

Diversity Pledge in County Projects

OAME meets with county chair

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury shared some of the steps being taken to empower minority business owners in county construction projects when she met with a large group of Portland area business owners, entrepreneurs and contractors at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs.

Kafoury shared her admiration for the OAME organization as well as the intentional work that the county is doing for minority contracting through the Sellwood Bridge Project, the new Central Courthouse, the Gladys McCoy Health Department Headquarters and other county capital projects, during OAME's June 24 "Coffee and Issues" session.

When the Sellwood Bridge Project wraps up this fall, the county's



Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury speaks at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneur's "Coffee and Issues" event as OAME Founder and Chair Sam Brooks (right) and Multnomah County Purchasing Manager Brian Smith look on.

general contractor will be on track to meet the goal of awarding 20 percent of the subcontracts to minority, women, and emerging small business contractors, Kafoury said.

She said the county is also taking steps toward a labor agreement on the Central Courthouse Project to make sure it takes into account community values and increases opportunity for minority, women and emerging small business firms.

The county wants a workforce on all public projects that "reflect the diversity of our community," she said.

Kaufory also discussed the county's efforts to decrease homelessness, highlighting the formation of a Joint Office of Homelessness between Multnomah County and the City of Portland and \$47 million in new resources for affordable housing, new shelter beds and homeless services.

The Week in Review

No Charges in Clinton Email

FBI Director James Comey said Tuesday that the FBI does not recommend criminal charges against Hillary Clinton for use of a private email server while conducting business as Secretary of State.



The Clinton camp rejoiced in the decision, leaving a bitter Donald Trump, her opponent in the presidential election, to start the hashtag "#RiggedSystem" on Twitter.

Transgender Ban Lifted

The Pentagon announced Thursday that it

will put an end to its ban on transgender people openly serving in the U.S. military. The decision follows a serious review of the roles women, homosexual and bisexual service members have played in the military recently. The ban takes effect immediately, meaning a transgender person can no longer be discharged for that reason.

Affordable Housing Vote

The Portland City Council voted unanimously Thursday to refer a historic affordable housing bond measure to the Nov. 8 ballot. If approved by voters, the measure would raise \$258 million from property

taxes to build or acquire 1,300 affordable housing units in Portland, housing about 2,900 people each year.

New Police Chief Accused

Word broke on Thursday that newly appointed Police Chief Mike Marshman had assaulted his former stepson during an argument in 2006. Marshman was never charged and downplayed the seriousness of any injury in the incident, but pledged to make the police report public along with his entire personnel file, this week.



Shootings Disrupt Bridges

Both the Morrison and Hawthorne bridges were closed early Friday morning as police were in search of a man involved in multiple shootings and a kidnapping. The initial incident near Southeast 41st and Woodward left a woman wounded. The male suspect, Anthony Stone, 43, has a significant and violent criminal history on the East Coast and is still at large, police said.

Teenager Shot at Transit Center

A 15-year-old boy was shot during an altercation at the Gateway Transit Center in northeast Portland. Police responded to reports of gunfire around 10 p.m. on June 29 but were unable to locate any suspects. The victim is expected to survive.

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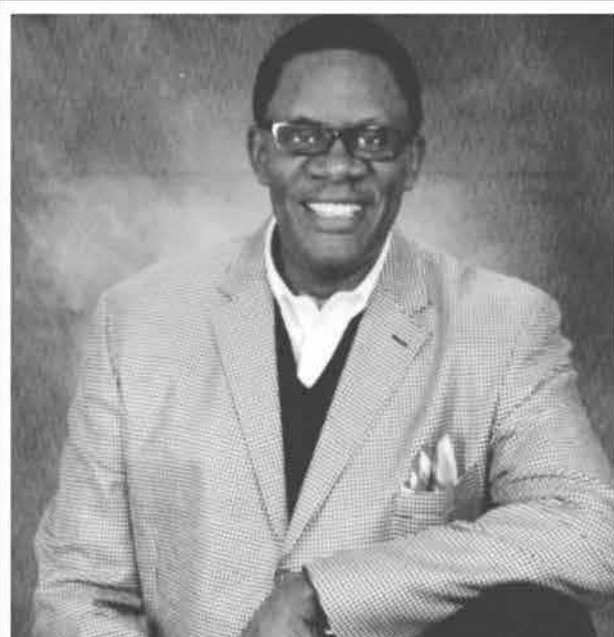
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