



Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
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MINUTES OF WORK SESSION

DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

Present were Commissioners Anthony DeBone and Alan Unger; Commissioner Tammy Baney was out of the office. Also present were Tom Anderson, County Administrator; Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator; Dave Doyle, County Counsel; and four other citizens including representatives of Housing Works (Tom Kemper and Laura Cooper).

Chair DeBone opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

1. Housing Works Community Update.

Laura Cooper explained recent activities of Housing Works, which began as the Central Oregon Housing Authority. She gave an overview of the structure of the organization and its goals, and explained housing statistics including income levels and the rent burden. The amount is very high in most communities.

Housing stock is mostly single-family homes. Half of the residents are renting and at a high level of burden.

She explained they want people in a stable housing environment, through a voucher program, appropriate real estate developments and resident programs. EPIC Property Management handles 740 units. Some of this work is done through bonding.

Regarding vouchers, 1,046 were issued and 2,260 people were served. About 60% of the clients are elderly or disabled. Housing Works pays out over \$540,000 in housing assistance to property owners each month in Deschutes County. Most of the housing is in Bend, but La Pine has a very small amount since some zoning and infrastructure issues have to be addressed.

Tom Kemper said that the self-sufficiency programs helps participants create a realistic budget, pursue and maintain suitable employment, increase their credit score, complete homeownership and financial literacy classes, and save money in an escrow account for a Matched Savings VIDA account that can be used for housing or business purposes.

They partner with Habitat for Humanity to secure properties and place families. Mr. Kemper gave an overview of the housing stock they have acquired and improved. A few properties are senior specific, and some are for special needs clients. They own 615 units in Deschutes County. They are attempting to increase the supply of affordable housing and services to residents.

One of the communities has a Mosaic clinic that operates three days a week. This is a big help for those with transportation issues.

Mr. Kemper said they are considering a mixed-use property in Redmond that would have 48 units combined with commercial and medical facilities. This is a competitive process.

Central Oregon is in a severe housing crisis, and other affordable communities are being considered and planned throughout the County. The vacancy rate is less than 1% at any given time.

Commissioner Unger likes their holistic approach, considering other factors that affect livability.

Mr. Kemper stated that one of the scoring criteria is being first priority for the region. Workforce housing is being proposed in Redmond by an out of state company, and Mr. Kemper does not feel they will score highly when it comes to overall services to the clients. He was disappointed that the City of Redmond's housing committee indicated support for this company, based on what he feels was incomplete information. The Redmond City Council was not directly involved.

Mr. Kemper asked for the County's support of the Housing Works application. This will help with their scoring in this competitive process. They have about another week to compile their information. Commissioner Unger likes the idea of having Mosaic Medical involved, and the environmental issues at the selected site are another consideration. Mr. Kemper said this is a statewide program, divided into the Portland area, Salem area and the rest of the state. Commissioner Unger would like to speak with Commissioner Baney; Mr. Kemper said he would speak with her also if desired.

The Board will discuss this at their April 8 work session, and Mr. Kemper plans to attend.

2. Grant Application: Safety and Justice Challenge.

John Hummel explained a grant opportunity through the MacArthur Foundation, entitled the 'Safety and Justice Challenge', which is meant to help reduce crime and pre-trial jail time. He understands at any given time, the jail inmates are 70% pre-trial who can't get into work crews or into programs. This creates a huge backlog in the jail.

The grant consists of two parts. First is planning, and demonstrating there is community support for a solution. They have gotten letters of support from many agencies. If selected (twenty will receive awards), funding will be \$150,000 for a six-month planning process. The Foundation will decide which ten of the applicants to fund at a level of \$500,000 to \$2 million a year for up to five years. Part of the request is a .5 FTE on a limited duration.

UNGER: Move Chair signature of a letter of support for the grant application.
DEBONE: Second.

VOTE: UNGER: Yes.
DEBONE: Chair votes yes.

3. Other Items.

None were offered.

Being no other items discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

DATED this 8th Day of April 2015 for the
Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Anthony DeBone
Anthony DeBone, Chair

Alan Unger
Alan Unger, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Bonnie Baker
Recording Secretary

Tammy Baney (absent)
Tammy Baney, Commissioner



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WORK SESSION AGENDA

DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

1. Housing Works Community Update – *Tom Kemper*

2. Grant Application: Safety and Justice Challenge – *John Hummel*

3. Other Items

PLEASE NOTE: At any time during this meeting, an executive session could be called to address issues relating to ORS 192.660(2) (e), real property negotiations; ORS 192.660(2) (h), litigation; ORS 192.660(2)(d), labor negotiations; or ORS 192.660(2) (b), personnel issues; or other issues under ORS 192.660(2), executive session.

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Work Session

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April, 2015

4.1B Questionnaire

Impact for New Construction & Acq/Rehab (40 points)

1 - Local Preference (6 points max)

Project applicants are required to provide a letter from applicable jurisdiction, indicating priority for project in the community. Please note that no jurisdiction is allowed to submit more than one project in any rank order. Applicable jurisdictions in Participating Jurisdiction areas are the PJ, the county, or the local jurisdiction. Applicable jurisdictions in the Balance of State are the Counties, jurisdictions over 10,000 people, or Regional Solutions Centers.

What jurisdiction provided the letter:

What priority was listed for your project:

| Rank | Points |
|------|--------|
| 1 | 6 |
| 2 | 5 |
| 3 | 4 |
| 4 | 3 |
| 5 | 2 |
| 6 | 1 |
| 7+ | 0 |

letter and rank to be reviewed by scoring committee

2a- Plan alignment (6 points in PJ regions, 5 points in Balance-of-State)

Identify connections between the proposed project and established local, regional and/or state published plans, including Consolidated plans and planning efforts of Regional Solutions Teams, Coordinated Care Organizations, Early Learning Hubs, or Workforce Investment Boards. (500 words max) If a project is scattered site, address this question for each project site

To be scored by scoring committee; 6/5 points to those with strong connections 1 point to those with minimal connections.



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Tammy Baney
Anthony DeBone
Alan Unger

March 30, 2015

MacArthur Foundation
Safety + Justice Challenge

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of commitment on behalf of Deschutes County and in support of the Deschutes County District Attorney and Deschutes County Sheriff's Office's application for a MacArthur Foundation Safety + Justice Challenge planning grant.

We understand that one of the first tasks in reducing over-incarceration is to build a collaborative team of stakeholders to begin to work together as a community to identify innovative crime prevention programs and to improve our existing programs. The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners and administration is committed to being part of that team. Equally important is that all stakeholders understand the relevant facts and data prior to implementing so-called Strategic Crime Reduction Efforts to both reduce crime and violence as well as to reduce our pre-trial jail population. We are pleased to see the commitment of the Sheriff and District Attorney to using data and evidence based practices to direct the efforts they describe in their grant application.

The implementation of such strategic innovations requires the cooperation of the larger community and necessitates strict adherence to form and process, which can, and should, be accomplished with a minimal amount of disruption to the stakeholders. We understand a Community Advisory Board has been established to provide leadership, actively participate in the planning process and manage the data collection and sharing. Through community education and dialogue (explaining the reasons for these initiatives to the various stakeholders), the Community Advisory Board will also guide the team through the implementation phase.

Deschutes County has a history of working with the community to develop innovative programs to reduce recidivism. Family drug court, mental health court, early disposition programs, and other evidence based programs have been successfully implemented in our courtrooms with the aim of keeping our community safe, respecting the rights of litigants, and saving the community money. I am confident we can yet again do this by developing an effective strategy and plan to prevent crime, save money and reduce our pre-trial jail population. The Safety & Justice Challenge planning grant will provide the resources necessary to develop this plan, and Deschutes County urges your support of the application from our Sheriff and District Attorney.

Sincerely,

Anthony DeBone, Chair
Deschutes County Board of Commissioners