



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/25/13
 Agenda Item #: R.14
 Est. Start Time: 11:30 am
 Date Submitted: 4/16/13

Agenda Title: **Resolution: Formation and Appointment of Members to the Multnomah County Food Advisory Board**

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

Requested Meeting Date: Thursday, April 25th, 2013 **Time Needed:** 10 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Sustainability
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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Formation of the Multnomah County Food Advisory Board (FAB) and appointment of initial members.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In 2002, through Resolution 02-093, Multnomah County and the City of Portland formed the Portland-Multnomah Food Policy Council (FPC), a sub-committee to the Sustainable Development Commission.

The FPC served as a citizen-based advisory council to the City of Portland and Multnomah County from 2002-2012 to bring citizens and professionals together from the region to address food system issues and other policy initiatives in the current regional food system.

The FPC brought together a diverse array of stakeholders to integrate the aspects of the food system (production, distribution, access, consumption, processing, and recycling) in order to enhance the environmental, economic, social, and nutritional health of the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

Some of the most notable accomplishments of the FPC include supporting work of the Multnomah County Health Department's Community Transformation Grant, Healthy Food Retail, The Multnomah Food Initiative and Action Plan, as well as numerous City projects including the Food Zoning Code Update.

The FPC was dissolved in 2012 after the council and staff found that Multnomah County's particular needs for exploring how the food system can help our most vulnerable populations differ from the needs of the City of Portland.

In order to address issues such as nutrition, health, hunger, food insecurity and access, the Multnomah County Food Advisory Board (FAB) was recommended for creation.

The FAB will meet quarterly to provide specific recommendations on ways Multnomah County services, departments and offices can leverage the local food system in order to improve the health, safety, equity, and prosperity of the community.

The FAB will provide input on selected issues, policies, and programs as requested, provide input on the annual Multnomah County Food Justice Summit, and engage the broader food community as necessary to implement county goals.

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

No impact.

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

The FAB will not make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners or the Chair; rather, they will provide feedback about County policies to Office of Sustainability staff. As a result, the FAB is not subject to public meetings law.

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

The Food Advisory Board was recommended for creation by County staff to the former Portland-Multnomah Food Policy Council, which included public meetings attended by both citizens and professionals. The Food Advisory Board will include citizens with significant professional and personal experience with food system issues such as nutrition, health, hunger, food insecurity and access.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Marissa Madrigal

Date:

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