

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH BUILDING, BOARD ROOM 100
501 SE HAWTHORNE BLVD., PORTLAND, OREGON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

VICE-CHAIR LORETTA SMITH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 09:33 A.M. WITH COMMISSIONERS JUDY SHIPRACK AND DIANE MCKEEL PRESENT AND CHAIR DEBORAH KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER JUDY SHIPRACK EXCUSED.

ALSO ATTENDING WERE JENNY MADKOUR, COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND LYNDA GROW, BOARD CLERK.

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VICE-CHAIR SMITH: GOOD MORNING. WELCOME. WELCOME TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCHS-02-17 RECLASSIFICATION OF 4 POSITIONS IN DCHS MULTNOMAH IDEA LAB (MIL) AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DD)
- C.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCS 07-17 RECLASSIFICATION OF A FINANCE SPECIALIST 1 TO AN OFFICE ASST. SR. POSITION
- C.3 NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR \$5,000

MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: SO MOVED.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: SECOND

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: COMMISSIONER BAILEY MOVED AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL SECONDS. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS. TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. THIS IS A TIME FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, NOT FOR BOARD DELIBERATION. FILL OUT A SPEAKER FORM AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE BOARD ROOM AND GIVE IT TO THE BOARD CLERK. UNLESS OTHERWISE RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER, TESTIMONY IS TAKEN IN THE ORDER THE FORMS ARE SUBMITTED.

DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

BOARD CLERK: YES, MA'AM. WE HAVE SEVEN SIGNED UP [READS NAMES]

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: GOOD MORNING MR. LIGHTENING.

LIGHTNING: I WATCH LIGHTENING WATCHDOG P.D.X. AGAIN, MR. BAILEY, I HOPE THINGS ARE GOING WELL ON THE LEVY. I UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE FEDERAL ADVISORS ON THAT ARE IN TOWN RIGHT NOW, AND TO ME, THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES GOING ON IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND AT THAT TIME IS ON THAT LEVY AND HOW THEY ARE GOING TO HANDLE THAT. ISSUE NUMBER TWO IS ON TERMINAL ONE. AGAIN, THAT'S BECOMING A VERY INTERESTING SITUATION THERE. I BELIEVE THAT THE DEVELOPERS HOMER WILLIAMS WILL BE ABLE TO PUSH THAT FORWARD. THERE'S GOING TO BE A BATTLE THERE BETWEEN COMMISSIONER FISH AND THE DEVELOPER MR. WILLIAMS, BUT I THINK AT THE END, THAT WILL BE MOVING FORWARD. SOME OF THE ISSUES I HAVE ON COMMISSIONER FISH IS THAT ONCE A LEASE IS IN PLACE, THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE OFFERS COMING IN ON THAT PROPERTY AT THE TIME FOR A SALE.

IN MY OPINION, SINCE THE LEASE IS IN PLACE RIGHT NOW, IT SHOULD BE A LEASE WITH AN OPTION FOR HOMER WILLIAMS TO BUY THAT OUT AFTER THE SIX MONTHS AND THE TWO SIX-MONTH EXTENSIONS. AGAIN, I DO NOT WANT TO SEE HOMER WILLIAMS' PROJECT AFFECTED IN ANY NEGATIVE WAY. I BELIEVE THAT HE'S IN FIRST POSITION, AND IT'S BEEN VOTED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND OTHER COMMISSIONERS. ISSUE NUMBER THREE, AGAIN, I REMAIN NEUTRAL AS A WATCHDOG ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. I'M HAVING SOME BIG CONCERNS AGAIN, ON THE CLINTON FOUNDATION, ON THE S.G.E.S, WHICH WERE SIGNED ON THE SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE RULE, ALLOWING THE CLINTONS TO HAVE THEIR AIDES ALSO WORK AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND WORK AT THE FOUNDATION, AND BE CONSULTANTS FOR CORPORATIONS OR POSSIBLY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. I HAVE A BIG CONCERN ON THAT. MY UNDERSTANDING RIGHT NOW, A VERY AGGRESSIVE U.S. ATTORNEY WILL BE STEPPING IN POSITION ON AN INVESTIGATION. PARITE BORAHORA, VERY GOOD U.S. ATTORNEY, VERY AGGRESSIVE, VERY ETHICAL,

AND IN MY OPINION, THIS CLINTON FOUNDATION IS TOO INTERWOVEN INTO THE WHITE HOUSE AND HAS TO BE REMOVED OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE COMPLETELY IF HILLARY CLINTON WANTS TO BECOME THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OTHERWISE, IT WILL NOT HAPPEN. SHE WILL NOT BE ELECTED AND, AGAIN, THIS U.S. ATTORNEY IS MONITORING THIS VERY AGGRESSIVELY AND WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSE, AND IN MY OPINION, THERE HAS BEEN PAY TO PLAY, AND THERE HAS BEEN UNDO INFLUENCE, THERE HAS BEEN PARTICIPATION WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THAT SHOULD HAVE NEVER HAPPENED IN HER POSITION AS SECRETARY OF STATE AND THIS WILL BE DISCLOSED, IN MY OPINION, IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS AND THIS HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THE FBI DIRECTOR JAMES COMEY AND WE WILL SEE WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THIS. THANK YOU.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: THANK YOU. MR. WALSH.

JOE WALASH: MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. TUESDAY MORNING, BETWEEN 9 AND 10:00, JOEY HALE'S THUGS DID ANOTHER SWEEP. THERE WERE 50 CAMPERS. THEY GAVE THEM A NOTICE A FRIDAY BEFORE. SOMEBODY GAVE ME A NOTICE TO MOVE AND ONLY GAVE ME TWO DAYS TO MOVE. I WOULD FIND THAT VERY DIFFICULT TO COMPLY WITH. I THINK ALL WE DO -- IF YOU LOOK AROUND YOUR HOUSE, HOW WOULD YOU DO THAT? THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE HOMELESS. ALL OF THEIR STUFF IS OUT IN THE OPEN. AND EVERY TIME THEY DO ONE OF THESE SWEEPS, THEY LOSE A LOT OF IT AND THEN THE CHARITIES COME BACK AND THEY GIVE THEM BLANKETS AND BED ROLLS, BUT THEY LOSE MEDICATIONS. THEY LOSE PERSONAL ITEMS. THESE SWEEPS ARE INHUMANE! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO STOP IT? YOU ARE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. YOU ARE THE ONES THAT TOOK THE LEAD IN THE HOMELESS QUESTION, AND YOU DO NOTHING. NOTHING!

THERE IS A GUY -- THERE'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER SWEEP ON THE FIRST AT THE TRAIL. THERE WILL BE 500 PEOPLE IN TENTS. ONE OF THE LARGEST ENCAMPMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE SWEEPED BY OUR POLITICIANS. DO YOU KNOW HOW ANGRY I GET OVER THAT? AND YOU SIT THERE AND YOU DO NOTHING. I READ DEBRA'S SHEET THAT SHE PUT OUT ABOUT THE SHELTERS. THERE ARE TWO WORDS THAT SHOULD BE CURSES, SHELTERS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BECAUSE SHELTERS SHOULD BE TEMPORARY. YOU SHOULD MOVE THEM INTO APARTMENTS. THAT'S ALL THE CITY DID FOR GOD'S SAKE AND THEY ARE CONSERVATIVES, AND YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PROGRESSIVES. WE CAN'T GET YOU TO MOVE ON THAT. WE'VE GONE HERE AND BEGGED YOU, WE ASKED YOU, WE SAID IT NICELY. WE SAID IT REALLY NASTY AND WE SAID IT LOUD. WE SAID IT LOW. WE SAID IT EVERY WAY POSSIBLE AND THEY DID THE SWEEPS TUESDAY. AGAIN. AND ON THE FIRST, YOU ARE GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN. AND YOU WILL LOOK EXACTLY LIKE WHAT YOU ARE, INEFFECTIVE POLITICIANS. I USE THAT WORD AND SPIT COMES OUT OF MY WORDS. POLITICIANS. THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE. THANK YOU. I REALLY

WANTED TO DO THIS CALMLY, BUT I CAN'T BECAUSE IT HURTS. EVERY NIGHT I GO TO SLEEP, I WONDER WHAT ARE THEY DOING? 2,000 OF THEM? HOW CAN YOU GO TO SLEEP AT NIGHT KNOWING THAT WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS AND YOU DO NOTHING. YOU HIRE A GUY FOR \$100,000, AND HE DOES NOTHING!

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: THANK YOU.

MICHAEL O'CALLAHAN: HELLO, I'M MICHAEL O'CALLAHAN, SAME SUBJECT. HE'S RIGHT. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING FOR YEARS. THE SWEEPS HAVE NO AUTHORITY OF LAW. THEY ARE DONE ANYWAY. PEOPLE NEED TO SLEEP. THESE ARE HUMANS. AND I REALIZE THAT MOST OF THIS IS BEING DONE THROUGH THE CITY, BUT WITHOUT QUESTION, THE COUNTY BEARS SOME FORM OF RESPONSIBILITY. THE ABILITY TO RESPOND. TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE, IF ANY. WHETHER I FIRST CAME TO YOU, GOD, PROBABLY, FIVE, SIX YEARS AGO -- I HAVE BEEN ON THE STREETS ABOUT TEN YEARS IN PORTLAND NOW. I WAS INCLUDED IN A HOMELESS SURVEY AND SO I DECIDED TO DO MY OWN BECAUSE I HAD NEVER BEEN INCLUDED BEFORE. SO FOR TWO WEEKS, I WENT AROUND AND I POLLED GROUPS OF PEOPLE, ASKING THEM IF THEY WERE SLEEPING OUTSIDE.

IF THEY SAID YES, I ASKED THEM IF THEY WERE INCLUDED IN THE POLL. I POLLED 75 PEOPLE IN TWO WEEKS AND 15 PEOPLE WERE INCLUDED IN THE POLL. WE HAVE 12,000 PEOPLE SLEEPING OUTSIDE AT NIGHT. THAT'S PROBABLY THE SIXTH LARGEST CITY IN OREGON. WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT? OKAY. I HAVE A SOLUTION, OKAY? AND THIS ISN'T TOP DOWN LIKE CHARLIE'S SOLUTION THAT POP AND GO. THIS IS BOTTOM UP. AND IT'S REALLY EASY. YOU HAVE SEEN IT. YOU HAVE SEEN IT IN DIGNITY VILLAGE AND HAZELNUT GROVE. YOU HAVE SEEN A NUMBER OF THOSE START UP AND BE CRUSHED. OKAY, BY YOUR RULES, OKAY, BY YOUR ZONING, BY YOUR ORDINANCES, OKAY? WE NEED CAMPS OF -- I HELPED START RIDE TO DREAM. ONE OF THE FIVE. WE NEED CAMPS 25 AND SMALLER THAT ARE SELF-GOVERNING, THAT HAVE A COMMUNITY AGREEMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY ARE IN. OKAY? IF WE HAVE 12,000 PEOPLE SLEEPING OUTSIDE AT NIGHT, WHAT DO WE NEED? 600 OF THESE? OKAY? THIS IS THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM. OKAY? AND YOU GUYS ARE JUST SITTING THERE LIKE BUMPS ON A LOG, GOING OH, WOW, WHAT DO WE DO? OH, WOW, WHAT DO WE DO? NOTHING. LIKE HE MENTIONED SPRING WATER TRAIL CORRIDOR. I LIVE ON SPRING WATER TRAIL CORRIDOR. I'M IN THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT AFTER PEEL, DECLARING CAMPING ORDINANCE UNCONSTITUTIONAL, SAYING THAT AND THE CITY HAS NEVER ANSWERED, WHAT AUTHORITY THEY HAVE FOR STEALING PEOPLE'S PRIVATE PROPERTY. THEY HAVE NONE. I ASKED THE COURT FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION AND A STAY. WE'LL SEE IF IT HAPPENS. IF IT HAPPENS BEING YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT IT! BUT GOD DO SOMETHING!

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: THANK YOU.

GARY MARSCHKE: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS GARY MARSCHKE AND BESIDES TODAY'S ISSUES, I'M HERE BECAUSE I NOTICED THAT THE MULTNOMAH CITY APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA AGAIN. THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE OF PROCESS PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURE. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF PRIVILEGE AND POWER BEING USED TO SILENCE THE VOICE OF THE MAJORITY. AND IN THIS CASE, THE MAJORITY HAPPENS TO BE THE VOICES OF THOSE SIGNIFICANTLY UNDER REPRESENTED AND CLEARLY NOT AS PRIVILEGED. IN SPITE OF THEIR TESTIMONY, IN SPITE OF THEIR VISITS, AND IN SPITE OF THEIR PATIENCE WITH THE PROCESS LONG ON HOOPS, IT SEEMS THE ONLY VOICES BEING HEARD ARE THE PRIVILEGED VOICES WHO ARE DOING ONE MORE TIME TO PERPETUATE THE STATUS QUO. AS I SAID BEFORE, THIS BODY EMPOWERING AND ENABLING THEM TO UPHOLD APPOINTMENTS TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. BACK THIS 1985, THE VOTERS WERE SIMILARLY FED UP WITH THE COMMISSIONERS AND TOOK MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS WITH ESTABLISHING THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE OFFICE OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT. THEY HAD THE EXPERIENCE AND THE FORESIGHT TO MAKE SURE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WAS AN INDEPENDENT BODY, FREE OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS ATTEMPTED TO KILL IT THROUGH FUNDING CUTS. NOW THE ATTEMPT IS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE WITH A SMALL NOW ALMOST NONEXISTENT TRIO OF ENTITLED, PRIVILEGED AND, YES, WHITE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TRYING TO HIJACK THE COMMITTEE AND STOP IT FROM DIVERSIFYING. THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE HAS SPOKEN OUT CLEARLY AND LOUDLY ABOUT THIS EXERCISE OF PRIVILEGE, ONLY TO BE IGNORED, BULLIED AND MISLED. AND I ALSO ADMIT THAT I READY -- I READILY ADMIT THAT I HAVE A BIG STAKE IN THIS STRUGGLE AS THE EXERCISE OF THAT PRIVILEGE COST ME MY JOB. AND I ALSO ADMIT THAT I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THAT JOB BACK AS THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE HAS NOW ONLY JUST BEGUN. BUT I CAME HERE BECAUSE I HAPPEN TO BE OLD ENOUGH, NAIVE ENOUGH, AND YES, WHITE ENOUGH TO BELIEVE THAT THE SYSTEM WILL WORK. I HAPPEN TO BELIEVE THAT WHAT OUR SYSTEM NEEDS IS NEW AND FRESH VOICES. I HAPPEN TO BELIEVE THAT THOSE VOICES WITH LIFE EXPERIENCE BRING NEW PERSPECTIVE TO HOW OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD WORK. VOICES THAT BRING THAT CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM THAT COMES FROM A LIFETIME OF BEING RESILIENT. VOICES OF RESILIENCE ARE WHAT ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED AND THE FIRST WAVE IS RIGHT HERE AWAITING INCLUSION. WILL YOU STIFLE IT OR WILL YOU EMPOWER IT? ONCE AGAIN, I REMIND YOU THAT IT'S IN YOUR HANDS. DO THE RIGHT THING AND APPROVE THE C.I.C. APPOINTMENTS. THANK YOU.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: THANK YOU

BOARD CLERK: [READS NAMES]

STEVE ENTWHISTLE; GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, I'M STEVEN ENTWHISTLE. I'M A MEMBER OF THE WHEELING HEALING MAN ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE AN INFRASTRUCTURE, IT SEEMS TO ME -- I MEAN, I AGREE WITH MIKE O'CALLAHAN AND I AGREE WITH THE LAST SPEAKER. BUT WHAT WE HAVE IS AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS NOT DESIGNED TO TAKE CARE OF POOR. CAPITALISM WAS NEVER DESIGNED TO DO THAT, OKAY? IT WAS ALWAYS THE POOR HAD TO RISE UP TO TAKE BACK ITS RIGHTS OR TO GET SOME RIGHTS. IT NEVER WAS GIVEN, OKAY? THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE. AND THAT'S WHY YOU GUYS ARE HERE TO SNUFF OUT SOCIAL MOVEMENTS BECAUSE THEY JEOPARDIZE YOUR POSITIONS. BECAUSE YOUR POSITIONS ARE ESTABLISHING SUPPORTING THE STATUS QUO AND THAT'S BEEN -- THAT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS NOT ONLY IN THIS SPEECH HERE TODAY, BUT ALSO IN THE ACTIONS OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST TWO DECADES OR THREE DECADES, ACTUALLY. EVERYTHING IS WORKING FINE. WE HAVE A PERFECT ECONOMIC SYSTEM, AND EVERYTHING IS GREAT.

DON'T DO ANYTHING. I DON'T SEE IT THAT WAY. I WAS BEING SARCASTIC. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE SUFFERING ON STREETS RIGHT NOW. THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO GO. IF THEY HAD SOMEWHERE TO GO, THEY WOULD ALREADY BE THERE. DRIVING THEM INTO THE DITCH, DRAGGING THEM THROUGH THE COALS, PUTTING THEIR FEET IN THE FIRE, AND HOPING THAT THEY LEAVE, IT'S LIKE SOMETHING THAT THE U.S. ARMY, CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE POLITICIANS DID TO THE AMERICAN INDIANS AND THE NATIVE AMERICANS. THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE HERE. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THE TIME. EVERYONE IS WEARING THE SAME HATS. THAT'S NOT GOOD. YOU GUYS NEED TO SUPPORT SOCIAL MOVEMENTS THAT BENEFIT THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE COMMUNITY. DON'T SNUFF NEXT OUT. DON'T THINK THAT YOUR IDEAS ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE BETTER BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT. THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING AND THE PUDDING IS HERE, OKAY? WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS NOW. YOUR IDEAS DIDN'T WORK BEFORE. ADMIT IT. PLEASE. THANK YOU.

MATHEW CARDINALE: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONER THIS IS MATTHEW CHARLES CARDINALE, CITIZEN ADVOCATE. YOU HAVE GOTTEN PACKETS AND MAYBE THEY WILL MAKE THEIR WAY DOWN. ON TUESDAY THE LOUISIANA PLANNING COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF CITY HOUSING IMPACT STATEMENTS IN THE ANY OF NEW ORLEANS. AS YOU KNOW, MY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS. IN JUNE, OUR BOARD SECRETARY DR. DEWANDA FARMER AND I FLEW OUT TO NEW ORLEANS WHERE WE MET WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, COUNCILMAN GERALD BURSETT AND NEARLY THE WHOLE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. I HAD MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS THE TIME WAS VERY WELL SPENT. THE RESEARCH AND THE INFORMATION THAT WE PROVIDED MADE ITS WAY INTO THIS REPORT, WHICH I WOULD NOW SAY

IS THE MOST DEFINITIVE REPORT IN THE COUNTRY ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPACT STATEMENTS DONE BY A PROFESSIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THE REPORT I DID TWO YEARS AGO, A LOT HAS TRANSPIRED SINCE THEN. SO THIS IS REALLY THE MOST UP TO DATE AND I DID WANT TO POINT OUT THAT ON PAGE 19, THEY TALK ABOUT CITIES THAT ARE -- HAVE PENDING LEGISLATION OR ARE EXPLORING AND SO THERE IS A SECTION ON MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND PORTLAND, OREGON WHERE THEY CITE THE KBOO INTERVIEWS WHERE I TALK ABOUT THE CONVERSATIONS WITH VICE-CHAIR SMITH'S OFFICE AND KENT FISH. THEY HAVE VOLUNTARILY BEGUN TO INCLUDE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE IMPACT OF VARIOUS POLICY DECISIONS ON THEIR AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC. SO WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS THERE. I WANTED TO -- I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT NEW ORLEANS IS ACTUALLY PROPOSING TO EXPAND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPACT STATEMENTS TO INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS.

MATHEW CARDINALE: AND ACTUALLY, ONE THING THAT WAS INTERESTING ABOUT THE NEW ORLEANS CONVERSATION IS THAT THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS STARTED OUT IN OPPOSITION AND DID A COMPLETE 180. THEY ARE NOW IN -- THEY ARE ACTUALLY ASKING FOR MORE DATA THAN IS CALLED FOR. AND SO MARK THIS MOMENT. I AGREE, WITH THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS. WHAT I HAVE PROPOSED IN DRAFT CORD NANCE ORDINANCE FOR YOU ALL IS MUCH MORE NARROW IN SCOPE, PROPORTIONATE TO THE FEWER THINGS THAT ARE DONE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL AROUND HOUSING AND YOU ARE ALL DOING A LOT. ACTUALLY, I WAS HOPING THAT COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK WOULD BE HERE, BECAUSE I WAS PUTTING SOME THOUGHT INTO THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT THAT WAS DONE FOR OUR VETERAN FAMILIES AND I WAS THINKING GOSH, WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN GREAT TO HAVE AN AFFORDABLE IMPACT STATEMENT ON THAT, WHAT WE ARE GETTING OUT OF THESE EXTRAORDINARY DECISIONS WE ARE MAKING. I DO HOPE YOU HAVE TIME TO REVIEW THESE REPORTS, AND THIS WAS ACTUALLY AN ENDORSEMENT FROM GREATER NEW ORLEANS HOUSING ALLIANCE AS WELL. AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

JEWELS JULES: GOOD MORNING, ACTIVE CHAIR SMITH AND JEWELS JULES. THE MAYOR ALREADY HAS A PLAN AND MARK JOLIN SEEMS TO BE ON BOARD. THE PLAN IS TO INCREASE EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS AND INCREASE CRIME AND POLICE CALLS AND INCREASE HUMAN SUFFERING ALONG THE SPRING WATER CORRIDOR. THAT IS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. WE ARE GOING TO CALL IT A SWEEP. WE'RE GOING TO SPRINKLE A LITTLE BIT OF SERVICE CONTEXT, MAYBE. I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT A SWEEP PLANNED THAT SAYS HOW MANY PEOPLE FROM T.P.I., FROM JOIN WILL ACTUALLY BE IN THE FIELDS DOING DIRECT ENGAGEMENT. MAYBE NONE, BECAUSE THERE'S NOT REALLY ANYTHING FOR THEM TO DO BECAUSE EVERY SHELTER HAS

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ON THE WAITING LIST. RIGHT NOW, ACROSS THE RIVER, THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE IN EVICTION COURT. WE NEVER TALK ABOUT HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN EVICTION COURT. WE KNOW IT'S TRENDING UP, BUT OUR HALF-ASSED IDEA IN SERVICING HOMELESS IN A HOME FOR EVERYONE. WE NEVER SAY THAT IN 2015, EVICTIONS WERE UP X NUMBER OF PERCENT AND THAT 13 PEOPLE PER DAY GO FROM EVICTION COURT TO WAITING ON A SHELTER LIST. SO I HOPE THAT, YOU KNOW, YOU WILL SOON WORK WITH VICE-CHAIR SMITH TO HAVE ON THE AGENDA DIRECT HERE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, NOT 30 PEOPLE CROWDED AROUND A TABLE ACCOMPLISHING ALMOST NOTHING IN TWO HOURS IN HOME FOR EVERYONE, BUT ACTUAL TIME WHEN MARK SCROLLAN AND OTHERS WITH THEIR APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 SALARIES WILL SIT IN A HOT SEAT AND DO A LITTLE EXTRA.

JEWELS JULES; I'M NOT SAYING THEY ARE DOING NOTHING. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN SHELTERS. THERE ARE TRANSITIONS BEING MADE, BUT THE SWEEPS ARE COMING. WE ARE IN A POOR POSITION AS FAR AS NATIONAL INDEXES FOR PEOPLE LEFT SLEEPING OUTSIDE. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD WHAT YOU WOULD FIND AT MULTCO/OCI, THE OFFICE OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT. A COMMISSION OF UP TO 15 PEOPLE. ON THE WEBSITE, IT LISTS THREE PEOPLE. A COUPLE OF WHICH I'VE HAD SOME FACEBOOK CONTACT WITH, BUT THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE -- THERE NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING DONE AND, OF COURSE, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SPEAK WHEN THE CHAIR IS HERE AND OTHER PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN AT THIS TABLE IN THE PAST, TESTIMONIES TO GET THAT COMMITTEE BACK UP TO THE 15 PEOPLE IT SHOULD HAVE, AND FOR THOSE PEOPLE TO HAVE RESPONSIVENESS FROM YOUR OFFICES, SO THAT THEY DON'T LEAVE IN FRUSTRATION. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

I HOPE YOU ARE ALL GOING TO GET YOUR PACKETS. THEY SEEM TO HAVE STALLED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: NO, WE HAVE THEM. THANK YOU.

OH, YOU HAVE THEM.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OKAY.

R.1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$375,000 LOAN TO THE SANDY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY. SPONSOR: COMMISSIONER DIANE MCKEEL, DISTRICT 4. PRESENTERS: REED WAGNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -

**SANDY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY; AND, JOHN TYDLASKA,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST - MULTNOMAH COUNTY (15 MIN)**

COMMISSIONER SMITH: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS BEFORE OUR PRESENTERS START.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: GO AHEAD COMMISSIONER, MCKEEL.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR HELP IN BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THIS WILL ENABLE THE SANDY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY TO COMPLETE CRITICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ADDRESS DRAINAGE ISSUES ALONG -- ISSUES IN TROUTDALE ALONG THE SANDY AND THE COLUMBIA RIVERS. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR ME AS EAST COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE ON THIS BOARD. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO TROUTDALE AND TO THE PORT OF PORTLAND WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING FUNDING TO THIS PROJECT AS WELL. IT'S ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO THE BUSINESSES AND THE RESIDENTS IN THIS AREA. THE AREA SERVED BY THE SDIC INCLUDES THE TROUTDALE REYNOLDS INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST UNDEVELOPED LOTS OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN THE REGION. THE PORT HAS JUST LAUNCHED PHASE TWO OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND TODAY'S BOARD ACTION WILL HAVE A REAL IMPACT ON MOVING THAT PROCESS FORWARD. WE NEED GOOD JOBS IN EAST COUNTY. A REPORT JUST RELEASED BY THE STATE ECONOMIST'S OFFICE FOUND THAT EAST PORTLAND -- EAST OF 82ND, OUT INTO EAST COUNTY, HAS OVER 65,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY. 65,000 PEOPLE! THIS ITEM BEFORE OUR BOARD IS A KEY EXAMPLE OF HOW THE COUNTY CAN SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HELP ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS INVESTMENT IN HOUSING AND RESOURCES FOR THOSE WOULD BE AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS. THE POVERTY RATE IN EACH PORTLAND IS 25%. THE POVERTY RATE IN GRESHAM IS JUST OVER 24%. THESE RESOURCES ARE GOING TO EAST COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE NEED TO HELP BRING JOBS TO EAST COUNTY RESIDENTS ALSO. SO I WILL NOW TURN THIS OVER TO REED AND JOHN FOR THEIR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

JOHN TYDLASKA: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. JOHN TYDLASKA, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU AS COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MENTIONED, IT'S A LOAN FROM THE COUNTY TO THE SANDY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY OF \$375,000 WHICH IS A PORTION OF THE FUNDING NEEDED TO COMPLETE A PROJECT AROUND THE WEIR, A WORD I DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE THIS PROJECT. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FINANCIAL TERMS OF THE DEAL, BUT I WILL LET REED EXPLAIN

THE WORD TO YOU, AS WELL AS THE BACKGROUND AND WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: GOOD MORNING.

REED WAGNER: COMMISSIONERS MY NAME IS REED WAGNER, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND WE PROVIDE SERVICES TO SEVERAL OTHER DISTRICTS AS WELL, ONE WHICH IS THE SANDY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY. THIS AREA OF THE COUNTY WOULD BE UNDER WATER FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR, BUT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF FLOOD PROTECTION THAT IS PROVIDED IN THE AREA THROUGH THE LEVEE SYSTEM AND THROUGH A DRAINAGE AND PUMP SYSTEM. AND SANDY OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES HAS SERVED THE AREA AS ALMOST SOLELY VACANT. THERE'S VERY FEW PROPERTIES OVER THERE AND SO IT HAD A VERY SMALL BUDGET. IN ANTICIPATION OF GROWTH IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, THE SANDY BOARD VOTED TO EXPAND ITSELF AND HAVE GREATER REPRESENTATION IN THE AREA, AND THIS YEAR, THEY EXPANDED THEIR ASSESSMENT OF AN INCREASE OF 57%.

THERE'S NOT -- THE BOARD DEFINITELY KNOWS THAT THERE'S GOING TO NEED TO BE FURTHER INVESTMENT IN THE ASSETS IN THE AREA TO PROTECT THE AREA BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF JOBS THAT ARE COMING. AND THEY HAVE STARTED DOWN THAT ROAD TO DO SO. THE FIRST STEP IN THE SYSTEM IS TO PLACE A WEIR RIGHT BEFORE THE BUMP STATION. THIS WEIR HELPS TO CONTROL THE WATER LEVELS BEFORE WATER ENTERS INTO THE BUMP AREA. IT LOOKS A LOT LIKE A GATE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN BE MOVED FROM THE HEADQUARTERS LOCATION OF MCDD. THE PURCHASE OF THE WEIR IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DEFINITELY FUND OVER TIME, BUT OUT OF THE GATES IT'S CERTAINLY HELPFUL TO HAVE OUR PARTNERS WORK WITH US TO FINALIZE THE FINANCING PACKAGE. THE CITY OF TROUTDALE HAS CONTRIBUTED \$150,000 TO THE \$950,000 PROJECT. THE PORT OF PORTLAND HAS CONTRIBUTED \$160,000, AND THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX, I THINK THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY MANAGEMENT TEAM CAME UP WITH A GREAT IDEA FOR A LOAN THAT WOULD HELP US FINALIZE THE PACKAGE. WITH APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY EXECUTE THE PROJECT, STARTING AT THE END OF THIS DRY SEASON, AND THE BEGINNING OF THE 2017 DRY SEASON, WHICH WOULD MAKE THOSE PROPERTIES DEVELOPABLE BY THE FUTURE OWNERS. WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE PROJECT AND WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP THAT CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: CHAIR, I WILL VOTE THIS AS LONG AS WE CALL THIS THE KEEP TROUTDALE WEIRD PROJECT. [LAUGHTER]

COMMISSIONER SMITH: NO. NO. ANY QUESTIONS, COMMISSIONER? COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: NEW YORK I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN, BECAUSE OUR -- WHILE WE HAVE OUR CHALLENGES IN EAST COUNTY, THE -- THESE KINDS OF PROJECTS ARE OUR OPPORTUNITY. WE ALSO HAVE GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN EAST COUNTY BECAUSE WE HAVE DEVELOPABLE LANDS. AND SO, THANK YOU, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THANKS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS RESOLUTION. THIS SEEMS LIKE A VERY NECESSITY NECESSARY STEP IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TROUTDALE REYNOLDS INDUSTRIAL PARK THAT WILL BRING MUCH NEEDED JOBS TO THE COMMUNITY. AND SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE RESOLUTION IS PASSED. THANK YOU.

JOHN TYDLASKA: THANK YOU.

REED WAGNER: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

R.2 FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, INCLUDING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN; AND SUPERSEDING AND REPLACING CERTAIN PRIOR PLANS. PRESENTERS: RICH FAITH, SENIOR PLANNER; MICHAEL CERBONE, PLANNING DIRECTOR; AND, JOANNA VALENCIA, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MANAGER (60 MIN)

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: SECOND.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING.

MICHAEL CERBONE: GOOD MORNING, VICE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MICHAEL CERBONE PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR THE RECORD. WE DON'T WANT TO OCCUPY TOO MUCH TIME. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO JOINED US TAKE CENTER STAGE. I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF THAT HAVE WORKED TILL GENTLY WORKED DILIGENTLY ON THE PROJECT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHO DEDICATED SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF THEIR TIME TO CAPTURE AND SHAPE THE SENTIMENTS OF THE PLANNING. LAND USE PLANNERS CANNOT BE ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE. WE TRY TO REACH A SHARED VISION FOR THE COMMUNITY. I'M PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THE COMMUNITY AND THE AND A HALF HAVE DONE. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE'S A DISAGREEMENT OVER A HANDFUL OF THINGS IS HOW WELL WE ENGAGED THE STAFF. BEFORE

WE GET STARTED, RICH FAITH AND JOANNA VALENCIA ARE GOING TO PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY WE RECEIVED. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND VISION FOR ALLOWING THIS PROJECT TO OCCUR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

RICH FAITH: MY NAME IS RICH FAITH, SENIOR PLANNER WITH THE COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION. SO SINCE THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED ITS PUBLIC HEARING SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AND MADE ITS RECOMMENDATION ON BOTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN, WE HAVE RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM 29 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD, AND IT'S IN THE RECORD FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO NOW IS BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THAT TESTIMONY FOR YOU. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE COMMENTS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE NARRATIVE AND THE POLICIES IN CHAPTER 5, WHICH PERTAINS TO NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AND ON POLICIES AND TEXT IN CHAPTER 8, PERTAINING TO PARKS AND RECREATION. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE RECEIVED COMMENT FROM 12 PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT THE POLICY IN THE PLAN TO CONSIDER EXPANDING THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN OVERLAY FOR SCENIC VIEWS TO THE WEST SLOPE OF THE WEST HILLS.

THEY OFFER A VARIETY OF REASONS FOR THEIR COMMENTS BUT MOSTLY THEIR BELIEF THAT THE OVERLAY DISTRICT WILL RESULT IN INCREASED APPRAISAL VALUES, CONSEQUENTLY RESULTING IN HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES FOR THEM. WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM METRO'S DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND NATURE DEPARTMENT, ASKING FOR A NUMBER OF REVISIONS TO THE PROPOSED PLAN. MOST OF WHICH PERTAIN TO NARRATIVE EXPLAINING METRO'S ROLE AS A PARKS AND SERVICE -- PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE PROVIDER AND WANTING CHANGES TO POLICY LANGUAGE THAT AFFECTS RECREATION LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO METRO-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE WEST HILLS. SEVERAL COMMENTS THAT WE RECEIVED HAVE COME FROM INDIVIDUALS WOULD SUPPORT METRO'S REQUESTED CHANGES. TWO OTHERS WOULD LIKE THE PLAN TO SPECIFICALLY NOTE THAT HORSEBACK RIDING IS AMONG THE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT METRO'S FACILITIES PROVIDE. WRITTEN TESTIMONY FROM SIX INDIVIDUALS OPPOSES THE REVISIONS METRO HAS REQUESTED AND THEY ARE ASKING TO RESTORE POLICY LANGUAGE THAT WAS CHANGED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT METRO'S REQUEST. THEY ALSO WANT TO SEE ADDITIONAL TEXT IN THE PLAN TO CLARIFY THAT POLICIES THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO OUR RURAL SUB AREA CONTROL OVER POLICIES THAT APPLY COUNT COUNTYWIDE. ON A SIMILAR NOTE, TWO SAW THE ISLAND RESIDENTS WROTE IN OPPOSITION TO REPEALING THE 2015 SAVVY ISLAND MULTNOMAH CHANNEL PLAN WITH THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THEY ASK

THAT THE SAVVY ISLAND PLAN BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN CONTROLLING FUTURE DECISIONS. THEY WOULD LIKE THE POLICY AND THE STRATEGIES IN THE PLAN PERTAINING TO CODE COMPLIANCE, WHICH IS IN CHAPTER 2, TO BE REWRITTEN, TO PROMOTE A MORE AGGRESSIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

RICH FAITH: ONE PERSON VOICED CONCERN ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF THE NEW ISLAND SLIDE HAZARD MAP WHICH IS FOUND IN CHAPTER 7 OF THE PLAN AND FINALLY OREGONIANS IN ACTION SUBMITTED TESTIMONY OBJECTING TO THE INCLUSION OF THE ADOPTED 2010 URBAN ROYAL RESERVES MAP IN THIS PLAN BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT BY INCLUDING IT, IT GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE COUNTY IS ATTEMPTING TO READOPT THAT MAP, WHICH THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO DO AND THEY ALSO OBJECT TO THE POLICY TO CONSIDER EXPANSION OF THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN FOR SCENIC VIEWS TO THE WEST HILLS -- OR TO THE WEST SLOPE OF THE WEST HILLS. SO THAT SUMMARIZES ALL OF THE WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE. AND THE BOARD SHOULD WAIVE THESE COMMENTS ALONG WITH ANY OTHER PUBLIC TESTIMONY THAT IS RECEIVED TODAY IN YOUR DELIBERATION AND DECISION ON THIS ORDINANCE. WITH, THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO JOANNA VALENCIA WHO WILL SUMMARIZE COMMENTS SUBMITTED AROUND THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN.

JOANNA VALENCIA: THANK YOU, RICH, AND GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. JOANNA VALENCIA, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MANAGER. THERE ARE COMMENTS THAT WE RECEIVED AND THAT'S CONTINUE INTO GO MAINTAIN THE RURAL CHARACTER AND THE INCREASED USE OF THROUGH TRAFFIC THROUGH THE COUNTY ROADS AND MANAGING SOME SORT OF TRAVEL DEMAND THROUGH OUR COUNTY ROADS AS YOU WILL PROBABLY HEAR TODAY, THERE'S A LOT OF CONCERNS REGARDING THE INCREASE THROUGH COMMUTER TRAFFIC, THROUGH OUR COUNTY ROADS, AND INCREASED KIND OF PEAK SEASON SORT OF TRAFFIC, AND ADDRESSING THAT AND SO WE HAVE A LOT OF POLICIES CONTAINED IN OUR T.S.P. RIGHT NOW THAT ADDRESSES THAT BUT I THINK YOU WILL SEE OR HEAR A LOT OF CONCERNS IN REGARDS TO CONTINUING TO BEING ABLE TO ADDRESS THESE. SO THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR OUR T.S.P. LARGELY EVERYONE HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THE POLICIES WITHIN THE T.S.P., BUT I THINK THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO THE MOBILITY AND THE FREIGHT POLICIES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. I HAVE ONE QUESTION FOR YOU, IN TERMS OF THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES IN THE AREA, WERE THERE ANY OF THOSE CONCERNS BROUGHT UP?

YES. SO THOSE WERE LARGELY RAISED AROUND SAFETY AND MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE REMOVING CONFLICT WITHIN ALL THE USERS AND SO THERE ARE POLICIES THAT ARE CONTAINED IN HERE TO ADDRESS THOSE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER BAILEY.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AN AMENDMENT TO THIS PLAN.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I HAVE A MOTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS. DO I HAVE A SECOND?

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: SECOND.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL SECONDS.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: FOR THE RECORD, THE RECORD IS AMENDMENT ONE AND IT'S AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE, AS WELL AS ONLINE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OKAY. COMMISSIONER, MCKEEL SECONDS AND A MOTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS, COMMISSIONER BAILEY.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: THANK YOU. THIS AMENDMENT SUMMARIZES A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ASPECTS THAT HAVE COME OUT OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND OUT OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT THAT SEEK TO PUT A FINER POINT ON SOME OF THE BALANCES WITHIN THIS PLAN. I WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS AT THE OUTSET IN GENERAL, BEFORE I GO INTO SOME OF DETAILS. FIRST OF ALL, AS I THINK EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM APPRECIATES, THIS IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT THE COMMUNITY AND THE STAFF HAVE PUT INTO THIS PLAN AND IT'S AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT THAT WILL GUIDE MULTNOMAH COUNTY OVER THE COMING DECADES AND FOR A LOT OF ISSUES THAT DRAW THE CAMERAS, THAT ARE IMPORTANT, THIS ONE IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT AND IT'S -- IT PAY NOT BE ON THE EVENING NEWS BUT YOU ARE ALL TO BE CONGRATULATED FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE PUT IN. AND IT'S BEEN DEVELOPED AFTER A LOT OF OUTREACH AND EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INPUT, AND I WANT TO THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE VALUE THE COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES THAT WE DON'T JUST LISTEN, WE CONSIDER, AND THEN WE INCORPORATE IDEAS INTO THE FINAL PRODUCT. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE C.A.C. AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION WHO PUT IN A LOT OF WORK UNPAID ON THIS. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, MIKE CERBONE, RICH FAITH, AND JOANNA VALENCIA AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF, WOULD WORKED ON THIS FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. I THINK WE HEARD IN THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO HEAR THAT ONE OF THE PRIMARY CHALLENGES IN THIS PLAN IS BALANCING RECREATION WITH CONSERVATION OF ECOSYSTEMS AND WITH NATURAL RESOURCES. I WAS

REMINDED OF THIS ON THE WAY IN THIS MORNING. I WAS LISTENING TO N.P.R. AND WE ARE AT THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AND THEY HAD A STORY ON N.P.R. THIS MORNING ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARKS AND THE RESET THAT THE NATIONAL PARKS ARE DOING IN LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT 100 YEARS AND THEY IDENTIFIED FOUR MAJOR CHALLENGES AT CHALLENGES THAT THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM IS FACING, CLIMATE CHANGE, OVERCROWDING, FUNDING, AND RELEVANCE. AND I THOUGHT THAT REALLY RESONATED STRONGLY WITH SOME OF THE NATURAL AREAS THAT WE HAVE HERE AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: HOW DO WE BALANCE THE SYSTEM THAT IS ON THE ONE HAND, WE HAVE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WOULD WANT TO USE IT, AND WE NEED TO KEEP IT RELEVANT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION. WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND, MAINTAINING A PLACE THAT IS A WILD AND NATURAL AREA, WHERE ECOSYSTEMS FLOURISH AND WHERE WE PRESERVE WHAT HAS MADE THESE PLACES GREAT IN THE FIRST PLACE AND HONOR THAT LEGACY. I THINK THIS PLAN STRIKES A CAREFUL BALANCE, BASED ON EXTENSIVE PUBLIC INPUT AND CONSIDERATION OF MANY PERSPECTIVES AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT LINE, WE WILL NOT FINISH WALKING THAT LINE TODAY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WALK THAT LINE AND BALANCING RECREATION, NATURAL RESOURCES, CONSERVATION INTO THE FUTURE AND THIS PLAN, I BELIEVE, WITH THIS AMENDMENT LEAVES FLEXIBILITY FOR FUTURE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONERS AND THE PUBLIC AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND DETERMINE WHETHER THEY FIT THE CRITERIA LAID DOWN HERE IN THIS PLAN. A COUPLE OF POINTS ABOUT THIS, AT THE RISK OF BEING LONGWINDED.

I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE DEFINITION OF CONSISTENT. WE SEE THAT WORD IN THIS PLAN, PARTICULARLY IN POLICIES 8.2 AND 8.8. THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS GIVEN AND AGREED TO A DEFINITION OF CONSISTENT THAT IS COMPATIBLE OR IN AGREEMENT WITH SOMETHING, AND THAT IS ALSO A SYNONYM, ACCORDING TO MERRIAM-WEBSTER FOR THE DEFINITION THAT IS ABLE TO EXIST TOGETHER WITHOUT TROUBLE OR CONFLICT GOING WELL TOGETHER, CAPABLE OF EXISTING TOGETHER IN HARMONY. AND I THINK THAT THAT IS -- SPEAKS WELL TO THE BALANCE THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO WALK IN THIS PLAN. PER POLICY 8.8, RECREATION IN THE WEST HILLS NEEDS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH NATURAL RESOURCES AND MUST NOT CAUSE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES. WHAT IS THAT WORD SIGNIFICANT? SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACTS COULD INCLUDE NOT JUST LARGE SINGLE IMPACTS BUT CUMULATIVE IMPACTS DUE TO SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENTS OVER THAT TIME, OR A DEATH BY A THOUSAND CUTS ISSUE. AND IT CAN ALSO REFER TO INTENSITY OR DENSITY RECREATIONAL USE IF THERE WAS A HIGH DENSITY IN ONE AREA. IT'S DIFFICULT TO DRAW CLEAR, BRIGHT LINES IN A POLICY DOCUMENT THAT NEEDS TO APPLY TO A BROAD AREA FOR DECADES, BUT WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL GET THERE. BECAUSE OF THAT, I WANT TO GIVE SOME

EXAMPLES OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT I WOULD SEE AS -- AS OUT OF BOUNDS, AS WE ARE TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT THAT IS, THINGS LIKE MOTORIZED VEHICLES, GOLF COURSES, COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH CAMPS AND LODGES AND -- AND RETREAT CENTERS. AND I HAD A LIST OF A FEW OTHERS AND I'M LOOKING FOR THEM. THINGS LIKE CONCERT VENUES, BALL FIELDS, DRONE FIELDS, EXTRACTED MINERALS, SHOOTING RANGES, PRIVATE HUNTING PRESERVES, YOU KNOW, THINGS THAT INVOLVE A LOT OF OPEN FLAME OR FIRE, LOUD NOISES, NIGHTTIME ACTIVITIES,

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: THOSE SORTS OF THINGS, I THINK ARE CLEARLY OUT OF BOUNDS. AND I THINK SPEAK TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ENCOURAGE USE AND ACTIVITIES FROM THE PUBLIC THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH AND GO IN HARMONY WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO PROTECT THINGS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE A NATURAL RESOURCE THAT IS ADJACENT TO OUR METROPOLITAN AREA AND THAT IS SUCCESSFUL BY A BUS LINE, THAT IS AN INCREDIBLY SPECIAL THING FOR A CITY TO HAVE, THINGS LIKE HIKING TRAILS AND ANDY HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE TRAYS AND MOUNTAIN BIKE WITHOUT INTENSITY OR DENSITY, PHOTOGRAPHY, BIRDWATCHING, NATURAL APPRECIATION, THOSE SORTS OF THINGS. I WANT TO BE A LITTLE BIT -- AT THE RISK OF BEING PEDANTIC I WANT SOME OF THAT ON THE RECORD. FINALLY, WITH REGARDS TO SAUVIE ISLAND AND THE MULTNOMAH ISLAND CHANNEL, IT CREATED THE RURAL AREA PLAN IN 2015 AND IT KEEPS THE PROMISE WE MADE WHEN IT WAS ADOPTED THAT THIS PLAN PRESERVES THOSE POLICIES THAT WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE SAUVIE ISLAND MULTNOMAH ISLAND CHANNEL PLAN, AND EXTENDS THEM TO OTHERS. IT SETS A STRICT STANDARD AND WE WILL HONOR THAT MAN WITH THIS AMENDMENT. IT'S ONLY THOSE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SMIC AREA THAT ARE COMPLIMENTARY TO AND DO NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ON SAUVIE ISLAND AND THE MULTNOMAH ISLAND CHANNEL AND THE TRIBUTARIES IN GOAL FIVE. THE REASON THE BAR IS PARTICULARLY HIGH BUT I BELIEVE THAT SAUVIE ISLAND IS A UNIQUE CASE. IT'S A RURAL AGRICULTURAL AREA AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A RECREATIONAL DESTINATION PRIMARILY, AND IT HAS ACCESS CONSTRAINTS IN A LIMITED CAPACITY TO ABSORB PEOPLE ON ITS ROADWAYS AND PARKING AREAS. WITH REGARDS TO THE TRANSPORTATION POLICIES, I'M EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXISTING AND INCREASING TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON RURAL -- LOCAL RURAL ROADS AND COLLECTOR ROADS SUCH AS GERMANTOWN AND SKYLINE AND AREAS. THIS IS HAVING A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE POLICIES IN THE T.S.P. EMPHASIZE THAT IT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. POLICY 12 CALLS FOR DISCOURAGING ON THE LOCAL AND THE COLLECTOR ROADS. BUT I THINK WE MUST TAKE A CAREFUL AND THOUGHTFUL LOOK NOT AT JUST PASSENGER MOBILITY AND FREIGHT MOBILITY. SO POLICY 10 CALLS FOR A STUDY ON THIS ISSUE BUT DOES NOT PRESUPPOSE AN OUTCOME BUT

INCLUDES IN ITS LIST COMMUNITY IMPACTS. ADDITIONALLY, THERE'S SOME ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE IMMEDIATELY, USING THINGS LIKE DEMAND MANAGEMENT ON RURAL ROADS, BETTER SIGNAGE AND PARKING MARKINGS AND OTHERS ITEMS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT TO TRAFFIC. AND WITH THAT SAID, I BELIEVE THAT THIS AMENDMENT, WHILE IT MAY NOT SATISFY WHAT EVERYBODY WANTS FROM THIS PLAN, I BELIEVE THAT IT WALKS A LINE THAT WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO HAVE A PLACE THAT IS SPECIAL, PROTECTED, THAT IS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND ALLOWS ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY TO ENJOY IT. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER DO. WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

BOARD CLERK: YES, WE HAVE 11 SIGNED UP.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

IBOARD CLER: I WILL CALL UP FOUR AT A TIME. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME FORWARD. [READS NAMES]

COMMISSIONER SMITH: GOOD MORNING.

DONNA MCCARTLE; I'M DONNA MCCARTLE. THERE ARE TWO ITEMS I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS. ONE IS THE S.E.C. VIEW FOR THE BACK AND BEST SIDE OF SKYLINE RIDGE AND THE OTHER IS THE RAILS TO TRAILS. THEY ARE BOTH SUPPOSED TO BE STUDIED/CONSIDERED. IT'S MY OPINION THAT NEITHER OF THESE TWO PROJECTS SHOULD CONSIDERED. I'M TOLD IT'S MUCH EASIER TO STOP THIS BEFORE THE STUDY HAS DONE, RATHER THAN AFTER THE STUDY HAS BEEN DONE. THE S.E.C. VIEW WAS BROUGHT UP BY AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE C.A.C. WHO LIVES IN ANOTHER PORTION OF MULTNOMAH BUT TRAVELS HIGHWAY 26 TO THE COAST AND WOULD LIKE TO KEEP HIS VIEWS OF THE WEST HILLS AS PRISTINE AS IT IS NOW. THEREFORE, WE WOULD LIKE THE S.E.C. VIEW THAT'S NOW ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE RIDGE PLACED ON THE BEST SIDE. THEREBY MAKING THE HOUSES, BARNS, SHOPS, SIGNIFICANTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE. EACH PROPERTY OWNER WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL KINDS OF HOOPS IN ORDER TO BUILD THEIR HOME, REMODEL AN EXISTING HOME, AND BUILD A SHOP OR A BARN. THE COSTS JUST FOR THIS S.E.C. VIEW, NOT FOR THE REST OF THE OTHER S.E.C.S AND ENVIRONMENTAL HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENTS AND ALL OF THAT OTHER THAT THE COUNTY REQUIRES OF THEM, BUT JUST FOR THE S.E.C. VIEW WOULD COST AN COST AN ADDITIONAL 10 TO \$15 MILLION. THERE'S TWO PEOPLE UP THERE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS THAT HAVE SPENT MORE THAN \$50,000 JUST TO GET THE RIGHT TO BUILD THEIR HOUSE. IN MOST CASES BUILDING A BURN OR PLANTING TREES OR SHOULD SHRUBBERY OTHER WHATEVER DIMINISHES THE LANDOWNER'S VIEWS SIGNIFICANTLY. SOMETIMES IT FORCES HIM TO PLACE HIS HOME ON A PORTION OF THE

PROPERTY THAT DIMINISHES THE REST OF THE USE OF HIS PROPERTY. HE'S FORCED TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION THE HOME FACES OR HE MUST PLACE A BARN OR A SHOP OR A PONY WALL WHERE RETAINING WALLS WOULD BE NECESSARY. IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THIS, YOU THROW IN THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ADDS TO THE EXISTING, NOT -- IT'S THE EXISTING MARKET VALUE OF -- LET ME SEE. FOR A VALUE OF S.E.C. VIEW NINE, AT SENSOR NINE, -- THE ASSESSOR WOULD ADD \$150,000. THAT'S ANOTHER \$90,000 TO YOUR ASSESSED VALUE. THAT MAKES PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE AND HAVE LIVED THERE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE THE TAXES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

DONNA MCCARTLE IT'S NOT RIGHT.

SUSAN SILADOR: MY NAME IS SUSAN SILADOR AND JUST SO EVERYONE KNOWS, I AM A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE IN THIS AUDIENCE AND EVERYONE EVERYWHERE WHO REALLY PUT IN AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT AND SHOWED AMAZING CARE OF THE RURAL AREAS OF OUR COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK ESPECIALLY THE STAFF, PARTICULARLY ADAM BARBER WHO TOOK MY QUESTIONS UNFAILINGLY AND CONTINUES TO DO SO, ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES I'M SURE HE WOULD RATHER NOT. IN TERMS OF WHAT I WANTED TO ADDRESS WAS EXACTLY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT COMMISSIONER BAILEY JUST BROUGHT UP AND THAT WAS THE WORD THAT CAUSED SOME CONTROVERSY HERE. COMPLIMENTARY VERSUS CONSISTENT. AND THE -- THE PLANNING COMMISSION SPENT A VERY LONG AND THOROUGH EVENING, HAD A VERY EVEN GRANULAR DISCUSSION OF THIS WORD CHANGE, AND I WILL SAY I CANNOT SPEAK FOR THE COMMISSION. I CAN SPEAK FOR MYSELF, THAT I WAS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF CONSISTENT BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT HAD LESS FLEXIBILITY AND I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT WE NEEDED BECAUSE TOO MUCH FLEXIBILITY MEANS PEOPLE CAN BRING THINGS FORWARD AND KIND OF TURN A TERM AROUND. COMMISSIONER BAILEY, I LIKE YOUR -- YOUR DEFINITION AND HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT AT ALL. SO I WANTED TO GIVE YOU SOME CONTEXT ON HOW THAT HAPPENED. I WILL SAY THAT I DO HAVE AN OPINION ON THE AMENDMENT 2 TO DELETE POLICY 11, AND I THINK DELETING THAT POLICY IS A HUGE, HUGE, MISTAKE. THE CONCERN AMONG THOSE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THESE RURAL AREAS ABOUT THE ROADWAYS IS CRITICAL AND IT'S VALID. AND THE THOUGHT OF MORE TRAFFIC ON ROADWAYS THAT CAN BARELY HANDLE THE TRAFFIC IT HAS NOW IS JUST NOT ACCEPTABLE. SO THE ISLAND GETS OVER 1 MILLION VISITORS A YEAR. A MILLION VISITORS ARE GOING OVER THAT DIKED ROAD AND IT'S REALLY -- IT'S REALLY HARD TO MANAGE. SO I CAN'T IMAGINE MORE AND I CERTAINLY CAN'T IMAGINE FREIGHT. AND THE SAME THING WITH THE OTHER RURAL ROADS. SO I WOULD REALLY URGE YOU TO RETHINK THIS, AND TO NOT DELETE IT IF YOU FEEL IT NEEDS TO BE MOVED TO SOMEWHERE ELSE, THAT'S OKAY BY ME, BUT I DO

BELIEVE THAT THIS IS RATHER A SURPRISE COMING AT THIS LATE DATE, TO SEE IT CROSSED OUT AND WOULD URGE YOU TO RETHINK IT. ON BEHALF OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, I HAVE TO SAY, THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY FELLOW PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS, IT'S AN HONOR TO BE SITTING ON THE COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

MARK GREENFIELD: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, I'M MARK GREENFIELD. OVERALL, AND WITH THE CHANGES THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THIS IS AN EXEMPLARY PLAN IN TERMS OF THE PROTECTIONS FOR FARM AND FOREST LANDS AND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND I TOO OFFER MY HIGH REST COMPLIMENTS TO THE STAFF, THE C.A.C. AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE ON THIS PLAN. I WAS A MEMBER. C.A.C. FOR THE SAUVIE ISLAND PLAN AND I WAS VERY CONCERNED% PROPOSED CHANGES TO 8.9 AND 8.10. I'M VERY GLAD TO SEE THAT THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE IS BEING RESTORED AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT THAT. I ALSO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE IN THE PLAN THAT WOULD STATE THAT IF THERE'S IN ESSENCE A CONFLICT BETWEEN A SUB AREA PLAN AND THE COUNTY-WIDE PLAN, THE STRICTER LANGUAGE OF THE -- THE STRICTER AREA OF THE SUBAREA PLAN WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE. THERE IS A MODIFICATION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND IT DOES RELATE TO POLICY 8.8, WHICH USES THE WORD "CONSISTENT." AND I WANT TO EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT WHY THAT MATTERS TO US. FOUR YEARS AGO, MY WIFE JANE HARTLINE AND I CREATED THE GREENFIELD-HARTLINE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND.

I'M ON THE BOARD OF PORTLAND AUDUBON, JANE DIRECTS THE SAUVIE ISLAND PARTNERSHIP WHICH WORKS WITH STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS TO RESTORE, ENHANCE AND PROTECT WILDLIFE. SO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IS PART OF THE ESSENCE OF WHO WE ARE. I WAS REALLY CONCERNED WHEN I SAW THE CHANGES TO THE 8.8, WHICH ADDED SUBSTITUTED WITH TO COMPLIMENTARY WITH BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT COMPLIMENTARY WITH WAS A STRONGER TERM. THAT SAID, COMMISSIONER BAILEY HAS SPOKEN ABOUT CONSISTENT BEING DEFINED TO MEAN ABLE TO EXIST TOGETHER WITHOUT TROUBLE OR CONFLICT GOING WELL TOGETHER, CAPABLE OF EXISTING TOGETHER IN HARMONY. I LIKE THAT DEFINITION, AND I WOULD ASK THAT THERE BE ONE FURTHER MODIFICATION WHICH IS THAT YOU TAKE THAT DEFINITION AND PUT IT IN THE GLOSSARY AS PART OF THIS - - THIS PROCEEDING. IN TERMS OF CODE COMPLIANCE, I BELIEVE WE STATED THAT VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE JUST DOESN'T WORK. THIS BOARD GAVE THE SUPPORT TO THE SAUVIE ISLAND PLAN. THIS PLAN DOES AS WELL AND I HOPE YOU WILL DO LIKEWISE HERE, AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER BAILEY WHO HAS PROVIDED OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP FOR OUR DISTRICT DURING HIS TENURE WITH THE BOARD. HIS UNDERSTANDING OF AND HIS ADVOCACY FOR GOOD LAND USE PLANNING

CONSISTENT WITH THE STATEWIDE PLANNING GOALS HAS BEEN A REAL GIFT TO THE BOARD, TO THE COUNTY, AND TO OUR DISTRICT AND WE WILL MISS HIM GREATLY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

ANDREW HOLTZ: MY NAME IS ANDREW HOLTZ. I WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THIS PROCESS, OVER 15 MONTHS OR MORE. AND I HAVE ALSO BEEN A MEMBER OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SINCE 2002. I WANT TO VERY MUCH THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR HAVING REALLY EXHAUSTIVE, SOMETIMES EXHAUSTING PROCESS OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND STAFF SUPPORT. YOU PUT A LOT INTO THIS AND I THINK IT SHOWS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. ALSO AS PART OF THAT, I HELPED TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NOMINATION FOR AN AWARD FOR THE OREGON CHAPTER AWARD IN PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION TO RECOGNIZE REALLY HOW SPECIAL THIS PROCESS WAS. I GREW UP OFF OF NORTHWEST SKY LINE, AND LIVED A NUMBER OF PLACES BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, I HAVE SPENT A NUMBER OF YEARS IN UNINCORPORATED MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IN THE WEST HILLS, ALTHOUGH WE MOVED DOWN TO SELLWOOD. I EXPERIENCED SKYLINE DECADES BEFORE THE LAST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. SO A LOT OF EXPERIENCE ON THAT ROAD.

ITS CHANGED A LOT AND YET IN MANY WAYS IT HASN'T CHANGED IN IMPORTANT WAYS. IT'S STILL A SPECIAL GREEN ISLAND, THOSE HILLS. THEY ARE REALLY A TREASURE AND THAT'S WHY I PUT MY TIME INTO THE COMMITTEE AND WHY I SO MUCH APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS PLAN. I DID SPEND A DECADE IN THE ATLANTA AREA. ALONG A ROAD THAT'S SIMILAR TO A LOT OF THE ROADS IN THE WEST HILLS. IT WAS A CURVING, TWO-LANE ROAD, TREE-LINED ROAD AND IN THE MORE THANKING IT WOULD LIGHTEN UP THE COMMUTER TRAFFIC. RECENTLY WE WENT BACK TO ATLANTA. THEY PUT IN A BYPASS NEAR THERE AND THEY WIDENED THE ROADS AND THE TRAFFIC IS WORSE. ATLANTA IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW YOU CAN'T BUILD YOUR WAY OUT OF THESE CONGESTION AND CUT THROUGH COMMUTER PROBLEMS. SO THE PLAN, YOU HAVE HEARD HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PRESERVE THIS UNIQUE AREA. AND TO NOT LET IT BE OVERRUN, PARTICULARLY BY THE CUT THROUGH COMMUTER TRAFFIC THAT IS PRESSURING THE WEST HILLS. SO I THANK YOU FOR PUTTING BACK RURAL COLLECTORS TOO POLICY 12. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. I WANT TO SEE THAT KIND OF PROTECTION ABSOLUTELY MAINTAINED. I WOULD ALSO CALL FOR YOU TO RESTORE -- RESTORE POLICY 11. THE COUNTY DOESN'T WANT A WESTERN BYPASS. PEOPLE AT THE COUNTY DON'T WANT A WESTERN BYPASS. IT WOULD HURT THE AREA. IT NEEDS TO SPECIFICALLY SAY WE ARE NOT GOING TO PUT A FREEWAY THROUGH THE WESTERN RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU, MR. HOLTZ.

CHARITY GROSS NICHOL, TIM LARSEN, LINDA WISTENER AND CHET ORLOFF, PLEASE COME FORWARD. ARE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: GOOD MORNING.

JERRY GROSS: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JERRY GROSS NICHOL. I WAS -- I SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE COMP PLAN UPDATE, C.A.C., AND ALSO SERVED ON METRO'S STAKEHOLDERS COMMIT, DURING THE PERIOD OF THESE DISCUSSIONS I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND NOW SERVES AS CARE OF ITS LAND USE COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR ITS EXCELLENT WORK ON THE UPDATE. I THINK IT WAS A VERY WORTHY EFFORT, PARTICULARLY THE STAFF NEEDS TO BE COMPLIMENTED ON ITS VERY HARD WORK ON THIS PROCESS, RICH FAITH, AND JOANNA VALENCIA AND MATT HASTING WHO IS THE CONSULTANT AND MICHAEL CERBONE AND THE STAFF, KEVIN, AND OTHERS, THEY DID EXCELLENT WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE C.A.C. I BECAME INVOLVED IN THESE ACTIVITIES AND COMP PLAN UPDATE, PARTICULARLY FOR ONE REASON.

I HAVE COME TO APPRECIATE THE INCREDIBLE NATURAL RESOURCES THAT WE SHARE IN WEST HILLS AND BELIEVE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THEM. I LIVE ON THE WESTERN SLOPES OF THE TUALATIN MOUNTAINS. JUST TO OUR EAST IS FOREST PARK AND TO THE WEST IS THE FORESTED LANDS WHICH CONNECT US TO THE LARGER AREAS OF THE COAST RANGE. IT'S THIS THAT KEEPS OUR WILDLIFE ABUNDANT AND HEAVY - - AND HEALTHY. I PERSONALLY HAD OVER 200 ELK SIGHTINGS ON OUR PROPERTY LAST SEASON DURING THE RUT. JUST FOUR DAYS AGO I WITNESSED A LARGE BULL ELK SILENCE A NOISY GROUP OF CHIRPING YOUNGSTERS. IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE -- WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT THESE LANDS ARE IMPORTANT NOT FOR US AND THE WILDLIFE THAT LIVE ON THEM. THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR REGION FOR CLEAN AIR AND CLEAN WATER AND RECHARGING AQUIFERS AND RECHARGING HUMAN SOULS. WE NEED STRONG LANGUAGE IN THE COMP PLAN AND THE T.S.P. THAT PROTECTS OUR WILDLIFE AND THE HABITAT OF THE WEST HILLS AND I BELIEVE THAT THE C.A.C. AGREED TO SOME VERY GOOD LANGUAGE. IN THE BOARD REMOVES POLICY 11, AS INAPPROPRIATE TO THE T.S.P., I SUGGEST WE FIND ANOTHER WAY TO SIGNAL THAT THE COUNTY WILL OPPOSE AS A MEMBER OF THE WEST HILLS. AS A MEMBER OF THE OREGON STRAIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, I UNDERSTAND THE CONNECTION BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE AIRPORT AND I-5 AND THE SUNSET CORRIDOR FAILS TO ADEQUATELY HANDLE THE CURRENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS. WE HAVE SEEN A LARGE SPILLOVER OF COMPUTER TRAFFIC AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ON THE EXISTING ROADS OF THE WEST HILL, PARTICULARLY GERMANTOWN AND OTHERS. BUT IF

MULTNOMAH FAYS FAILS TO PLACE THIS OFF LIMITS, IT PUSHES FOR THE EASIER SOLUTION, BUILD A BIG NEW ROAD AND DISCOURAGES TO INCREASE THE TRANSIT OPTIONS AND BETTER LAND USE PLANNING. YOU HAVE RECEIVED COMMENTS ABOUT THE HABITAT PROTECTION AND I WON'T REPEAT THOSE COMMENTS, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT METRO'S NORMAL APPROACH TO MANAGING ITS REGIONAL PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS IS NOT ENTIRELY TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE NORTH TUALATIN MOUNTAINS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. GOOD MORNING.

TIM LARSEN: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY STAFF AND ALL THE HARD WORKING FOLKS IN THE AUDIENCE THAT HAVE BECOME MY FRIENDS OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. I HAVE SPENT --

COMMISSIONER SMITH: CAN YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE.

TIM LARSEN: I'M SORRY, TIM LARSEN. I SPENT THE LAST THREE YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEES ON BOTH THE SAUVIE ISLAND MULTNOMAH CHANNEL RURAL PLAN AND THE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. SO FROM THE VERY GROUND UP, I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS PLAN ALL THE WAY. IF YOU HAD BEEN THERE THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN AN EXEMPLARY COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY CITIZENS AND STAKEHOLDERS, COUNTY STAFF AND A GROUP OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO CONSTRUCT A PLAN FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS A WHOLE AND SPECIFIC LOCAL AREAS WITHIN THE COUNSELEE THAT REQUIRE SPECIFIC AND UNWAVERING PROTECTION. THE HUNDREDS OF CITIZENS AND OFFICIALS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS PLAN SPENT THOUSANDS OF HOURS IN RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND VIGOROUS DISCUSSIONS TO ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS ABOUT WHAT OPTIMAL. ABOUT WHAT WAS OPTIMAL TO PRESERVE MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WILL DIGRESS FOR A SECOND, AND TALK ABOUT THE WEST HILLS SCENIC OVERLAY BECAUSE THAT'S DEAR TO MY HEART. I GREW UP IN PORTLAND FOR THE LAST 67 YEARS. AND I HAVE LOOKED AT OUR HILLTOP MOUNTAINS COVERED WITH TREES AND VALUED THAT FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE. AND I'M SURE THAT EAST COUNTY RESIDENTS AS WELL AS WEST COUNTY RESIDENTS APPRECIATE AND ENJOY THOSE BEAUTIFUL VIEWS THAT MAKE PORTLAND DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE UNITED STATES AND PERHAPS IN THE WORLD. NOBODY ELSE HAS A FOREST RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR CITY. NOBODY ELSE CAN LOOK UP AND SEE THOSE GREEN TREES EVERY DAY WHEN THEY DRIVE TO WORK OR WHEN THEY ARE SITTING OUT IN THEIR BACKYARD HAVING A PICNIC. IT IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT THAT THIS AREA BE PROTECTED FOR THE -- FOR THE BEAUTY AND THE VALUE IT ADDS TO OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. YOU HAVE ALL SEEN SOME REALLY BAD EXAMPLES ALREADY OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN WE DON'T HAVE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO PROTECT OUR VALUABLE ASSETS. YOU HAVE SEEN

THE BIG SCABS THAT HAVE BEEN CARVED INTO THE SIDES OF OUR HILLS BY THE MOUNT SCOTT, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT FROM EVERYWHERE. AND COUNCIL CREST, WHICH IS NOW ALLOWING PEOPLE THAT LIVE UP THIS TO CUT DOWN THE TREES SO THEY HAVE AN UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW AND DESTROY WHAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL VIEW FOR ME AND ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT HAVE LIVED IN THE SOUTHWEST FOR ALL OF OUR LIVES. AND SO I ASK THAT YOU GIVE 98% WEIGHT TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE STAFF AND 2% WEIGHT TO ANY OTHER PEOPLE CONTRIBUTE SPECIAL INTEREST POSITIONS TO YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU, MR. LARSEN.

TIM LARSEN: YOU ARE WELCOME.

LINDA WHITNER: HELLO, I'M LINDA WHITENER, SAUVIE ISLAND RESIDENT AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SAUVIE ISLAND COMMITTEE AND I WAS A MEMBER OF THE C. C.A.C. FOR THE SAUVIE ISLAND AND MULTNOMAH CHANNEL PLAN. I WANT TO THANK THE C.A.C. AND THE STAFF AND THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE ON THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. IT'S EXCEPTIONAL I APPRECIATE THE SENSITIVITY THEY HAD TO LOOKING AT THE WORK WE DID WITH THE SAUVIE ISLAND PLAN. ALSO, I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE WOULD TOOK THE TIME TO SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY AND PARTICULARLY MARCIE HULE AND MARK GREENFIELD AND OTHERS. I THINK THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS THAT UNDER FRONT OF US TODAY ADDRESS MANY OF THOSE CONCERNS AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO ACCEPT THESE AMENDMENTS AS THEY ARE PRESENTED. I HAD MUCH LONGER TESTIMONY, BEFORE I SAW THIS WORDING. I WANT TO COMPLETE BY TALKING IN GENERAL ABOUT BALANCE AND THE PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE COMMISSIONER BAILEY'S COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT, AND I UNDERSTAND METRO'S CHALLENGE IN BALANCING HUMAN NEEDS AND PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND BALANCE HAPPENS NOT EQUALLY EVERYWHERE. IT HAPPENS BY PROTECTING SOME AREAS FOR SOME USE AND CREATING OTHER AREAS FOR OTHER USE. AND THAT'S THE CHALLENGE WE HAVE BEFORE US AS COMMISSIONER BAILEY SAID TO FIGURE OUT WHERE HUMAN ACTIVITIES PREVAIL. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

CHET ORLOFF: MY NAME IS CHET ORLOFF THE FORMER HATE HISTORIAN AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND FOUNDED THE MULTNOMAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 20 YEARS AGO AND STARTED MANAGING ONE OF THE EARLIEST PARKS OUT IN SAUVIE ISLAND. I WILL NOT BURDEN YOU WITH MORE TESTIMONY THAT I THINK YOU HAVE HEARD TODAY. I THINK COMMISSIONER BAILEY NAILED IT WITH HIS AMENDMENTS AND ELOQUENT SUMMARIES. I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON ONE TOPIC ON THE CENTENNIAL OF THE NATIONAL PARKS. I HAVE A WORD THAT SUMMARIZES WHAT WE ARE

TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY THAT HASN'T YET BEEN USED IS "STEWARDSHIP" WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT WE HISTORIANS USE QUITE A BIT. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY. YOU ARE GOING TO BE VOTING ON A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT WILL, IN A SENSE, MANAGE THE STEWARDSHIP OF COUNTY LANDS, ALL OF THEM. BECAUSE I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT THIS PLAN. I THINK THE STAFF AND I'M ALSO AN URBAN PLANNER, I SHOULD ADD AND CHAIRED THE CITY'S CENTRAL CITY PLAN SEVERAL YEARS AGO. SO I UNDERSTAND WHAT PLANNING IS ALL ABOUT, AND I THINK YOUR STAFF, THE C.A.C., AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND YOU AS COMMISSIONERS HAVE DONE SIGNIFICANT WORK AND I COMPLIMENT YOU ON THAT. SO SUPPORT IT, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

BOARD CLERK: [READS NAMES]

COMMISSIONER SMITH: GOOD MORNING MR. SHAW.

ANDY SHAW; ANDY SHAW. I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSION FOR TAKING UP THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PUTTING IN THE RESOURCES TO GET IT DONE PROPERLY. I WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF AND THE VOLUNTEERS IN THE C.A.C. A LARGE PART OF WHAT METRO DOES REVOLVES AROUND PLANNING. SO WE APPRECIATE MAINTAINING THE PLANS NOT FUTURE. WE ARE A PARKS AND NATURE PROVIDER. THE VOLUNTEERS OF OUR REGION HAVE APPROVED TWO SEPARATE PROPERTY TAX BOND MEASURES TO PROTECT HABITAT TO MAINTAIN WATER QUALITY AND CREATE GREATER ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC TO NATURE. METRO NOW HAS ACQUIRED OVER 17,000 ACRES OF PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. IN 2013, VOTERS ALSO APPROVED A FIVE-YEAR LEVY TO YEAR LEVY. SO WE HAD A STRONG INTEREST IN BALANCING THESE THREE GOALS THAT THE VOTERS HAVE SET FOR US. WITH OWN LAND ON SAUVIE ISLAND HOWEVER, METRO DOES NOT HAVE ANY PLANS NOR THAT PLANS FOR THAT PROPERTY, BESIDES ONGOING PRAIRIE ISLAND AND MAINTENANCE. AND WE HAVE WHITE OXBOW PARK. THE THIRD AREA OF INTEREST IS THE AREA WE OWN, WE CALLED NORTH TUALATIN MOUNTAINS, THERE'S 100 ACRES THAT WE PURCHASED IN FOUR DISTINCT AREAS. THESE PROPERTIES WERE ALL IN SOME FORM OF COMMERCIAL USE. A LOT OF IT WAS TREE FARMING, SOME PROPERTIES WERE SLATED FOR DEVELOPMENT. NOW USING NATURAL AREA FUNDING WE HAVE BEGUN THE PROCESS OF RESTORING THESE PROPERTIES. IMPROVING FOREST HEALTH, PROTECTING HOLD GROWTH TREE STANDS AND ENHANCING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THOSE AREAS. WE HAVE SPENT THE LAST TWO YEARS IN WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR THIS AREA. WE BELIEVE THE PLAN APPROPRIATELY BALANCES THE HABITAT RESTORATION, AND THE WILDLIFE CONNECTIVITY AND THE PUBLIC ACCESS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY HAPPY WITH THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVED FOR THE WALKING AND THE BIKING TRAILS IN THE AREA WHICH WILL ALLOW

THE REGION'S RESIDENTS TO ENJOY NATURE. WE ENTER THE COMP PLAN, TO ENVISION THE GREATER PUBLIC ACCESS AT THESE PROPERTIES.

ANDY SHAW: WE PARTICIPATED IN THE ENTIRE PLANNING PROCESS AND SUGGESTED SPECIFIC TERMS ALONG THE WAY. WE ALSO SUBMITTED THE LETTER WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED SUGGESTING SOME SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CHANGES AFTER THE WORK. PLANNING COMMISSION. SPECIFICALLY, WE WERE SEEKING CLEAR DESCRIPTIONS OF METRO ITSELF AND THE NATURE OF THE BOND PROGRAM, AND THE USE OF TERMS THAT WE BELIEVE WILL ENABLE US TO ACTUALLY BUILD THESE PUBLIC ACCESS TRAILS WHILE PROTECTING SENSITIVE HABITAT AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOUR STAFF FOR TALKING TO US AND ADDRESSING OUR CONCERNS. WE HAD A CHANCE TO MEET SOME OF THE FOLKS WHO DEVELOPED THE FIRST SAUVIE ISLAND PLAN, AND UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERNS AND WHERE THEY ARE COMING. FROM WE SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED INCLUDING THE DEFINITION OF CONSISTENT OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER BAIL E. WE BELIEVE -- BAILEY. WE BELIEVE THAT MEETS OUR NEED IF NOT ALL THE REQUESTS MADE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF OUR INTEREST AND OUR REQUESTS AND I WOULD HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE THEM.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

CAROL CHESERAK: GOOD MORNING, VICE CHAIR SMITH AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M CAROL CHESERAK. WHILE I WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE C.A.C., I ATTENDED ALL OF THEIR MEETING, INCLUDING ALL BUT TWO OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS AND THE EVENTS IN THE WEST HILLS. I MET REGULARLY WITH THE C.A.C. MEMBERS FROM THE WEST HILLS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED POLICIES. THESE ARE AWESOME PLANS AND YOUR C.A.C. DID TERRIFIC WORK. THIS WAS AN EXEMPLARY PROCESS FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY. THE INTENT OF THE PREVIOUS POLICIES DID NOT CHANGE. ARE MOSTLY MINOR REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS POLICIES NOT RADICAL NEW MATERIAL. I'M DELIGHTED, I WANT TO THANK STAFF AGAIN FOR UPGRADING THE MAPS TO LARGER SIZE WITH MORE LANDMARKS AND I WAS HAPPY TO HEAR LAST WEEK THAT THERE WERE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WHO ALSO SUPPORTED GOOD MAPS. I ALSO APPRECIATE AND SUPPORT MOST OF THE CHANGES THAT COMMISSIONER BAILEY HAS PROPOSED, AND I WILL TALK ABOUT THE EXCEPTIONS LATER. I ALSO WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR ALL OF THEIR WORK ON THIS -- DEVELOPING THESE POLICIES AND I'M ESPECIALLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE PROJECT TO STUDY T.D.M. MANAGEMENT IN THE WEST HILLS, AS WELL AS LANGUAGE ABOUT CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGNS, OPTIONS OTHER THAN 4 FOOTE PAVED SHOULDERS FOR THE BICYCLISTS. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER BAILEY FOR ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL THE HONOR THE SAUVIE ISLAND PLAN. WHILE I DON'T LOVE HIS PROPOSALS IN THE 8.8, BUT I CAN LIVE WITH THEM. IT'S IMPORTANT TO PUT THE DEFINITION OF

"CONSISTENT" THAT WE MEAN INTO THE GLOSSARY SO THAT THERE'S NO CONFUSION OR ARGUMENT ABOUT THE INTENDED MEETING LATER. I DO OPPOSE POLICY 11. 9 THE WEST HILLS PLAN THAT WAS ADOPTED 20 YEARS AGO, OPPOSED A WEST SIDE BYPASS.

CAROL CHESERAK: THAT'S BEEN THE COUNTY'S POLICY FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS. A VERSION OF THAT POLICY WAS MODIFIED FOR THE -- BY THE C.A.C. FOR THIS T.S.P. IT WAS ADOPTED -- RECOMMENDED BY THEM. IT MADE IT THROUGH THE PLANNING COMMISSION. ONLY TWO DAYS AGO DID I FIND OUT THAT THIS WAS A PROPOSAL TO JUST DROP THIS POLICY ALL TOGETHER AND IT CAUSES ME GREAT HEARTBURN BECAUSE WASHINGTON COUNTY IS CURRENTLY STUDYING CORNELIUS PASS ROAD OVER THE WEST HILLS AND BUILDING AN ENTIRELY NEW ROAD FROM THE WEST HILLS FROM NEAR NORTHWEST GERMANTOWN ROAD AND NORTHWEST KAISER ROAD TO CONNECT TO HIGHWAY 30. IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE MULTNOMAH COUNTY POLICY ON THE RECORD ON THIS POINT, REDUCING THE OCCUPANT VEHICLES ON THESE ROADS IS BETTER THAN EXPANDING CORNELIUS PASS ROAD. PLEASE EITHER MAINTAIN THIS POLICY. IF YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT OUT, PLEASE COMMIT TO ADOPTING A SEPARATE BOARD RESOLUTION ON THIS POINT. I DID HAVE ONE SMALL CORRECTION TO SUGGEST TO COMMISSIONER BAIL E'S BAILEY'S AMENDMENTS ON THE COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENTS ON 3, 8, THE WORDING THERE APPEARS TO BE SPECIFIC TO SAUVIE ISLAND AND I BELIEVE THAT POLICY IS INTENDED TO APPLY COUNTYWIDE. SO I WOULD SUGGEST DELETING THE WORD "THE" IN FRONT OF RURAL CHARACTER AND DROPPING THE WORDS "OF THE ISLAND" SO IT BECOMES A COUNTYWIDE POLICY AND NOT AN ISLAND-SPECIFIC SOUNDING THING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. JENNY I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS CONSIDERED A GRAMMATICAL CHANGE OR STRUCTURAL CHANGE.

JENNY MADKOUR: THAT WOULD BE A SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OKAY. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

MARCIE HULE: GOOD MORNING. MARCIE HULE NOT MARY HAWK. I HAVE HORRIBLE HANDWRITING OBVIOUSLY. WE WORKED WITH MEMBER FOR 15 MONTHS AND IT WAS AMAZING TO ME HOW WE WORKED TO GO EVEN WHEN WE HAVE COME FROM DIFFERENT MIND FRAMES HOW WE REALLY CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE A VERY STRONG PLAN THAT I THINK IS JUST EXEMPT EXEMPLARY. I'M THE PERSON WHO WROTE THE WILDLIFE MULTNOMAH CORRIDOR. AND THE PERSON WHO HAS ONLY DONE A STUDY OF FOREST PARK. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS DAY BECAUSE I BROUGHT THE WORD TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY BACK IN THE 1990S. IT DATES ME. I LIVE ON SAUVIE ISLAND. I WASN'T A MEMBER OF THE C.A.C. I WAS A MEMBER OF THE 1997

SAUVIE ISLAND C.A.C. SO I GO WAY BACK BUT THE THING I WANT TO SAY TO YOU TODAY IS FROM THE START ALL OF THESE PLANS HAVE WORK TO PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES. AND SO THE WORD COMMENTARY.

I'M CONCERNED OVER THE 8.8, THAT IS PROPOSED BY MET TROUTDALE REYNOLDS THAT WOULD WEAKEN PROTECTIONS FOR NATURAL RESOURCES OVER ALL OF THE WEST HILLS. AFTER DILIGENT AND THOROUGH DISCUSSION WE CHOSE A UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT -- LISTEN TO THE WORD UNANIMOUS, TO CLOSELY ALIGN THE WORDS EVER SAUVIE ISLAND PLAN THAT OFFERED STRONGER LANGUAGE THAT WAS COMPLIMENTARY. WE STROVE TO KEEP THE HIGH BAR. UNDERSTAND RECREATION IS WONDERFUL BUT THIS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR IS UNIQUE AMONG ALL CITIES IN THE NATION. I WORKED WITH SCIENTISTS ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT COULD NOT BELIEVE WHAT PORTLAND HAS. SO TO TRY TO WEAKEN THAT, WILL AFFECT ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS OF PORTLANDERS. WE HAVE SOMETHING SO SPECIAL AND THAT'S WHY WE TALKED ABOUT IT. WE DIDN'T WANT ANY UNDO NEGATIVE IMPACT TO THAT ECOSYSTEM BECAUSE LOTS OF PLACES CAN HAVE RECREATION. THERE'S ONLY ONE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. FOREST PARK HAS MORE WILDLIFE. THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS COMING THROUGH THE WEST HILLS AND THE COAST RANGE AND GOING THROUGH THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR HAS MORE WILDLIFE THAN ANY PARK IN THE UNITED STATES. IT'S INTERIOR HOAREST HABITAT FOREST HABITAT. I SAY THAT AS A SCIENTIST. THIS IS A BIG DEAL. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO KEEP THE HIGH BAR NOW FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, THEY WILL APPRECIATE IT. AND SO ALSO, RESTORE MEASURE 11. THAT BYPASS WOULD END WHAT WE HAVE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

MARCIE HULE: I THANK EVERYBODY AND THE GROUP WE WORKED WITH.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

BOARD CLERK: WE HAVE ONE MORE. LYNDON BERK, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

CAROL HOUKE: HI. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST FIGURED THAT EAST COUNTY PROBABLY SHOULD SHOW UP A LITTLE BIT HERE. SO I SAT -- I HAD THE PLEASURE TO SIT ON C.A.C., AND I DON'T HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH OF CREDENTIALS. I'M A FARMER. BUT I THINK WE OVERLOOKED. IT'S MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY DRIVE AND ELK EATING MY APPLES AND ALL OF THAT STUFF. IT'S AN INCOME IN THE EAST COUNTY. THERE'S A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF OUR POPULATION IS SURVIVING OFF OF THAT PROPERTY. MEASURE 11 HAS GOT TO GO BACK IN BECAUSE THAT -- THE POTENTIAL OF OUR ROADWAYS ARE ALREADY STRESSED AND I FIRMLY AGREE THAT YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME. IT'S NOT A GOOD SOLUTION TO THINK THAT JUST SIGNAGE WILL

ANSWER IT OR WIDER ROADWAYS WILL ANSWER IT, BUT THE ROAD SYSTEM OUT THERE IS REALLY CONGRUENT WITH OUR SURVIVAL, AND WE USE IT VERY WELL.

I THINK MEASURE 11 REALLY HAS A PLACE IN THERE. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN GO BACK AND RECREATE. ONCE IT'S GONE, IT'S PRETTY MUCH GONE. JUST FROM THE EAST COUNTY, I WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK THAT ON THE LARGE, YOU KNOW, OUR ZONING HAS WORKED REALLY, REALLY WELL FOR US. IT'S CREATED A LOT OF STABILITY. IT'S CREATED A LOT OF COST STABILITY IN OUR PROPERTIES WE WERE ABLE TO WORK IT AND MAKE FARMING WORK OUT THERE. SO REALLY PROTECT OUR ROADWAYS AND WE HAVE A LOT OF GOOD RESOURCES OUT THERE. WE HAVE CAMPS. WE DO OUTDOOR SCHOOL. WE HAVE -- WE KIND OF HAVE EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED. AND SO TAKE THE C.A.C. PRETTY LITERALLY. WE DID COME FROM A LOT OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND WE SAT THERE AND TRIED TO TOUGH IT OUT AND WORK IT OUT AND WE CAME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT WAS UNANIMOUS ALL THE WAY AROUND. SO BE CAREFUL WITH HOW YOU TAMPER WITH OUR GOOD WORK. REALLY. I REALLY WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT PUTTING MEASURE 11 BACK IN. IT'S REALLY AN IMPORTANT THING FOR US. WE HAVE A HARD ENOUGH TIME AS IT IS TO CONTROL THE TRAFFIC THAT WE ALREADY HAVE. SO GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: CHAIR?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: QUESTION.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: A COUPLE OF QUICK COMMENTS AND THEN WE HAVE TO DO A LITTLE BIT OF SURGERY ON THE FLOOR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE WOULD DO WITHOUT YOU, ABSOLUTELY THAT'S AN ERROR IN THE PLAN. AND I'M HAPPY TO CONSIDER AND INVESTIGATE. I PERSONALLY CAN'T SPEAK FOR ANYBODY ELSE. BUT A BOARD RESOLUTION THAT WOULD OPPOSE A WESTSIDE BYPASS. THE WAY THAT THE PLAN, THE TS P IS STRUCTURED, POLICY 10, VERY CLEARLY OUTLINES THE NEED FOR THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER AND STUDY THE IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY AND THE REAL CHARACTER OF THAT KIND OF PROCESS AND ROADWAY THROUGH THE COUNTY. BUT THEN POLICY 11 WOULD SAY THE COUNTY IN THE TSP OPPOSES. AND THOSE THINGS ARE INCONGRUENT TO HAVE A CONSIDERATION AND THE RESULT OF THAT CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE SAME DOCUMENT. THAT'S WHY THAT'S COMING OUT. I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK THAT IS REFLECTIVE OF THE COUNTY BEING SUPPORT OF AND NECESSARILY A WESTSIDE BYPASS AND THAT IS A CHANGE. IT IS IMMINENT IN THE WAY THIS DOCUMENT IS PUT TOGETHER.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: AND WHAT THE DOCUMENT IN AN OVER ARCHING FRAMEWORK IS INTENDED TO ACHIEVE. HOPEFULLY, THOSE ARE LAID OUT IN OTHER POINTS. I ALSO WANT TO JUST NOTE BECAUSE IT CAME UP SEVERAL TIMES, WE HAD A DISCUSSION ON TUESDAY. NOT EVERYBODY HERE WAS -- NOT EVERYBODY HERE TODAY WAS HERE ON TUESDAY. AND IT WAS MADE CLEAR ON THE RECORD AT THAT TIME THE SEC OVERLAY ONLY APPLIES TO THE USE OF THE WEST HILLS. IT WILL NOT AFFECT PROPERTY VALUES. ALSO A CONSIDERATION OF IT. IT IS NOT ESTABLISHED THE SEC OVERLAY. ALLOWS US TO LOOK AT IT. THAT SAID, SHOULD ONE BE ADOPTED IN THE FUTURE? I HEAR THE CONCERNS BEING PUT FORWARD. THE CONSIDERATION WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THOSE COMMUNITY IMPACTS. IT DOES NOT CREATE AN SEC OVERLAY. SO WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT'S CLEAR AS WELL. SO WOULD YOU HELP US THROUGH THE GYMNASTICS HERE?

JENNY MADLOUR: ABSOLUTELY. A MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT WHICH FIXES THE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR. AS I RECALL, IT LIMITS THE PLAN TO THE ISLAND AND BE APPLIED COUNTY WIDE. AND THEN IN ADDITION, TO ADD THE DEFINITION THAT YOU REFERENCED EARLIER. SO WE'LL NEED THAT MOTION AND SECOND.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: SO I MOVE THE AMENDMENT BE AMENDED IN POLICY 3.20, NUMBER 8. THAT THAT BE AMENDED SO THAT THE BEFORE WORLD CHARACTER IS DELETED. AND OF ISLAND AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE IS DELETED. SECOND, I ALSO PROPOSE WE ADD THE DEFINITION OF CONSISTENT THAT I READ INTO THE RECORD EARLIER TO A GLOSSARY OF TERMS IN THE DOCUMENT.

JAY, WILL WE BE ABLE TO DO A COMMENT AFTER THIS VOTE?

JENNY MADKOUR: AFTER WE HAVE A SECOND, YES.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: OKAY. SECOND.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND.

JENNY MADKOUR: IF THE BOARD HAS ANY COMMENTS?

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: ABOUT AMENDING THE AMENDMENT?

COUNTY ATTORNEY: CORRECT.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

AYE.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: THOSE OPPOSED? THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT PASSES.

JENNY MADKOUR: AND NOW THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR IS ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AMENDMENT.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: BEFORE WE DO THAT, I'LL GIVE COMMISSIONERS ANOTHER CHANCE FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE WHOLE PROCESS. COMMISSIONER MCKEEL.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL; THANK YOU. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OVER THE MONTHS BY OUR STAFF, BY THE CITIZENS, BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE CAC AND OTHER CITIZENS WHO CAME FORWARD TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THIS IS A BIG STEP. HASN'T BEEN UPDATED SINCE 1977, AM I CORRECT THERE? AND THAT'S A LONG TIME. AND WE KNOW THAT WE DO -- I LIVE IN THE INDIANA UNINCORPORATED AREA. WE KNOW WE DO BUSINESS DIFFERENTLY TODAY IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREA CERTAINLY SINCE 1997 -- I MEAN 77. AND SOME OF THE UPDATES THAT HAVE COME ALONG. THIS IS A HUGE STEP FORWARD. AND I DO WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD AS WELL FOR LOOKING AT THIS AND PROVIDING THE FUNDING TO GO FORWARD AND TO UPDATE OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. I THANK THE CITIZENS FOR BEING HERE TODAY. AND THANK YOU TO EAST COUNTY. APPRECIATE THAT. I KNOW. I RECOGNIZE YOU. THANK YOU. AND I KNOW YOU SERVED ON THE CAC AND APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE THERE AS WELL. SO, ANYWAY, THERE'S BEEN SO MUCH IMPORTANT INFORMATION BROUGHT FORWARD TODAY AND I THINK WE'RE ALL LOOKING AT THE IMPACTS OF TRANSPORTATION ON OUR ROADS OUT IN ALL THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT JOANNA AND HER TEAM HAVE DONE. AND RICH AND YOUR TEAM. SO JUST THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. AND I WANT TO DITTO THAT. I WANT TO THANK THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CAC AND ALL THE FOLKS IN OUR LAND USE DEPARTMENT FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE. THIS WAS A REALLY, REALLY LONG PROCESS. AND TO STAY WITH IT FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END TODAY, WE REALLY GET TO REALIZE ALL THE WORK THAT WE PUT IN OVER THE PAST 15 MONTHS. SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT THAT WE HAVE HERE TODAY. TO REFLECT WHAT WE REALLY DID AS A COMMUNITY. AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY, I HAVE ONE QUICK QUESTION. WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE RECREATIONAL AREAS AND THE THINGS OUT OF BOUNDS, ARE THOSE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OUT OF BOUNDS, ARE THEY IN THE PLAN TODAY? CAN WE DO THAT TODAY?

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: CHAIR, THERE'S SOME AMBIGUITY ABOUT WHEN YOU GET INTO DEFINING THESE TERMS AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SEE IF YOU LAND IN STATE LAW. BECAUSE WE'RE CREATING AN OVER ARCHING POLICY DOCUMENT, IT WAS NOT INTENDED TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST AND THERE WILL BE PUBLIC PROCESS ON ANY PROPOSALS THAT GO FORWARD. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ENUMERATE A FEW THINGS WE CAN AGREE ARE CLEARLY OUTSIDE THE BOUNDS WHAT WE WANT TO CREATE.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: OKAY. I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE WERE NOT STOPPING THINGS GOING ON CURRENTLY.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: NO.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: GREAT. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO AMEND.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: CHAIR? IF I CAN SAY ONE LAST THING, SORRY.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: GO AHEAD, SIR.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: I AM SO APPRECIATIVE OF EVERYBODY THAT HAS WEIGHED IN ON THIS. I ALSO WANT TO REALLY CALL OUT MY STAFF, MEGAN AND HENRY, WHO HAVE LOST A LOT OF SLEEP ON THIS AND HAVE WORKED HARD ON IT. AND THEY ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR JOBS AT THE END OF THE YEAR. FYI, THEY ARE GOOD STAFF. BUT THIS HAS BEEN A COMPLICATED PROCESS AND COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT A LOT OF FOLKS AND NONE OF US COULD. MR. WOLFF TALKED ABOUT STEWARDSHIP. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. AND MR. GROSSNICKEL, YOU SUMMED UP MY VERY LONG COMMENTS ELOQUENTLY WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT IMBALANCE, BOTH RECHARGING AQUIFERS AND HUMAN SOULS. THAT'S SOMETHING I'M GOING TO REMEMBER FOR A LONG TIME. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS IS PERSONAL FOR ME. NEXT WEEK, I'M GOING TO TAKE MY 11-MONTH OLD SON ON HIS VERY FIRST CAMPING TRIP TO BE IN NATURE. AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY SCENIC NATURAL AREAS THAT ARE CLOSE TO HOME FOR FAMILIES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE THAT DON'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO GET IN THE CAR AND DRIVE FOR HOURS. AND THAT ALLOW FAMILIES WITH YOUNG KIDS OR FAMILIES WITH TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES IS PART OF WHAT MAKES THIS A SPECIAL PLACE. SO THANK YOU, ALL, FOR YOUR WORK ON PROVIDING STEWARDSHIP ON THINGS WE FIND IMPORTANT.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. AS MUCH AS I AM AN EAST CIDER MYSELF, IF I COULD LIVE ANY PLACE, I WOULD LIVE IN FORREST PARK. IT IS SO DROP-DEAD GORGEOUS IN THE CITY. THERE IS NOTHING LIKE IT, MR. LARSON. NOTHING LIKE IT. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE VOTE AYE. THOSE OPPOSED? THE MOTION CARRIES. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDED ORDINANCE, VOTE AYE.

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VICE-CHAIR SMITH: OPPOSED? NO OPPOSITION. THE FIRST READING IS APPROVED. THE SECOND READING IS THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2016.

BOARD COMMENT –10:45 AM

BC.1 OPPORTUNITY AS TIME ALLOWS, FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: NOW IS WHEN WE HAVE TIME FOR THE BOARD COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DO WE HAVE ANY ITEM TO DISCUSS TODAY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS? COMMISSIONERS?

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I THINK AS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL PARK THAT THIS WEEKEND, I BELIEVE, ADMISSION IS FREE TO THE NATIONAL PARKS. SO GET OUT AND ENJOY YOUR NATIONAL PARKS. AND ALSO PROUD MOMENT IN DISTRICT FOUR, WE WANT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN CROUSER, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE WHO WON AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL AND SET AN OLYMPIC RECORD. [APPLAUSE]

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: THANK YOU. I SAW YOU PUT THAT ON YOUR FACEBOOK YESTERDAY. I WAS LIKE THAT'S REALLY COOL. WE HAVE A LOT OF OREGON FOLKS WHO HAVE WON THE GOLD AND THAT'S ASHTON EATON FROM THE SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL IN ONE OF OUR UNIVERSITY OREGON STAND OUT. HE WON THE GOLD TOO. IT'S JUST AMAZING. THIS IS THE SECOND GOLD. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. COMMISSIONER BAILEY, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: I THINK I'VE EXHAUSTED MY TIME.

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: WE HAVE A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY AROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. AND I JUST WANT TO - - THIS IS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THIS BECAUSE WE GET SO MUCH INFORMATION FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT WHAT WE COULD BE DOING BETTER. WE WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING BUT WE CAN'T. AND I THINK WE'RE MISSING A HUGE OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN UP A SHELTER. AND I THINK WE NEED TO CONSIDER THAT. AS MANY OF THE FOLKS SAID EARLIER TODAY, THERE ARE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ON THE STREET WHO ARE HOUSE LESS AND HOMELESS. AND WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SPACING OUR MOST VULNERABLE HOMELESS RESIDENTS IN UNHEALTHY BUILDINGS. INDUSTRIAL LAND MUST BE KEPT TO ATTRACT BUSINESS OFFERING FAMILY-WAGE JOBS IN OUR CITY AND IN OUR STATE.

THE STRUGGLE OF HOMELESSNESS DOES NOT WARRANT US TO TREAT PEOPLE LIKE THEY ARE INHUMANE. ESPECIALLY, WHEN WE'RE DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICY SOLUTIONS. WE MUST ALWAYS TREAT FOLKS WHO ARE HOMELESS WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT AND COMPASSION. AND REALLY RESPONDING TO MY CONSTITUENTS. I REALLY WANT TO URGE THE CHAIR AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION, AN ORDINANCE, A VOTE TO OPEN A SHELTER IMMEDIATELY. WE SHOULD NOT ASK OUR RESIDENTS, HOMEOWNERS AND FAMILIES TO ACCEPT CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS IF WE ARE NOT WILLING TO USE EVERY RESOURCE AND TOOL THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO US. AND FURTHERMORE, WE SHOULD BE EMBARRASSED AND CRITIQUED FOR EVEN CONTEMPLATING ASKING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OUR TAXPAYERS TO SUPPORT SHELTERS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES WITHOUT US TIRELESSLY EXPLORING EVERY POSSIBLE OPTION INCLUDING PUTTING WAPATO ON THE TABLE. WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE EXCUSES. WE CAN'T REALLY SAY WELL, WE CAN'T AFFORD IT. BUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS THE ABILITY TO PARTNER WITH SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE VA, SOCIAL SECURITY, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, IN ORDER TO ENSURE ACCESS TO CENTRAL CITY PROGRAMS. AND TO JUST ASSUME THAT WE CANNOT COLLECTIVELY WORK TO ENSURE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THAT THEY ARE CONNECTED TO KEY SERVICES WHILE THEY ARE RESIDING. WE ARE FAILING TO UNDERSTAND THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS PART OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE HAVE THE VALUES AND THE LEADERSHIP ON THIS BOARD TO MAKE THE COURAGEOUS AND THE CORRECT DECISION TO SERVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT ARE HOMELESS IN A COMMUNITY THAT WE CONTROL AND READY TO BE OCCUPIED TODAY. IT'S A FACILITY THAT WILL NOT REQUIRE \$100 MILLION TO BUILD. IT'S A FACILITY THAT DOES NOT COME WITH AN ENORMOUS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE. IT HAS SHOWER KITCHEN HEATING ROOMS THAT CAN SERVE UP TO 500 TO 1,000 HOMELESS RESIDENTS TODAY. WE HAVE TO STEP OUR GAME UP AND WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IS WORSENING BY THE DAY IN OUR CITY AND OUR COUNTY. AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS AN ISSUE THAT WILL DOMINATE CONVERSATIONS TO COME AND WE NEED TO ACT ON IT SOON. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SAY WHAT I NEED TO SAY ABOUT THIS. I'VE BEEN QUIET ON IT. I'VE BEEN HERE SIX YEARS AND HAVEN'T SAID A THING. BUT THIS WAS REALLY NAGGING AT ME LAST NIGHT. I DIDN'T LEAVE HERE UNTIL 9:30 AND BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE CONTROLLING THE CONVERSATION AROUND HOMELESS SHELTERS AND THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN FROM US. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

ADJOURNMENT – 11:19

VICE-CHAIR SMITH: WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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