

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

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ISSUE & BACKGROUND

Congress VI, "Healthy Communities" was held on May 16, 2009 and attended by over 100 citizens, CPO and Hamlet and Village leaders, students, elected officials, and business and education leaders.

Building on a list of characteristics initiated by the Department of Human Services staff, through keypad polling and group discussions, participants identified ten characteristics of a healthy community in Clackamas County: (1) Sustainability, (2) Citizen Participation, (3) Support of Local Businesses, (4) Land Use Stewardship, (5) Multimodal Transportation, (6) Affordability, (7) Community Spirit, (8) Infrastructure, (9) Healthy Centers, and (10) Cultural Diversity

Participants were then asked to recommend ideas or innovations the County should focus on over the next 18 months to help create the healthy community as they described in their top ten characteristics: (1) Community Service Centers, (2) Building Community, (3) Urban Agriculture, (4) Green Technology, (5) Land Use, (6) Virtual Community Centers, (7) Small business Start-ups, (8) Mobile Services, (9) Transition Area Uses, and (10) Use of Excess Public Land. A complete description of these are located on page 2 of the Congress VI Executive Summary (distributed previously).

The key issues addressed at the October 8, 2008 Study Session when staff updated the Board on the Complete Communities program and the May 16, 2009 Congress VI included: assure that County Commissioners and department heads play a central role in continuing the success of Complete Communities; develop immediate and long term processes for the program; keep the public and partners informed and engaged; explore opportunities for the next steps of Complete Communities; build on the results of past Community Congresses and assess progress.

Based on the success of Congress VI, "Healthy Communities", conversations with citizens, Congress VI Task Force members and County departments, staff is working towards building on past Complete Communities Congresses in assisting the Board in integrating Congress VI innovations over the next 18 months and preparing for Congress VII in 2011.

QUESTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

- Shall the Board appoint a Commissioner as liaison for the Complete Communities program?
- Shall staff move forward and share the results of Congress VI with the Executive Management Team (EMT) and others?
- Does the Board wish to identify one or two innovations resulting from Congress VI, "Healthy Communities" as its focus over the next 18 months?

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

- Direct staff to move forward with the next steps described above, as well as prepare for Congress VII in 2011.
- Modify the next steps described above as a result of Congress VI.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Public and Government Affairs respectfully recommends the BCC direct staff to continue to integrate and build on Congress VI innovations and ideas, reporting out progress to citizens, and continuing to build on the Complete Community investment.

SCHEDULE FOR STUDY SESSION

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