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NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

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LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Pursuant to notice made by mailing agendas to news media, a selected list of jurisdictions and individuals in Lane County, a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held.

Questions should be directed to The Board Office Specialist 3, ext. 4203.

October 1, 1991
9:00 a.m.

WORK SESSION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

Chair Jack Roberts presided with Ellie Dumdi, Marie Frazier and Jerry Rust present. Steve Cornacchia excused. Judy Haldeman, Recording Secretary.

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Item 6. a. will be taken early in the Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be heard following other business.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660

None.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

a. Announcements

None.

6. PUBLIC WORKS

a. DISCUSSION/Status Report on Tree Ordinance Inside Eugene Urban Growth Boundary

Jan Staszewski, City of Eugene Urban Forester, reported that the City of Eugene had had one request within the UGB for a tree removal permit and that the permit had been granted. The city has received

10 requests for permits to remove trees within the city limits over the last year. He reported that the city policy bodies have asked the Tree Commission to undertake a policy document approach to the development of a tree ordinance. This policy document, the Urban Forest Management Plan, would provide public consensus regarding future policies and ordinances. He stated that the Tree Commission would hold a public hearing on October 10 on the draft Urban Forest Management Plan. Following this hearing, the Tree Commission will send a formal request to the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing. The City Council will then consider the plan and hopefully adopt it by early February of 1992. That ordinance should be ready by late August of 1992. He asked that the County consider extending the sunset date by at least 12 months.

Rust asked Staszewski to review recent changes in the state law. Staszewski reported that if there is no local ordinance, the County can request the Oregon Forestry Department to impose the Forest Practices Act within the county UGB. Rust commented that the trick will be to fashion a minimalist approach in terms of the administration of the ordinance and he would like to see budgetary and administrative models for this ordinance.

Frazier asked about what has occurred over the past year in terms of work on this ordinance. Jacquelyn Mikalonis, Senior Administrative Analyst, commented that after the implementation of the ordinance adopted last year, that the city policy makers directed city staff to work on a public policy document that would be the foundation for any future ordinances inside the city limits. Staszewski commented that the Urban Forest Management Plan goes beyond the scope of an ordinance and was anticipated to build public consensus.

Roberts said that the present situation does not appear to be creating a hardship for citizens and he sees no reason to pull the plug as long as the city is continuing to work on a solution. He stated that he appreciates the fact that the city is trying to work on this on a comprehensive basis, though he has some reservations about the approach outlined in the Urban Forest Management Plan. He stated that he would like to be kept abreast of what is going on in the process, but he did not have a problem with extending the sunset.

Dumdi said that she would vote to extend the sunset since the city was moving along with the process and she stated that she understood the need for public input. Mikalonis said that staff would return to the Board with an ordinance to remove the sunset date and extend it for 12 months with the possibility of an 18 month extension.

b. DISCUSSION/Progress Report on the Richardson Bridge Low-Income Housing Project

Jim McCoy, Community Development Coordinator, presented this item to the Board. He commented that the project is coming in on budget and construction should begin late October or early November. He said that the project is going well and it exemplifies the intergovernmental cooperation that has marked all of the activities of the Housing Policy Board. Dumdi said that this progress report was very helpful. She commented that rents in the outlying areas are not coming down and residents are concerned.

c. DISCUSSION/Progress Update on Intergovernmental Housing Policy Board

Jim McCoy, Community Development Coordinator, presented this item to the Board. Rust asked how the Housing Policy Board envisioned replenishing the money which was being expended and Roberts commented that the money will be spent for capital construction and unless some other sources of money are identified, it will be gone. He stated that the Housing Policy Board is not giving up on the opportunity for additional funds to come in and that current resources are being used prudently. Rust suggested that there be an opportunity for individual landowners to modify their lot to create quarters for a mother-in-law or tenant as had been discussed by the original task force. Roberts said that this had been discussed by the Housing Policy Board, but it was difficult to find someone knowledgeable who was willing to follow-up with changes to the zoning. Rust said that he would reissue contact with Allen Johnson to see if he was still interested in working on changes. Frazier said that her office had some information from a Governor's conference related to zoning changes that she would share with the Board.

McCoy commented that the Housing Policy Board has accomplished a lot in the past year thanks to the enthusiastic support of the Board of County Commissioners. Dumdi commented that she was very impressed with the amount of money that had been leveraged for housing projects. Roberts said that he appreciated the support of the Board for the Housing Policy Board and its projects.

7. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

a. DISCUSSION/Report on Vacant Clerical Supervisor Position

Jef Faw, Director of Finance and Management Services, presented this item to the Board. He stated that the clerical supervisor position had been vacant since August and the Department had decided not to fill this position at the present time. A senior office assistant will be elevated to lead office assistant to provide the day to day oversight in Deeds and Records. He would prefer to fill this position and recognizes that this is a step backward for the Division; however, this is a vulnerable position and may not be

sustained in the future. Rust commented that he wished other departments could read the writing on the wall as well as this one. The Board concurred with the decision to leave this position vacant.

b. DISCUSSION/Initiative/Referendum/Recall Manuals

Annette Newingham, Chief Deputy County Clerk, presented this item to the Board. Louise Bilheimer, Task Force member, reported that three good manuals had been generated through this process for initiatives, referendums and recall (see material on file). Dumdi said that she was very pleased to have this completed and Rust commented that he was also pleased to get this fixed. He commented that there should be state-wide interest in getting a general policy for Oregon. Bilheimer agreed that there needed to be some work done on the state government level, as well. Newingham commented that there had been some positive moves by the Secretary of State and that an effort was being made to communicate with all of the County Clerks. Roberts congratulated the task force and thanked them for their work which was excellent. He praised Jim Johnson, County Administrator, for his selection of people for the task force.

8. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

None.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

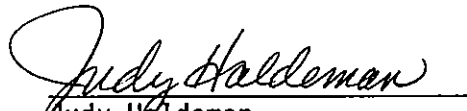
Dumdi announced that she had attended a National Rural Development Council meeting in SW Harbor, Maine, last week and that there had been a good, informal exchange of information. She stated that there were eight pilot states represented which had been designated by the President's Initiative for Rural Development. She reported that Oregon and Kansas are making very good progress with rural development.

Roberts commented on the resolution which the Eugene City Council prepared in response to the initiative by the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA). Roberts stated that he did not support the so call "gay rights legislation" or the extension of our civil rights statutes to cover sexual orientation as there is a limit to what government can do to try to regulate private conduct of individuals. He stated that he "was sick and tired of going to the polls every other year and finding a ballot measure placed there for the sole purpose of lining the coffers of the OCA. He commented that he particularly objects to the way sincere and legitimate concerns of a lot of decent, hardworking people are being cruelly manipulated by a pack a political mercenaries whose livelihoods and whose personal ambitions depend on the exploitation of groundless fears." He commented that he was concerned that fears and forces that no one can control are being unleashed now in a similar way to those fears which were unleashed by Hitler against the Jews. He stated: "Personally, I have sat back for too long while these self-anointed individuals claimed to speak for my religion and my party and I, frankly have had enough." "I think

that the rank and file members of that organization include a lot of good and sincere people, but I think that they are morally bankrupt at the top; I think that they are dominated by homophobes and phonies who are masquerading as conservatives. As a life-long Republican and conservative, I do not buy that. I also resent the fact that they are masquerading as defenders of traditional values because, in my book, fear, suspicion and hatred are not traditional values. So personally, if someone asked me to sign one of those petitions, I intend to tell them; get out of my face. I am not going to feed your perverse obsession and I hope that other citizens will do the same."

Rust commented that he would join with Roberts in his statement and urge people not to sign this ballot measure. He said that hate crimes against minorities of all kinds are on the rise and this kind of ballot measure feeds the frenzy and the hate that is out there. Dumdi agreed with Roberts and Rust and stated that it was sad that people have gotten so far away from the golden rule. Frazier stated that she was not interested in a resolution from the Board.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.



Judy Haldeman
Recording Secretary