

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
January 25, 2011
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR**

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:47 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present. Commissioner Judy Shiprack was excused.

B-1 Informational Board Briefing on Sellwood Bridge Project. Presenters: Ian Cannon, Sellwood Program Manager; Mike Baker & Don Irwin, Owner's Representative for the Sellwood Project; Sandy Johnson, Director, Heath & Social Justice.

Mr. Cannon provided the introduction. Ms. Johnson discussed the Sellwood Project completion of the National Environmental Policy Act Planning phase and the starting of the Design phase. Mr. Cannon noted the extensive public outreach program of the project, including public meetings, open houses, and online surveys. Mr. Baker spoke about the 10-month engineering and public process to refine the design of the bridge. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC), a group of 17 community members representing various interests in the project, recommended the Steel Deck Arch bridge design. They believe that this design reflects community values and is aesthetically pleasing, enhances bicycle/pedestrian experience, enhances views of and from the bridge, and respects the historical bridge context. Although steel is preferred, concrete will also be studied with the contractor to compare costs and local economic benefit. Mr. Irwin spoke about Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) recommendations. So far, the County has received five proposals from construction contractors. The presenters responded to Board questions and comments.

The Board thanked them for their presentation.

B-2 Emergency Management Training. Presenters: Joe Partridge, Deputy for Planning and Preparedness; Dave Houghton, Emergency Management Director; Luis Hernandez, Departmental Readiness Coordinator; Patrick Henry, Assistant County Attorney.

In response to a request from the Board on September 23, 2010, the presenters addressed the Board's role during a disaster. They provided a review of emergency management concepts, legal requirements, and information about how Multnomah County Emergency Management (MCEM) will work with the Board during a disaster. Mr. Partridge reviewed the four phases of MCEM: prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Neighboring jurisdictions who aren't affected by the disaster and the local government are usually the first to respond with aid. This response is followed by the State and then the Federal government. The roles of the Board are to: make an emergency and disaster declaration; communicate with the public; coordinate

with other elected officials; provide policy guidance; create or change policy; receive briefings from staff; and lead recovery efforts.

Mr. Henry discussed the framework under the state law which imposes the duty of declaring an emergency on the “governing body” of the County. The state of emergency lasts until the County Chair determines that the need no longer exists. It cannot last longer than thirty days. He spoke to alternative procedures in situations where the Chair was unavailable. Mr. Hernandez walked the Board through a possible local emergency situation, in which he discussed how response concepts and local relationships could unfold.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. Commissioner Smith requested that she be briefed further on MCEM, since she is newly elected. Mr. Partridge said he will do so. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Submitted by:
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