

My name is Robert Noche. A Multnomah County resident who just has a few thoughts for Charter Review Committee. I am on the Portland TGA Ryan White Council and were on several county and Oregon Advisory Councils. I was a Co-chair of advisory group too I will take off all my advisory hats and just be an average "joe" resident in your peanut gallery watching your Zoom meeting.

The good points: Three Co-chairs will be an interesting concept and the smoothest election I saw. Never, I saw an effortless fist of five voting process ever. Honestly, I think you seem a cheerful group on Zoom .

The absent MCCRC member of Ana Rocio was a poignant and powerful chilling statement. I can relate to her since I am a member of BIPOC community. Hopefully, the County goes beyond lip service and wishful thinking. Yes, actions speaks louder than words. Yes, I did wrote in the chat when Ana's public testimony was over. Sorry, I left to eat dinner.

It would be nice if all Multnomah County advisory Councils got stipends. I think 50-75 dollars will be a good rate for MRCC. This is the average rate for advisory Councils in Oregon. I think that Multnomah County should set an overall standard for term limits for council members for county advisory members. Bylaws process for advisory Councils are messy and screaming matches. Sorry, your bylaws process were too ideallic. Maybe, colleges teaches something different when I went college a generation ago. I won't go into the faults of Robert Rules of Order since it will be a rabbit hole for some.

I like that that Office of Consumer Engagement is one of the topics your subcommittee will look into. Maybe a refinement of their range of scope. It was never mention in any of our county advisory boards. This stituation did happen. There was a staff member had a blatant disregard of bylaws and code conduct. The result was I left and the other Co-chairs all resigned over this issue. I left out the name off the staff and name of it's division since I don't want this to be a full rant. Maybe a better ombudsman process for advisory board members in the future.

I will end on a thought provoking thought. Cultural awareness and trauma informed care was good ten years ago. Now, decolonizing and restorative justice is need to move forward to make Multnomah County to feel truly democratic. Sorry, I went over two minute limit.

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