

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
January 27, 2011
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR**

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

PC.1 Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer.

Public testimony was given and received for the record.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 RESOLUTION Approving the Bridge Type, the West-side Interchange Configuration, the Stevens Creek Crossing, and the Water Treatment Facilities for the Sellwood Bridge and approving Public Stakeholder Committee's Recommendation for Sellwood Bridge 30% Design Elements. Presenter: Ian Cannon, Sellwood Program Manager.

Vice-Chair Kafoury moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R.1.

Vice-Chair Kafoury provided an introduction. Mr. Cannon gave the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

Public testimony from five people was heard. Requests included: consideration to the hardships it causes businesses in the Sellwood district and considering other spaces for the temporary housing of County facilities; more transparency; consideration of the steel structure instead of concrete; and a representative of CAC who emphasized the importance of safety, traffic signals, and lighting. Chair Cogen responded to Diana Richardson's testimony and asked Mr. Cannon to follow up with her. Mr. Cannon responded that they will look at other properties and work closely with Ms. Richardson and her tenants.

The Board thanked those involved in the project for their hard work and leadership. Vice-Chair Kafoury spoke to the overwhelming preference for the arch form bridge. Each Commissioner added their thoughts and comments regarding the Sellwood Bridge and process. They thanked Mr. Cannon for his presentation.

Resolution No. 2011-007 was unanimously approved.

R.2 RESOLUTION for Authorization #2 to Begin Negotiations to Acquire Real Property Interests for the Purpose of Constructing a New Sellwood Bridge and Removing the Existing Bridge. Presenter: Ian Cannon.

Vice-Chair Kafoury moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R.2.

Mr. Cannon provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments. Vice-Chair Kafoury emphasized the importance of maintaining community goodwill in a process that is sometimes contentious. Chair Cogen recognized the hardships on businesses and home owners and pointed out that they have changed the spirit of the process to focus on collaboration, not condemnation.

Resolution No. 2011-008 was unanimously approved.

R.3 RESOLUTION Adopting the Multnomah Food Action Plan. Presenters: Kat West, Sustainability Director and Keith Falkenberg, District 3 Policy Advisor.

Vice-Chair Kafoury moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval of R.3.

Commissioner Shiprack provided the introduction. Ms. West and Mr. Falkenberg gave the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments. They thanked their partners and the Sustainability staff for their efforts and leadership on the Multnomah Food Action Plan. Ms. West urged those who haven't signed the Declaration of Support for the plan to sign it at: www.multnomahfood.org.

The Board commended the presenters, partners and staff for their hard work and leadership. Commissioner McKeel said she will be looking forward to follow-ups on this plan.

Resolution No. 2011-009 was unanimously approved.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Submitted by:
Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Multnomah County