

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Portland Community College
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BUSINESS SESSION
August 15, 2019
Willow Creek Center
241 Edgeway Drive, Portland, Oregon 97006

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Hannah Alzgal, Alex Diaz Rios, Denise Frisbee, Chair Jim Harper, Tiffani Penson, Dan Saltzman and Michael Sonnleitner

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board met in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2), (d) labor negotiations.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jim Harper called the business meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The August 15, 2019 agenda was approved as published. Frisbee/Sonnleitner

The July 18, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as published. Saltzman/Sonnleitner

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Willow Creek Update – Marc Goldberg and Pam Hester

The board was provided a brief history of the Willow Creek Center, its programming and partners. It is a sustainable LEED building right at the intersection of Beaverton and Hillsboro. Willow Creek houses the Small Business Development Center and the third floor has a Master's program. One of the most important parts of this building are the key connections that occur here. Willow Creek has a number of education partners, including Portland State University, Oregon Tech, Hillsboro School District and Beaverton School District. WorkSource Beaverton/Hillsboro and Worksource Portland Metro all have programming. Other community partners include Home Plate Youth Services, REACH, Domestic Violence Resource Center, Good Neighbor Center, CODA, Community Action, Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs, ARCO, Bridges to Change and Easterseals. Willow Creek also hosts the Mechatronics program, which provides the necessary skills for careers in robotics, electronics, and electro-mechanics. The vision for Willow Creek is to be an Advanced Technology Center that helps bridge the skills gap in Oregon.

Director Saltzman asked if PCC owned the building, and specified that PSU and OregonTech are external partners. The parking lot is shared with TriMet

Director Harper congratulated Marc Goldberg on the good work he is doing and pointed out that Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce uses Willow Creek frequently.

Affordable Housing at Portland Metro Workforce Training Center (Metro Center) - Linda Degman, and Rebecca Ocken, and from Home Forward Michael Buonocore, Executive Director and Jonathan Trutt, Director of Development and Community Revitalization.

Why is PCC exploring affordable housing options for students? Recent national studies have shown that about half of community college students experience housing insecurity and 12 to 18% experience houselessness. PCC believes these wraparound services can increase student success. This plan also supports the new Opportunity Center service model proposed for Metro Center.

Home Forward is excited to collaborate with PCC about the development and planning. They are considering approximately 100 units with rents at 30% and 60% average median income. Home Forward and PCC would jointly provide wrap around services while PCC maintains ownership of the land. The housing facility would be owned and maintained by the development partner. PCC offers early marketing and encouragement to students and users of the Metro Center to apply for housing.

The lot is a three acre site at 5600 NE 42nd Avenue near the Cully Community Garden. The site was purchased in 1998, has two existing buildings and is 30,000 square feet.

The next steps to develop affordable housing at Metro Center are to create a memorandum of understanding with Home Forward, determine best funding mix, Home Forward will procure a design team, PCC will make a lease agreement with Home Forward and continue coordinating with Metro Center redevelopment.

Director Frisbee asked about the “moving to work” model that is ongoing in Tacoma.

Director Saltzman commented that we should not be sequential about this. He mentioned acres and acres of parking at Sylvania as untapped housing resources.

President Mitsui thanked Linda and Rebecca for taking this on as well as Michael and Jonathan from Home Forward for partnering with PCC on this project. President Mitsui pointed out Director Saltzman’s expertise as the former Portland City Council Member in charge of the Portland Housing Bureau, as well as Director Frisbee’s consistent support for student housing.

Linda also mentioned that Rebecca Ocken will be crafting a work plan regarding a thorough look of all PCC properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

BUSINESS SESSION

Chair Harper proposed approval of Consent Agenda Items 20-009 through 20-029.
Frisbee/Penson

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

None

REPORTS

Classified: Jeff Grider

Bargaining is moving along through a number of meetings.

Students: Hannah Alzgal

She noted that she just arrived back from Washington, D.C. from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Governance Leadership Institute (GLI) where she got the perspective of being a trustee on the national level and connected with other student trustees around the country. The Eco-Social Justice Directors from the District Student Council (DSC) have finished their work with the Pouring Rights Committee to advocate for sustainability initiatives. She thanked Mike for being able to help make that a really positive experience for the student representatives. Tomorrow, the DSC will be attending a two-day retreat for training, leadership development, and team building.

Faculty and Academic Professionals: Frank Goulard was not present.

Board Members:

Director Frisbee reports that OCCA adopted its goals for the year and looking to continue to build the advocacy effort and to receive funding from the legislature, focusing on student success.

President Mitsui wanted to congratulate those who presented today and also stated he is very excited for the ASPCC retreat starting next week. He kicked off the opportunity council this week with a number of community partners. They are looking to create greater opportunity for housing and other resources for students. He also met with Emma Kallaway, PCC's Government Relations Director this week. The student affairs district wide summit was held, thanks to Dr. Heather Lang and Katy Ho who was a strong supporter. Pathways to Opportunity and STEP were approved for another biennium by the Oregon President's Council – a part of the Oregon Community College's Association.

Chair Harper thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication to PCC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Jim Harper, Chair

Mark Mitsui, College President

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Minutes approved on September 19, 2019.