

Washington County Democratic Central Committee
Minutes of the June 27, 2018 Regular Meeting
Held at PCC Willow Creek – 241 SW Edgeway Dr.; Hillsboro, Oregon 97006

7:00 PM – Meeting Opening:

- **Call to Order:** Chair Louise Currin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Secretary Patrick Maguire recorded the minutes. Central Committee members were present as indicated in the attendance log, and a quorum was found to be present.
- **Agenda:** Lisa Stiller moved to add to the prepared agenda an item under new business relating to a statement on the Trump administration family separation policy. The motion passed. The prepared agenda was approved with additions.
- **Minutes:** Minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting of the Central Committee were approved as presented.
- **Introductions:** New guests and newly-elected members were invited to introduce themselves. Elected officials present were Wendy Kroger and Chuck Riley. A candidate for elected office present was Tiffany Mitchell.

7:18 PM – Officer, Committee, Caucus, Delegation, and Field Director Reports:

- **Treasurer** – Veronica Williams presented a report that included key financial information. Bank balances were: *Membership Savings* \$3,987.58; *Business Savings (Karen Schouten Fund)* \$1,748.81; and *Business Checking* \$27,258.06; for a *Total* of \$32,994.45. *Incoming Blue Horizon Donations* in the past month were \$2,103.00. *Total Receivables* for the past month were \$2,822.63. *Total Expenditures* for the past month were \$7,935.96. *Total Blue Horizon Donations* to date were \$14,671.56.
- **Office Committee** – Amelia Manlove reported on the work and duties of the office committee. She encouraged members to attend the open house and to volunteer in the party's office.
- **Training and Education Committee** – Nancy Lewis reported on the training programs prepared by the training and education committee. The basic class for new members and the more advanced programs on political involvement and parliamentary procedure were described.
- **Finance Committee** – Linda Erickson reported on the fundraising arrangements undertaken by the finance committee. She encouraged new members to join the Blue Horizon donation program. She also reported on the upcoming Summer Picnic and Hillsboro Hops fundraiser events. Victoria Long also shared details of the Summer Picnic event.
- **Resolutions and Platform Committee** – Jeremy Likens reported on the activity of the resolutions and platform committee. Vallie Gillam reported on meetings with legislators held by the advocacy subcommittee of this committee.
- **Rules Committee** – Dan Jensen reported on the efforts of the rules committee to revise the county party bylaws when necessary for clarity.
- **Communications Committee** – Ian Barrett reported that the communication committee needs writers and artists to volunteer to help with social media and other communication outreach.
- **Community Outreach Committee** – Laura Wadlin reported that on June 30, 2018 an immigrant solidarity rally will be held in Hillsboro. Also, an entry is planned for the Hillsboro Fourth of July Parade. She reported on ways for members to get involved with the work of the community outreach committee.
- **Young Democrats Committee** – Gabe Mendez reported on the work of the young democrats committee to create positive change in the county.
- **Information Technology Committee** – Natalia Zhang reported on the efforts of the information technology committee to use technology to accomplish the mission of the county party. She reported that we are attempting to reach out to all residents of the county, so social media and technology is essential to spread our message. She updated members on development of the new party website.
- **Latinx Outreach Committee** – Wlnsvey Campos reported on the latinx outreach committee's work to engage members of the Latinx community in the work of the county party.
- **State Central Committee Delegation** – Jo Six reported that delegates to the State Central Committee represent the county party in the Democratic Party of Oregon's decision-making. She shared with the members that eleven delegates and eleven alternate delegates are elected at each reorganization

meeting. She reported on the activities of the recent state party meeting, and reported that an election will be held at next month's county Central Committee meeting for two SCC alternate delegate positions vacant due to two delegates being deemed to have resigned after missing three meetings of the state party's central committee.

- **First Congressional District Committee Delegation** – Farrah Chaichi reported on the coordinating efforts of the First Congressional District Committee.
- **Progressive Caucus** – Keith Haxton reported on the work of the progressive caucus in promoting instant runoff voting in the City of Beaverton as well as the work of the caucus to endorse candidates for internal party offices. A summer caucus event is being planned on August 18, 2018 at which all are welcome.
- **Field Director** – Carl Fisher invited House District Leaders to introduce themselves to new members. He further reported on a substantial increase in Democratic voters in the recent May primary election. He reported on the neighborhood leader program and the upcoming special convention to select nominees for districts in which the primary election winners have withdrawn.
- **Credential** – Chrissy Erguiza reported that 145 Precinct Committeepersons had been issued credentials as voting members of the Central Committee as of 8:00 p.m.

8:10 PM – Business:

- **Resolution on “Saving the Washington Park Zoo and Railway”** – Jeremy Likens introduced on behalf of the Resolutions and Platform Committee “*Saving the Washington Park Zoo and Railway*” (RPC #2018-006). It was read for a first time. Jeremy Likens moved to suspend the rules, read the resolution a second time, and hold a vote on final passage of RPC #2018-006 at this meeting. The motion to suspend the rules passed. Gerritt Rosenthal moved to amend the third and fourth “Therefore” clauses. Parlan Betts moved to postpone this resolution until the next monthly meeting. Will Hobbs moved to end debate. The motion to end debate passed. The motion to postpone then failed with 55 YES and 63 NO votes. After discussion, the motion to amend passed. The resolution as amended passed. The text of the resolution as adopted is appended to these minutes.
- **New Resolution** – Jeremy Likens introduced on behalf of the Resolutions and Platform Committee “*Proactive Sequestration Policies of the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District*” (RPC #2018-009). It was read for a first time and will be scheduled for a vote on final passage at the next Central Committee meeting.
- **Resolution on “Local Elected Control of Tri-Met”** – The Committee resumed consideration of “*Local Elected Control of Tri-Met*” (RPC #2018-003). After discussion, the resolution failed.
- **Changes to Bylaws** – On behalf of the rules committee, Jeremy Likens recommended and moved a bylaws change related to House District Leaders (BL 2018-001). Maureen Barnhart moved to amend the proposed bylaws change to remove Section E and remove the related changes to Article IX. After discussion, Bill Kroger moved to end debate on the amendment. The motion to end debate passed. The amendment failed. Lisa Stiller moved to end debate. The motion to end debate passed. The bylaw change failed to receive a two-thirds supermajority with 55 YES and 39 NO votes.
- **Adjournment** – Charles Merten moved that the Committee adjourn. The motion failed.
- **Special Statement** – Lisa Stiller moved the committee adopt a special statement related to family separation. The motion passed. The statement as adopted is appended to these minutes.
- **Precinct Committeeperson Appointments** - The Chair moved the Committee select Teri Brown, Andres Manuel Carlin, Gerard Cronin, Hayley Lynn Garza, Devin Hunter, Kimberley Meisels, Mark Perlman, Shaun Savage, Dena Ann Vogel, and Max Wall to fill vacancies in the office of precinct committeeperson. The motion passed.
- **Announcements** – Members presented announcements on various subjects.

9:21 PM – **Adjournment:** Garrett Fleenor moved to adjourn, this motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Please contact Patrick Maguire at secretary@washcodems.org with any questions about these minutes.

Appendix 1: Text of Resolution as Adopted:

RPC 2018-009 – Saving the Washington Park and Zoo Railway

WHEREAS, the Washington Park and Zoo Railway has been a regional treasure since its opening in 1958;

WHEREAS, the Washington Park and Zoo Railway has been creating cherished childhood memories since its first run;

WHEREAS, the train can quickly and efficiently transport hundreds of Washington Park visitors every hour between the North and South ends of the park;

WHEREAS, Portland Parks & Recreation never asked members of the public in their surveys about repairing and keeping the Washington Park and Zoo Railway line from the Oregon Zoo to the International Rose Test Garden in their creation of the Washington Park Master Plan;

WHEREAS, the current Washington Park Master Plan Update suggests the complete removal of the rail line to the International Rose Test Garden and replacement with a 12' paved path at an estimated \$10 million;

WHEREAS, employees of the Oregon Zoo, a service of Metro, have offered to fundraise the estimated \$1.5 million in needed repairs and Dana Carstensen, an Oregon Zoo worker who ran for Metro Council 4, has offered to fundraise \$3 million to cover the estimated \$1.5 million in repair costs for the rail line to the International Rose Test Garden and to create an investment fund to perpetually help the Oregon Zoo, a service of Metro, pay for maintenance, upgrades, and labor costs associated with the operation of the train; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carstensen's online petition to save the Washington Park and Zoo Railway and its run to the International Rose Test Garden has already garnered nearly 10,000 signatures of support;

THEREFORE, We the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon, Resolve as follows:

The WCDCC declares that the Washington Park and Zoo Railway and its full route to the International Test Rose Garden should be restored to its full operating condition;

The WCDCC encourages all PCPs, elected officials, and residents in Washington County, and all other interested Oregonians, to sign the Change.org, "Save the Washington Park and Zoo Railway" online petition to help save the full route of the Washington Park and Zoo Railway;

The WCDCC encourages the City of Portland and Metro work towards full restoration of the route and conduct a broad public survey to determine the public values of and support for the Zoo Railway;

The WCDCC supports the City of Portland and Metro working with Dana Carstensen, and all relevant Stakeholders, in its goal of restoration and preservation of the Washington Park and Zoo Railway and its full route to the International Test Rose Garden.

Appendix 2: Text of Special Statement as Adopted

We, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee, condemn the "zero tolerance" border policy that has caused traumatic separation of children from their parents, the detention of separated children in cage-like detention centers, and most recently, an order to detain all immigrants. The WCDCC supports S 3036, The Keeping Families Together Act, which prevents border agents from removing children from parents except for certain extenuating circumstances (child is in danger of abuse, neglect, and/or child trafficking) at within 100 miles from a US border, and which requires training of border agents to enable them to act within the best interest of the child. This Act is vital to prevent any repetition of an attempt to separate families. The WCDCC sees the executive order to end the family separation as inadequate and disturbing, and strongly opposes its provision for what could become years of incarceration for families, its lack of provision for a timely reunification of families, and its vague wording which leaves room for family separation if it is determined there are insufficient resources to keep families together.

The WCDCC calls for legislation that will prevent this incarceration and opposes any modification of the Flores Settlement (which could lead to indefinite incarceration). We are disturbed about reports that some children may never see their parents again, and demand that an immediate effort be made to unconditionally reunite all families. Furthermore, the WCDCC opposes the administration's current practice of telling asylum seekers they will get their children back if they drop their asylum claim and agree to be deported with their children.

The WCDCC vehemently opposes President Trump's recent proposal to suspend due process for immigrants/asylum seekers arriving at our border, a move which would violate the United States Constitution, Supreme Court rulings, and international law.

In addition, the WCDCC reiterates its support for comprehensive immigration reform which recognizes the humanity and dignity all of those seeking asylum and all migrants, works to keep families together, and gives each person the due process guaranteed under law.

We call for letters and public speeches condemning the administration on these issues. We call for ongoing protests and demonstrations until humane immigration policy is enacted. We call on all Republicans to affirm their belief in family values, and call out the administration for these horrific policies.

We direct copies of this motion sent to the press, and to our entire Congressional delegation, and Oregon Governor Kate Brown.