

2016 marks the 5th anniversary for Springfield City Club. I am excited to be stepping into the role of President this year following an amazing group of past Presidents and community leaders that decided Springfield was ready for a forum for community members to come together for open dialogue and civic engagement.

Over the last few years the club has been able to present well over 100 programs featuring local, state and federal issues. We hosted elected officials, school superintendents, a Community College President, and Police Chiefs. We were educated on candidates and ballot measures including marijuana, minimum wage and tax increases. There were programs on the economy, emergency preparedness, and urban growth boundaries. The list could go on but you get the picture.

Springfield City Club has had some great opportunities to develop working partnerships that have enhanced our club. Thanks to Willamalane and Bob Keefer for supporting Springfield City Club and hosting our club meetings. We have had two great caterers to provide us with lunch twice a month; thank you Nancy Bigley and Marilou Heriot. By partnering with the League of Women's Voters we were able to present a great Secretary of State debate in the Primary election cycle and with Len Goodwin's work we now have a reciprocal partnership with Eugene City Club.

I can't close without taking this opportunity to thank Denise Bean and Dan Egan, who took the idea of a Springfield City Club and made it a reality. I am looking forward to building on their brainchild and experiencing a great year of meeting new members, hosting interesting programs and developing new partnerships, please join us for another great year.

Terry Beyer,
President

MEETING CALENDAR

City Club will not have regular forums during August.

On August 4 the Board will meet for its annual meeting and strategic planning session. The meeting will be held at Willamalane from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change

Springfield City Council

The City Council is on recess until September.

September 6 – Work session 6:00 p.m.

Virginia-Daisy Bikeway Design

CDBG Allocation Process

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 12

Joint with County Board

Work Session 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing 7:00 p.m.

2030 Comprehensive Plan/UGB

Expansion

Lane County Commissioners

Not available

Lane Transit District

August 17, 5:30 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

August 10, 6:30 p.m.

School District 19

August 8, 7:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

July 7 – Fire Department Merger

Springfield City Manager, and Interim Eugene-Springfield Fire Chief Joe Zaludek reported to City Club on the effects of the merger of the two cities' fire departments during the second full year of merged operations.



Chief Zaludek reviewed the history of the increased coordination between the two departments which began in 2007 and culminated in the full merger in 2104. He noted that some believed there might be a fifth phase, involving a new governance structure, but, in response to a question, Mr. Grimaldi said he did not believe the Springfield Council was prepared to take on that conversation at this time.

Addressing the issue that seem to be on the top of residents minds, he said that the finance officers of the two cities had concluded that, beginning in 2007 the consolidation had saved about \$607 thousand and that by FY 2013, the annual savings had grown to \$1.1 million. The FY 2014 savings added up to \$1.5 million and, he said, the finance officers project that in future years the savings will continue at that level or higher.

The Chief said that a significant portion of the savings came from the reduction in positions that had been duplicated when there were two departments – only one chief, one Fire Marshal, etc. He added that uniformity in equipment and procedures made it easier to balance services across the entire metropolitan area, resulting in less need for duplicative equipment. Asked what he would have done differently had he had the chance, he indicated that he would have first merged the technology; the management systems used by the departments had posed one of the greatest challenges to realizing efficiencies.



Savings come not only as money, he said. He pointed to several case studies since the merger where fire suppression and life-support services had been delivered more promptly and more effectively since the merger. This, he said, was because of the increased flexibility in deploying responders.

The one remaining issue to be addressed, he said, was station location. Springfield had long been considering the relocation of station 4 because of the potential growth in Glenwood. Beyond that, now that the merger is complete, the Department is likely to undertake a full scale examination of the question of optimum station location to serve the metropolitan area, which might generate interest in further station relocations.

July 21 – Lane Transit District

City club members met Ms. Aurora (AJ) Jackson, the recently appointed Executive Director of the Lane Transit district. Ms. Jackson, was general manager of Montebello Bus Lines in Montebello, California. She began her career at Montebello as a bus operator working to pay her way through college.

She announced that LTD had just received word of the award of a federal; grant to purchase five electric buses (beside five that LTD has on order already). She reported that traffic continues to grow, and that LTD has the highest traffic per capita of any bus transit system. These additions will support LTD's priority of making the system sustainable. She devoted much of her discussion to an assessment of LTD's relationship to the community, Emphasizing that LTD did not build the system based on its own vision, but rather it sought to deliver the projects that the community wanted. She recognized, she said, that there was a lack of trust on the part of some members of the community and viewed



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(Continued from *page 2*) LTD's mission as not to change peoples beliefs, but get the word out about how it planned to implement the community's transportation vision. She noted, "generally government is either too late or too early" in coming to a solution to a problem, and that LTD wanted to respond to the right need at the right time.



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Responding to a question about the election of directors, she observed that it was not in her power to change that process, and that she worked for the Board members appointed by the governor. LTD staff, she said, had no influence over who the Governor chooses to appoint.

MS. Jackson also briefly reviewed the current status of the Main/McVey traffic study and noted that the study was the topic of the upcoming September 1 City Club meeting.

Springfield City Club
Board of Directors Meeting July 5, 2016

Board Members Present: Terry Beyer, Steve Moe, Len Goodwin, Merlyn Hough, Dan Egan, Chris Kline, Joe Leahy, and Carolyn Miller

Board Members Absent: Mike Eyster, Jeff Thompson, and John Tamulonis

Others Present: Dacoda Hulse from The Washburne Café

1. 11:35 Meeting was called to order by Terry Beyer
2. Discussion of Willamalane contract added to the agenda
3. Len Goodwin moved to accept the minutes from the June 7th, 2016 board meeting, Chris Kline 2nd, all approved.
4. Board Reports
 - e. Financial: No report.
 - f. Membership: Chris Kline plans to renew the membership campaign working off of last year's list beginning in August. Terry Beyer brought up that the bylaws state that a board member can be replaced after missing 3 consecutive meetings without a reasonable excuse.
 - g. Programs: Merlyn Hough reminded everyone that this Thursday's (July 7th, 2016) program will be covering the Springfield-Eugene fire department merger and its effects. Aurora Jackson from LTD will present on July 21st. No programs will be scheduled for August unless something major occurs, such as City Club being able to secure DeFazio for August 18th but that program is more likely to occur in October. The September 1st program will be an update on Franklin Boulevard presented by Christy Kruger. The September 15th program will be presented by Emily at NEDCO, but may be re-scheduled for a later date and replaced with Sheri Moore and Sean Dunn and/or a discussion of ballot measures. October programs are planned to be dedicated to elections and ballot measures. Dan Egan and Merlyn Hough listed some program ideas that they came up with: local jobs and economy, a follow-up on the downtown refinement plan, the census and what we can gain from the data, getting a speaker from Albany High School to comment on their good high school graduation rate in a program with someone from the Springfield school district (Colt Gill), street repair backlog, lead testing. Len Goodwin says that about 18 people showed up at the last program, that it was well-presented (Continued on *page 4*)

(Continued from page 3) and there was good audience engagement. Steve Moe would like to have more controversial topics and believes this would boost attendance and suggested the SUB and Comcast fiber optics network for downtown as a future topic; Joe Leahy thinks that John DeWenter from the SUB board would be willing to present. Several people mentioned that it could be a good idea to include more speakers from Eugene and other clubs. Len Goodwin wants to include the program schedule for a couple months out in the newsletter and this requires more concrete and advance program scheduling; Joe Leahy mentions that doing this would likely boost program attendance; Dan Egan says that he and Merlyn plan to meet together more often so that this can be achieved. It was suggested that a survey be given out to collect information about what kinds of topics matter most to members and that this survey should be done annually.

- h. Public Relations: Len Goodwin plans to attend a statewide meeting of city clubs on July 26th. This month's newsletter is not yet out because he wants to include new officers and future program efforts. Rather than the usual type of newsletter article, Len suggests that future articles be more focused on the upcoming program topics. A need to be more present in the media was also discussed; Carolyn Miller will arrange for City Club to be mentioned in the Register Guard's community calendar and Joe Leahy suggested perhaps looking into getting in the Eugene Weekly. Chris Kline suggests getting the Chamber of Commerce to include something about City Club in their newsletter.
- 9. Newsletter article: Terry Beyer will be writing the August article; Len Goodwin will be writing the September article.

10. Election

- k. How to get more participation: Terry Beyer mentioned that the bylaws indicate that the elections process should have started about 1.5 months earlier than it did and that adhering to that next year may result in greater participation. It was suggested that ballots be available on the tables at programs.
- l. Committee Chairs: Chairs need to be checked-in with to ensure that they want to continue in their positions. Carolyn Miller will be joining Chris Kline as Membership co-chair.

13. Other Business

- n. City Club card: Steve Moe will check-in with Jeff Thompson and get what he has so that Steve may continue with this project.
- o. Storage of City Club materials: Kay Hyde-Patton had several City Club materials in her possession which she has given to Len Goodwin; Joe Leahy will store these materials at his office.
- p. Extended Meeting: The bylaws state that there is to be an annual extended board meeting which has not happened for the last couple of years. It was decided that this will be used as a future planning session and that this year's meeting should take place in early August and include discussion of City Club's contract with Willamalane and the membership campaign.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40

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