about how the space feels for you, the attitudes about youth that the organization promotes, the policies that are in place to support youth, and the kind of training adults have had as a group to support youth.



3. Societal/Institutional

This is about changing society at a fundamental, and/or institutional level. For our work, this is about how to make youth empowerment a priority in our larger society in every aspect, whether it is media, education, government, or community.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT REPORT

2008 - 2009
CITY OF PORTLAND
&
MULTNOMAH
COUNTY, OREGON

Providing a Voice for Youth

The City of Portland and Multnomah County reach out to support and engage children and youth in many ways. This report, prepared by the Multnomah Youth Commission, the official youth advisory body to the County Board and City Council, highlights the achievements of the City/County Youth Engagement Team during the 2008-2009 program year.

2008-2009 Accomplishments

YouthPASS

The Youth Commission successfully lobbied to create a program providing free access to public transit for students. Building on a successful pilot at Franklin, Jefferson, and Roosevelt High Schools during the 08/09 school year, the Youth Commission worked with the Mayor's Office, Portland Public Schools, and TriMet to expand the program to all Portland Public High Schools for the 09/10 school year. The goal of YouthPASS is to lower barriers to youth involvement in school, out-of-school activities, and employment, while also reducing our carbon footprint, cutting traffic, and building a new generation of transit users. The Youth Commission remains committed to expanding the program to all middle- and high-school students throughout Multnomah County.



The City of Portland & Multnomah County Youth Engagement Team Program Partners:



YouthVOTE!

In November of 2008, the Youth Commission organized a youth-run candidate forum for City Council & County Board candidates, and in April of 2009 a forum for Portland Public School Board candidates was held. The goal of the forums is to educate youth about the candidates and the importance of voting, and also to hold candidates accountable to the youth whom they will represent—many of whom cannot vote. A vote was taken at the end of each forum and results were published. The Youth Commission also met with Secretary of State Kate Brown to advocate for a school-based, civic-education program which will infuse existing civics curriculum with local content as well as opportunities for youth to inform voters of their preferences on current issues. At the Secretary's suggestion, they are working with the Classroom Law Project to develop this idea. In the coming year, the Youth Commission will work to expand the ability of youth to make their voices heard in local elections.



School-Based Health Centers

This committee hit the ground running by holding youth focus groups during the summer of 2008. Youth participants shared their impressions of the centers, why they use them, why they don't, and what they'd like to see improved. This feedback was compiled into a report that Youth Commissioners presented to all the health center staff, and their work was also included in the School-Based Health Center application for a United Way grant. In addition, the committee held an Awareness Week at Grant High School -- one of thirteen schools with a health center.



Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth

The Youth Commission worked to implement "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth" through its committee work and by partnering with other supportive organizations such as Portland Parks and Recreation and Multnomah County Libraries. YouthPass was part of the MYC's "Top10" in the Bill of Rights action plan! The Youth Bill of Rights continues to guide the work of the Youth Commission and its partners. The Youth Bill of Rights was recognized nationally again this year when a Youth Commissioner presented a keynote address about this work during the 2009 National Service-Learning Conference, held in Nashville. Additionally, the National League of Cities is currently preparing a report on local government innovations in services to children and youth. Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth is one of three innovations they are highlighting. Finally, the State Commission on Children & Families Positive Youth Development Alliance is looking at ways to support the development of Youth Bills of Rights in other counties across Oregon.



Education

In response to growing concern about academic success in our community, including graduation rates, the Youth Commission decided to form a standing committee to provide feedback, advice, and advocacy around programs and policies designed to address this issue. A key role of the committee is to review the strategies and initiatives of the Education Cabinet led by Mayor Adams and Chair Wheeler. The Mayor and the Chair recognize that any successful strategy must include the voices of those most impacted – the Youth Commission is called upon to fill this role.



Voice Box Media

Once a Youth Commission committee, Voice Box Media (VBM) has successfully spun off into its own self-sustaining nonprofit entity that trains young people to produce high quality professional media, public relations, and marketing materials and events. VBM continues to work with the Youth Commission and professional clients like AT&T and Worksystems, Inc. The program is a win-win: clients receive high-quality media products at below-market rates AND local youth learn valuable skills while earning money and exerting youth voice.



Youth Planning Program

This innovative program at the Bureau of Planning was created, through the advocacy of the Youth Commission, in order to help youth have a voice in the future plans for the city which they will inherit. In its second year, the program accomplished the following:

- Engaged 350 youth in focus groups and surveys about the East Side MAX in order to improve the areas surrounding MAX stations and improvements to SE 122nd Powellhurst-Gilbert Study area;
- Completed a Youth Engagement Manual to assist City of Portland staff in working with young people;
- Awarded 8 grants to groups of youth working to implement the Youth Bill of Rights and VisionPDX in their neighborhoods and schools;
- Organized an interactive youth engagement event -- "Youth Invasion" -- at City Hall to encourage youth to get connected to local government and other community activities, as well as to promote "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth". More than 100 youth had the opportunity to meet and speak with City Commissioners, find out about City, County, and community based services and programs, and take workshops from other youth organizations.



Recruitment and Training of Youth Commissioners

In 2008 - 2009, the Youth Commission successfully solicited applications from youth across the city and county in order to represent the demographics of our community as accurately as possible. Youth Commissioners were sworn in by elected officials and received training through a 3-day retreat at the start of the year. They also planned for the upcoming year during the one-day winter retreat. The Commission met every other week, alternating meeting sites between Portland City Hall and the Gresham Schools Building.

Youth Web Portal: PDXyouth

Conceived, designed, and written primarily by youth -- www.pdxyouth.org -- is designed to provide access, create involvement, and allow youth voice in the City of Portland." In 2008 - 2009, the Office of Management & Finance in partnership with members of the Multnomah Youth Commission, the Youth Planner Program, and the Mayor's Office completed seven focus groups to gather youth input on potential content, organization, and principles for a youth web portal that was under development. Following these focus groups, the Commission successfully advocated to establish a youth portal to engage youth and bring their voices into the City's online presence. The Commission declared this web portal to be one of four "core items most crucial to the advancement of Portland's young people for the Budget Year 2009-2010." (Youth Agenda, 2/08) A smaller planning group met over several months to sort through the input from the focus groups and direct the work of City staff who built the PDXyouth site. On the horizon is expansion of the site and the project through partnership with Multnomah County on content and with the Center for Advanced Learning in Gresham through capstone projects that will create a sustainable future for PDXyouth via a marketing plan and establishment of a Youth E-Board to oversee the site.



Youth Liaisons

This year, ten youth served as elected-official liaisons to each of the City and County Commissioners, including Mayors Potter and Adams and Chair Wheeler. Youth Commissioners met with their elected officials throughout the year to stay mutually informed. Pairs also participated in a photo project "Leadership: Through Our Eyes" about leadership in their community. The Youth Commission also had two policy liaisons who assisted the co-chairs and elected official liaisons. Policy liaisons were involved in media interactions, public events, and the Youth Commission's budget campaign.

Youth Budget Agenda

For the fourth year in a row, youth reviewed the County budget and, for the second time, conducted a comprehensive review of youth-related City budget items. At the City, the Youth Commission prioritized funding for the Youth Planner Program, the Office of Youth Violence Prevention, and Parks and Recreation Teen Programming. Youth made approximately 40 YouTube videos about their reasons for supporting their number one priority (the Youth Planner Program) and sent one each day to all the City Council members. This innovative campaign was successful in securing funding for the Youth Commission's priorities. For Multnomah County, the Youth Commission recognized the severity of the cuts which would need to be made and instead of advocating for one specific program provided the County Commissioners with a framework for what values they would make if they were forced to cut vital programs.

Answering Requests for Youth Input

The Youth Commission provided input to the following programs or processes:

Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families & Community • City of Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability (82nd MAX, 122nd Street Surveys; Youth Engagement Manual; East Portland Action Plan) • Multnomah County Libraries • Bureau of Management & Finance (pdxyouth.org) • Multnomah County Health Department School Based Health Centers (presented to management staff & follow all SBHC staff) • Mayor's Office (Education Cabinet & Summer Youth Corps) • Multnomah County Health Equity Initiative • Portland Children's Investment Fund • Multnomah County Department of Human Services (social media strategies) • Portland Parks and Recreation (Washington Monroe Community Center committee) • Trimet (YouthPass) • Oregon Commission on Children & Families • Mercy Corps (Action Center) • Oregon Open Adoption • Oregon Bus Project • Laurelhurst Elementary School (youth leadership) • unsolicited- media statement in response to shooting outside of all ages club "The Zone"

Youth Champion Award Nominees

The Youth Commission would like to thank the dedicated employees of the City of Portland and Multnomah County who work to improve the lives of young people.

The following employees, who go above and beyond the call of duty, were nominated by their peers for the Youth Champion Awards:

The City of Portland

Susan Bailey—Water Bureau
Max Behrens—Parks and Recreation
Laurel Butman—Office of Management & Finance
Tiffini Penson—Bureau of Development Services
Pam Pham—Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
Sgt. John Scruggs—Police Bureau
Sgt. George Weatheroy—Police Bureau

Multnomah County

Jill Daniels—School-Based Health Centers
Susan Palmer—School-Based Health Centers
Carla Remeschatis—School-Based Health Centers
Emily S. Ryan—CCFC
Sara Ryan—Libraries
Rebecca Stavenjord—CCFC

Special Thanks

Thank you to all our contributors

The Office of Mayor Sam Adams and the Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community for housing and staffing the Youth Commission at the City and County respectively

Lisa Frank, Galia Slayin, Nate Waas Shull and former Mayor Tom Potter for their support and efforts on behalf of the Youth Commission.



Youth Commission Swearing-In Ceremony



September 21, 2009 • 5:00 PM

Multnomah Building, First Floor
Commissioners Boardroom



WELCOME

Welcome from the MYC Co-Chairs

“Welcome, and thank you for coming. Tonight we celebrate another extraordinary year of work by the Multnomah Youth Commission with the opportunity to bring forth another diverse and promising band of hard working leaders from our city and county. Join with us as we highlight the many accomplishments by youth over the past year. Refreshments will follow the meeting. Thank you, and welcome to the 2009-2010 term MYC Swearing-in Ceremony!”

Chris Edmonds & Nay’Chelle Harris, Co-Chairs.

Youth Commission Leadership

Nay’Chelle Harris, Co-Chair
Chris Edmonds, Co-Chair
Rachel Shelley, Policy Liaison
Sean Hadley, Policy Liaison

Youth Commission Staff

Multnomah County:

Emily S. Ryan, Commission on Children,
Families & Community

City of Portland:

Todd Diskin, Office of Mayor Sam Adams

Youth Commission Meetings

The Multnomah Youth Commission meets the second and fourth Sunday of every month from 4:30-7:30 pm. Our meetings alternate between Portland City Hall, (1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland) and the Gresham Schools Building (1331 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham).

“I accept the office of Youth Commissioner, including all the duties and responsibilities therein.

I commit faithfully and diligently represent the voices of the young people of Multnomah County and the City of Portland.

I will work to make the City & County a great place for everyone to grow up and live.”

OATH OF OFFICE

At-Large Commissioners



Kelly Henderson (19) 3rd Year
Portland Community College
Kelly joined the MYC to be proactive in local government.



Chloe Jones (17) 1st Year
Wilson High School
Chloe would like the MYC to teach students about School Based Health Centers and for YouthPass to be expanded to middle schools this year.



Sophia Kecskes (14) 2nd Year
Cleveland High School
Personal quote: "I want to make a difference in my community. I'm very opinionated and the MYC is a place where my voice is heard."



Dylan Tingley (13) 1st Year
Grant High School
Dylan joined MYC to learn how real things get done that positively impacts the community and to try to bring many points of views...to the table.



Samantha Westmoreland (13) 1st Year
Ron Russell Middle School
Samantha believes the biggest issues facing youth in our community are peer pressure and dropping out of school.

Welcome & Youth Engagement Report 5:00 PM

Nay'Chelle Harris and Chris Edmonds, MYC Co-Chairs

Adoption of PDXYouth Website 5:10 PM

Ernesto Dominguez, MYC Policy Liaison; Jeremy Van Keuren, City of Portland Office of Management and Finance & Bill Lesh, Director—Center for Advanced Learning

Adoption of Youth Engagement Manual 5:20 PM

Ashleigh Paschel and Terrell Wilson, Youth Planning Program; Gary Marschke, Representing the Multnomah County Office of Citizen Involvement; Carolina Iraheta, Portland Bureau of Transportation

Youth Champion Award 5:40 PM

Introductions by Nay'Chelle Harris and Chris Edmonds. History and awards presented by past recipients, Tiffini Penson, Office of Management and Finance & Sarah Ryan, Multnomah County Library. *The 2009 Youth Champion Award nominees can be found on page 12 of this program.*

Swearing-In Ceremony & Recognition 5:55 PM

Opening remarks by Portland Mayor Sam Adams. Remarks & Oath of Office administered by County Chair Ted Wheeler. Introductions by Emily S. Ryan and Todd Diskin, MYC Staff. Recognition by Portland City Council and Multnomah County Commissioners. *The Oath of Office can be found on the page 11 of this program. Youth Commissioner names will be read one at time. Please hold your acknowledgements to the end.*

Reception 6:15 PM

Reception directly following swearing-in ceremony in the conference room at the back of the boardroom.

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Wilson Alness (14)

2nd Year

Cleveland High School

Wilson's favorite quote: "Be the change you wish to see in the world"—Ghandi.



Kirubiel Ayele (18)

1st Year

Roosevelt High School

Kirubiel joined the MYC "to offer what I have for something that will have a positive output for the community."



Katy Barlean (17)

1st Year

Central Catholic High School

Katy believes that youth offer heart-felt solutions to present and future problems.



Tamara Cano (16)

1st Year

Sunset High School

Tamara will be attending Early College High School at PCC Rock Creek.



Amalia Centurion (17)

3rd Year

St. Mary's Academy

Personal quote: "The biggest issue (facing youth in our community) is that lots of youth don't have a voice in their lives and choices."



Adreanna Cop (15)

3rd Year

Centennial High School

Adreanna believes one can make the world a better place by letting her voice be heard and making a difference.

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Ameneh Yasrebi (19)

1st Year

Portland State University

One of Ameneh's favorite quotes: "A person is either your brother in faith, or your equal in humanity" - Imam Ali (AS)

At-Large Commissioners



Perla Alvarez (15)

2nd Year

Ron Russell Middle School

Perla joined the MYC to try new things and meet new people. She wants the help the community and be involved.



Darby Burbridge (17)

1st Year

De La Salle North Catholic High School

Personal quote: "I wish the world could be a place where all people could feel loved and empowered by those around them."



E. Dominguez (21)

3rd Year

Out of school

Personal quote: "I feel the best work happens when youth and adults are given an equal seat and voice at the decision-making table."



Daniel Gonzalez (16)

1st Year

Roosevelt High School

Favorite saying: "A man is not a man (be)cause of physical body changes, but a man is a man because of the changes he makes throughout life."



Emily Gritzmacher (17)

2nd Year

Grant High School

Emily would like the MYC to improve the drop-out rate and create dialogue about it this year.

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Karla Suarez (17) 2nd Year
Gresham High School
 Karla participates in her school's IB program, STARS, National Honor Society, Key Club, Mecha, Link Crew, and a retirement center for senior citizens.



James Todd (16) 1st Year
Franklin High School
 James believes youth can contribute by volunteering within the community; lending a helping hand in general and being there for others when they need it.



Emily Volpert (14) 1st Year
Grant High School
 Emily is also involved in the Oregon Repertory singers, A Cappella choir at Grant High School and the choir that sings in "The Nutcracker".



Katherine Westmoreland (16) 3rd Year
David Douglas High School
 Katherine served as co-chair of the successful YouthPass Committee which established free bus passes for all PPS high school students.



Louis Wheatley (16) 1st Year
Lincoln High School
 Favorite quote: "Democracy is not a spectator sport."—Alfonso Aguilar.



Yelena Yaschenko (18) 1st Year
Mt. Hood Community College
 "What is important to me, is seeing teens and children being involved in something ..., so they feel they make a difference, and simply have fun."

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Chris Edmonds (17) 2nd Year
Grant High School
 "I want the MYC to continue making plans to raise the trajectory of youth in the Portland/Multnomah area as well as see continued, tangible results of hard work."



Seth Evans (19) 2nd Year
Portland State University
 Seth believes that "...youth contribute a unique perspective on issues... a fresh perspective, untempered by a routine way of doing things."



Manny Garcia (17) 1st Year
Lincoln High School
 Reason for joining the MYC: "I wanted a voice on policy matters and to help my community with real and solvable issues like healthcare and education."



Bianca Gille (17) 2nd Year
Jesuit High School
 Bianca is also involved in singing, drama, Spanish National Honor Society and Student Ambassadors.



Adriana Godinez (17) 1st Year
Reynolds High School
 Adriana believes the greatest contributions youth can make to our community is to get involved in SOMETHING productive, no matter how small.



Sean Hadley (17) 2nd Year
LÉP Charter High School
 Personal quote: "The most important thing for understanding the world is understanding yourself. Meditation is, therefore, really important."

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Nay'Chelle Harris (17) 2nd Year
Central Catholic High School
Favorite quote: "The purpose of life is not to be happy - but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all."



Sam Huh (14) 3rd Year
Sam Barlow High School
Favorite saying: "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice your gift."



Yolanda Jones (15) 1st Year
Grant High School
Yolanda sees the biggest issues facing youth in our community as insufficient education and discrimination.



Huayu Lai (17) 1st Year
Wilson High School
"I am diverse in many ways—culturally, in terms of my history and experiences and my passions and aspirations."



Ashley Long (17) 2nd Year
St. Mary's Academy
Ashley is also involved with Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Providence Child Center and Allen Temple Emergency Aid Center.



Ryan McBee (18) 3rd Year
Franklin High School
Ryan would like to make the world a better place by one day holding elected office and by donating money to charity.

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Daisy Quinonez (15) 1st Year
David Douglas High School
Daisy would like the MYC to expand YouthPass and help achieve the grant to open a school clinic on the eastside (of Portland).



Quinn Rohlf (16) 1st Year
Lincoln High School
Quinn believes that (all youth have) something they want to see happen. It's up to them to make that a reality.



Marina Rulevskaya (17) 5th Year
Portland State University
"I hope to use my positive attitude and drive to create and inspire change in how adults view youth voice."



Akos Sarfo-Kantanka (15) 1st Year
Wilson High School
Favorite saying: "Those who stand for nothing, fall for anything."



Rachel Shelley (16) 3rd Year
David Douglas High School
"I am passionate about giving youth a voice in the city/county. I also love to be involved in as much as I can and the MYC...actually makes a difference!"



Lucius Shields (20) 1st Year
Portland State University
Lucius joined the MYC to make a positive difference and wishes for progress towards a more peaceful world.

How Council Works - Printable Version

Council Meeting Dates

The Council holds regular weekly meetings on Wednesday at 9:30 am. If there is sufficient business, recessed meetings are held Wednesday and Thursday at 2:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Council meetings are held in Council Chambers City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave.

The Council Agenda

The Council Agenda, which lists all items to be considered by the Council at each week's sessions, is available to the public Friday afternoon preceding the Council meeting. The Agenda is posted on the Internet. It is also published in the Daily Journal of Commerce each Tuesday and copies are available outside Council Chambers. General items of business are heard by Council on Wednesday mornings while Wednesday afternoons are normally reserved for land-use plans or appeals.

Council Actions:

The Council has several ways of acting on an agenda item:

Ordinances:

Ordinances are formal documents which carry the binding force of law and are passed by the Council in accordance with rules set forth in the City Charter. Two kinds of Ordinances, emergency and non-emergency, appear on the Agenda. Emergency Ordinances, designated in the Agenda by an asterisk preceding the agenda number, require a unanimous vote with at least four Council members present to vote. Non-emergency ordinances come before Council twice and go into effect 30 days after passage by Council. Public testimony is generally taken only at the first reading and the vote is taken at the second reading. Only three votes are needed for approval.

Resolutions:

A resolution usually establishes Council policy or directs certain administrative actions. It requires only one reading and approval by three Council members.

Reports:

Reports provide information, transmit other documents and/or make recommendations. Reports are commonly used to approve bids and the completion of contracts, make appointments to boards or commissions, make recommendations, etc.

Time Certain:

When an important or controversial item is scheduled, it may be designated "Time Certain." Such matters are not heard before the stated time, but may begin later if other business takes longer than planned.

Consent Agenda:

To expedite Council business, routine and non-controversial items are placed on a Consent Agenda which is passed without discussion and with a single vote of approval by at least four Council members. Anyone who wishes to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda may ask the Council Clerk to remove that item from the Consent to be heard as part of the Regular Agenda. The Mayor will also provide an opportunity to make such a request prior to calling for the vote.

Quasi-Judicial Proceedings:

Special rules apply to land use appeals, which are quasi-judicial in nature and are conducted in accordance with Oregon State statutes and City Code provisions. Those rules are stated in the hearing notification and at the beginning of the session.

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In addition to testifying before Council on any item listed on the Agenda, citizens may address a communication to Council, in care of the Council Clerk, requesting to be heard by Council. Generally, the request is placed at the beginning of the Wednesday morning Council session and the correspondent is given three minutes to speak. This procedure is normally used only after the matter has been brought to the attention of the appropriate bureau or Commissioner. The Ombudsman's Office may also be helpful in resolving problems.

Citizen Participation:

Council Members welcome public testimony. As each item pulled from the Consent Agenda and all those on the Regular Agenda are read, the Mayor will ask if anyone wishes to be heard. Normally, anyone wishing to speak is given three minutes and Council Members may then ask questions. When many people are expected to testify, sign-up lists are placed outside Council Chambers. Names are called by the Clerk, usually three at a time, and the persons testifying take a seat at the table facing Council. Written materials may also be submitted to the Council Clerk for distribution to Council members either prior to or at the meeting. Those wishing to make video or powerpoint presentations should check with the Council Clerk prior to the meeting (503-823-4086). Written material for distribution to Council members may also be submitted by those unable to attend in person. Assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired are also available and may be checked out prior to the meeting from the Council Clerk.

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City Council meetings are also cable-cast live on City Net 30, Portland Community Media television. For the replay schedule, see the PCM-TV website at <http://www.pcmty.org/?q=program/schedule> or phone 503.288.1515.

If you have any questions about how you may participate in the governmental process, please do not hesitate to call the Council Clerk's office (503) 823-4086.



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By The Office

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2009 Video Highlights

MAYOR ADAMS' 2009 YEAR IN REVIEW

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"In recent years, cities have tested creative approaches to some of the nation's greatest challenges and achieved impressive results. NLC applauds municipal leaders in Portland for breaking new ground and inspiring other cities across the country to take their efforts to the next level." - Clifford M. Johnson, Executive Director, National League of Cities: Institute for Youth, Education, and Families

The City of Portland and Multnomah County reach out to support and engage children and youth in many ways. On September 21, 2009, a special session of both the Portland City Council and Multnomah County Board came together in order to reaffirm this commitment to the meaningful engagement of our local youth in City/County government. In fact, the City of Portland was recently recognized by the National League of Cities in its report *The State of City Leadership for Children and Families* for its cutting-edge youth civic engagement initiatives, including *Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth*.

This unique session set out to:

- Highlight the achievements of the City/County Youth Engagement Team during the 2008-2009 program year, presenting the Youth Engagement Report.
- Adopt the Youth Engagement Manual created by City of Portland Youth Planning Program; and PDXyouth as the primary tools to engage and support the role of children and youth in the decision making processes of the City/County-a key strategy of implementing *Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth*.

- Honor the recipients of the Youth Champion Award Portland/Multnomah County, Sgt. George Weatheroy of the Portland Police Bureau and Carla Remeschatis from Multnomah County School-Based Health Centers.
- Welcome and provide the Oath of Office to the 42 members of the 2009-2010 Multnomah Youth Commissioners, the official youth policy body for both Multnomah County and the City of Portland.

PARTNERS

City of Portland, Office of Mayor Sam Adams

Multnomah County

Multnomah Youth Commission

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability-Youth Planning Program

City of Portland-Office of Management and Finance

"Youth don't see the boundaries between the City and County. More importantly, the need to support young people isn't just the responsibility of government but our entire community. The Youth Bill of Rights provides a shared plan, created by young people, for how every member of our community can support the success of our youth. Youth engagement is a great investment in the future health, livability, and vibrancy of our community." - Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler

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Portland City Council Agenda (September 21, 2009)
Joint meeting with Multnomah County Board of Commissioners

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Memo to Request Special Council Meeting

Report to Council: 2009 Youth Engagement Report

Memo to Adopt PDXYouth and Youth Engagement Manual

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Memo from Mayor Adams: Announce recipient of the Youth Champion Award Portland/Multnomah County

Memo from Mayor Adams: Welcome new Multnomah Youth Commissioners

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Youth Commission Swearing In Ceremony Program

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Walk a Mile in Our Shoes: Connecting Adults with Youth in City Government

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GROW Lynda

From: Parsons, Susan [Susan.Parsons@portlandoregon.gov] on behalf of Moore-Love, Karla [Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2010 11:41 AM
To: GROW Lynda
Cc: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: RE: Sept. 21, 2009 meeting minutes

Hi Lynda,
Karla is out this week, so I'll reply--
If you have it, we'd like the minutes to include the speakers names and a summary of what was said. In this case, the main speakers' names and a general summary will be fine.

Thanks for your help!

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From: GROW Lynda [mailto:lynda.grow@co.multnomah.or.us]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2010 9:55 AM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: RE: Sept. 21, 2009 meeting minutes

Is there a particular format or content you need?
Deb didn't even video the meeting.
Her notes are cryptic.
I'm trying to "create" from the meeting materials, etc.
If you have specific criteria, let me know. I want to try and meet your expectations.
I'm so sorry to inconvenience you.

Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk
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From: Moore-Love, Karla [mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 1:07 PM
To: GROW Lynda
Cc: BAKER Marina
Subject: RE: Sept. 21, 2009 meeting minutes

Hi Lynda,

9/13/2010

Friday is fine.

Thanks,
Karla

Karla Moore-Love
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From: GROW Lynda [mailto:lynda.grow@co.multnomah.or.us]
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 9:49 AM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Cc: BAKER Marina
Subject: RE: Sept. 21, 2009 meeting minutes

Karla:
Deb never completed minutes. We are in the process of trying to go back in and create them, but we haven't been able to go back that far yet. Marina is going to listen to the video and prepare them so you will have them. I am sorry for the delay. If you need it sooner than Friday, would you let me know, so we can re-prioritize our work load?
Thanks much!
Lynda

From: Moore-Love, Karla [mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 9:06 AM
To: GROW Lynda
Subject: RE: Sept. 21, 2009 meeting minutes

Lynda,

Thanks so much for the minutes, it is the right date but wrong meeting. The one I'm looking for was an evening session with the Portland City Council and Multnomah County Board that started at 5:00.

Hope you are enjoying your new position, I know you learned from one of the best. It would be great to meet you as well.

Karla

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From: GROW Lynda [mailto:lynda.grow@co.multnomah.or.us]
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 6:17 PM

9/13/2010

To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: RE: Sept. 21, 2009 meeting minutes

Some day I'd love to meet you, Karla!
I come from health care world, supporting mostly non-profit boards (7) and one health care taxing district. All in Florida. A very different world!
Best regards, and have a great holiday weekend.

Lynda Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
503-988-5274

From: Moore-Love, Karla [mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 4:10 PM
To: GROW Lynda
Subject: Sept. 21, 2009 meeting minutes

Hi Lynda,

I'm trying to locate minutes and a recording of a joint meeting Portland City Council had with the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners on September 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Multnomah Bldg. regarding Multnomah Youth Commission.

I did not attend this meeting as Deb covered it.

Thanks is you can help.

Regards,
Karla

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