



Comprehensive Plan Map Clarification Project

Springfield Kicking Off Project to Increase Certainty of Planned Land Uses

The City is kicking off a project that will create a property-specific Comprehensive Plan Map to add greater certainty to land use plan designations throughout Springfield. The Comprehensive Plan Map Clarification Project's aim is to interpret and clarify the existing, adopted plan designations shown on the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan [Diagram](#).

This project will:

- Enable better local decision-making with clearer property information
- Improve customer service
- Facilitate long-range planning and development review
- Help meet requirements to address housing needs
- Identify barriers to project approval for all land use types, including employment lands
- Bring Springfield closer to having its own Comprehensive Plan

The City will form a project advisory committee (PAC) to guide this work. We are seeking community members, people who do business with the City, and people with diverse perspectives to serve on the PAC. The charge will be to provide feedback to help create a well-informed, property-specific Map.

Do you have ideas about how we could make information about Springfield's planned land uses clearer and more accessible, including how to make better sense of the Metro Plan Diagram and how to display property-based information on maps?

If so, please consider applying for the PAC! Applications will be available starting April 5 with submittals due 5 p.m. on May 3. The recruitment may remain open as needed, but meetings are estimated to begin early summer 2022.

Details and the application will be at <https://springfield-or.gov/compmap>. If you have questions, email me at msather@springfield-or.gov.

Springfield Senior Planner, Monica Sather

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY PRIMARY ELECTION

The Springfield City Club and the League of Women Voters of Lane County are collaborating on a series of programs to highlight candidates for local office.

Our first forum was held on March 17, for candidates for Congressional District Seat 4. See the information on that forum on page 4.

On April 7, we have invited candidates for Oregon House of Representatives District 7.

On April 14, we have invited candidates for the Springfield seat on the Lane County Board of County Commissioners

On April 21, we have invited candidates for Oregon House of Representatives District 12.

Our series will conclude on April 28, when we have invited all candidates for seats on the Springfield City Council.

PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change. For current information, click on the agency name which will redirect you to the appropriate web site.

Many boards continue to meet online as the County emerges from the restrictions on activity. Please see the guide on page 3 for information on how to connect.

[City of Springfield Council](#)

225 Fifth Street
Springfield, OR 97477
(541)726-3700

April 4, 2022

Work Session 6:00 p.m.

Development Code Update

Affordable Housing

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

PH: Criminal Code Update

PH: Lomond Ave. Annexation

Revoke Emergency Declaration

April 11, 2022

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

April 18, 2022

Work Session 6:00 p.m.
Projects to Address Housing and Homelessness
FT23 CDBG Recommendation
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.
PH: Overnight Parking Program

April 25, 2022

Work Session 5:30 p.m.
Wastewater and Stormwater Fees
Residential Food Waste Program
Sanipac FY23 fees

Lane County Board of Commissioners

125 Eighth Avenue
Eugene OR 97401
(541)682-4203

April 5, 2022 9:00 a.m.

PERS Bond Sale

April 12, 2022 :00 a.m.

Community Benefits Bidding Program
Work session Development code in urbanizable area of
Springfield UGB
Climate Action Plan

April 19, 2022 – No MEETING

April 26, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Joint PH: Development code in urbanizable area of
Springfield UGB
Affordable Housing Action Plan
Voter Pamphlet Discussion
Island Transfer Proposal
Temporary Speed Reduction on Suttle Road

Lane Transit District

3500 E. 17th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97403
(541)687-5555

April 12, 2022

Budget Committee 5:30 p.m

April 20, 2022

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

School District 19 Board of Directors

640 A Street
Springfield, OR 97477
(541) 726-3201

April 11, 2022

Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

April 25, 2022

Work Session 5:00 p.m.

MARCH 3, REPRESENTATIVE PETER DEFazio

Representative Peter A. DeFazio is retiring after serving the people of House District 4 for over 37 years. On March 3 he reviewed his most recent legislative activities with City Club.

Mr. DeFazio focused some of his remarks on the recently passed Investment and Jobs Act which originated in his Transportation Committee in the House. The bill, he said, represented a \$550 billion increase in infrastructure spending. While he noted it was less than the \$600 million, he was seeking it still represents the largest single investment in infrastructure in several years. He hopes that money from the bill will ultimately find its way to funding improvements in Glenwood, where he helped secure a \$19 million grant recently for improvements in streets and transit.

Although he expressed unhappiness that many of the environmental provisions were stripped out of the bill in the Senate, he said overall it follows his two main principles. First, before building more lane miles, fix what exists today. He described the recent bridge collapse in Pittsburgh as a symptom of the problem with the country's deteriorating infrastructure. "Unfortunately," he said, "that bridge collapse was not unique."

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Springfield Utility Board

250 A Street
Springfield OR 97477
(541)746-8451

April 13, 2022

Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

320 S. 32nd Street
Springfield, OR 97478
(541)736-4544

April 13, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting:

Lane Regional Air Protection Authority

1010 Main Street
Springfield, OR 97477
(541)735-1056

April 14, 12:15 p.m.

Board Meeting

The second principle he pointed to was to look for other alternatives before building more lane miles of highway. Here he pointed to an example in Virginia, where after a study determined that building more miles would leave congestion just where it was in ten years, the state decided to focus on more train miles and “get a lot of cars off the road.”

On of the =efforts he will be continuing with during the final year of his term is an attempt to reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act. That law, which has funded many environmental projects in Springfield and Eugene –the Springfield Millrace, Delta Ponds and, many years ago, the regional wastewater treatment plant, has not been reauthorized since the 1980s.

He also continues to work on finding funding for a new container port in the North Bend Coos Bay area. Such a port, he said, could add up to 10 percent additional capacity to the western United States. Realistically, he said, there is no other way to significantly increase capacity on the West Coast other than a new container port somewhere. He helped stabilize the rail line that runs from Coos Bay to the metropolitan area and continues to seek funding for what will be a project costing in the range of \$1 billion. Not only would the project provide a greater boost to the south coast economy, but it could make the Eugene/Springfield area a hub for additional manufacturing and transportation facilities that would come to be closer to a new port.

In response to a question from the audience, he continued to express concern about the United States Postal Service. He was sharply critical of the Postmaster General’s decision to replace the existing vehicle fleet with 90% internal combustion vehicles and only 10% electric. “While the fossil fuel vehicles may cost less up front, “he said, “the long-term savings from reduced maintenance will offset that quickly.” He was also critical of the requirement that the USPS prepay 75 years of anticipated health insurance costs “a requirement imposed on no other company in the country,” he said. Getting rid of that requirement, he said, would mean that the Postal Service is solvent and not in a persistent fiscal crisis. He is concerned that the actions of the Postmaster General to slow down delivery schedules make no sense. “It takes longer to get a letter from Monticello to Washington DC today, than it did when Washington was President,” he said. He urged the Biden administration to act to replace several members of the Postal Board so that the Postmaster General could be replaced.

When asked what the nation should be doing to prioritize its transportation goals, he pointed to transit, higher speed rail and alternatives to make it safer to cycle and walk, particular for students getting to school. He noted that while some years ago Amtrak had built several sidings on the rout from Eugene to Vancouver so that passenger rail could receive the priority to which it is entitled, Union Pacific had defeated that purpose of that change by expanding its freight trains to be over four miles long. “There are no four-mile-long sidings,” so passengers trains get stuck being subordinate to freight.

One issue with high priority on his current agenda is that deployment of 5G cell phone technology near airports. He agrees with the FAA conclusions that that signal might interfere with radar altimeters of commercial aircraft. He said that the military is now doing extensive testing of 5G impact and, said that until those tests are complete, the US should follow the example of European countries where 5G technology is carefully deployed so as not to interfere with activities at airports.

The Congressman was asked directly about is support in the upcoming elections. H was clear that he is supporting Joe Berney to continue on the Lane County Board of Commissioners, and he also has endorsed Val Hoyle, the recent Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, as his preferred candidate in the democratic primary and general election to replace him.

ATTENDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

To view Springfield City Council meetings: On the Thursday before the meeting, the Council agenda is posted [here](#). The agenda will contain the information to link to the live stream of the meeting.

To view meetings of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, go to this [link](#) for connection information

To view Lane Transit District Board meetings, go to the [Events Calendar](#) and click on the meeting you want to attend for information on the Zoom link

To view School District 19 Board meetings: on the Thursday or Friday before the meeting go to the [Board Meeting Calendar](#), locate the meeting agenda and you will find the Zoom link to join the meeting.

To listen to Willamalane Board meetings:

On a telephone or cell phone, dial 541-736-4490

When prompted, enter the conference ID: 85238 followed by the # sign

To listen to SUB Board meetings:

Dial in using your phone: Dial 1.978.990.5373

Enter the Access Code: 2355961#

To view LRAPA meetings:

Below are instructions for participation: Click on this link from your desktop: <https://zoom.us/j/2234449160>

MARCH 17 CANDIDATE FORUM, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

On March 17 the League of Women Voters of Lane County and Springfield City Club held a forum for candidates for The Congressional seat representing District 4. Seven of the candidates accepted the invitation. Statements submitted by the candidates may be found here:

[Sami al-Abdrabbuh](#)

[Doyle Canning](#)

[Val Hoyle](#)

[Andrew Kalloch](#)

[Jake Matthews](#)

[G. Tommy Smith](#)

The video of the forum is available on The Springfield City Club Facebook page and can also be viewed or downloaded at this link: [CD4 Forum](#).

**Minutes
Board of Directors
Springfield City Club
February 23, 2022 – Zoom**

Present:

Paige Sharpe	Callie Elliot	Kristin Denmark	Bob Fondren
Len Goodwin	Terry Beyer	Tom Boyatt	Tiffany Edwards
Merlyn Hough	Pat Riggs Henson		

Absent: Nick Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Terry noted one typo in the January minutes – the amount received in dues last month was \$1,200 not \$1,2000. With that correction the minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Pat, seconded by Len.

Bob presented the Financial Report which, this month included a comparison of the past several years. In January we Paid Len twice because a payment had been skipped in 2021. Cash balances are starting to rebuild. We collected \$1775 last month, and this month City and SUB payments were received and will show up next month. Sanipac paid, but through an error they paid only the individual amount, not the business amount. Len is working on correcting.

Looking at the year over year comparison normally we collect about \$5500, in 2020 only collect about \$1400. We hope to increase back to a normal amount this year.

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City Club Board of Directors

Term Expires

President	Paige Sharpe	paige@springfield-chamber.org	(541)801-1859	06/30/2022
President-Elect	Callie Barry Elliott	celliott@columbiabank.com	(541)984-2270	06/30/2022
Past President				06/30/2022
Treasurer	Bob Fondren	Fondren3608@msn.com	(541)554-5461	06/30/2023
Secretary	Len Goodwin	localcitizenor@gmail.com	(541)915-8956	06/30/2022
Director	Terry Beyer	terrybeyer@comcast.net	(541)556-0186	06/30/2022
Director	Tom Boyatt	tboyatt@springfield-or.gov	(541)744-3373	06/30/2022
Director	Merlyn Hough	merlyn.hough@gmail.com	(541)285-3063	06/30/2022
Director	Nick Nelson	nick@nicknelsonrealestate.com	(541)852-9394	06/20/2023
Director	Kristin Denmark	kdenmark@thorp-purdy.com	(541)747-3354	06/20/2023
Director	Tiffany Edwards	Tiffany.Edwards@ltd.org	(541)688-3370	06/30/2023
Director	Pat Riggs Henson	henson2831@comcast.net	(541)914-6928	06/30/2022
Director				06/20/2023

The Board reviewed the membership list. Zane Wilson has passed away, so he will be removed. John Doty can be removed; he is now working in Corvallis. Joe Cavanagh should be removed. Tom's individual membership should be removed as he is now part of the City membership. Elizabeth Butterfield should be removed; she paid for Tom some years ago. On a motion by Pat, seconded by Tiffany, the Financial Report was approved unanimously.

The Board observed that someone should reach out to Roseburg and McKenzie Willamette about membership renewal. It was agreed that Bob would check with Denise to make sure invoices were sent out by US Mail as well as email.

The Board agreed that it is more difficult to track membership payments when we are not meeting in person. At those meetings, we can ask people who come to pay their dues if they have not. Tiffany noted that Eugene has resumed in-person meetings on a limited basis. They are meeting at a local church and are asking for proof of vaccination. Kristin suggested that when we do resume, we follow the law and not ask for more than is legally required, noting that the mask mandate will end in mid-March.

The March meeting is set. Pat will introduce Mr. DeFazio. The Board agreed to move to a webinar format for that meeting and for the election programs to follow. Len advised that the cost would be an additional \$40 a month, and that the webinar feature can be canceled after the election programs.

Paige suggested that it is difficult to forward the invitation to join the meeting if it is included only in the email on the day of the meeting. After discussion it was agreed that Len would include the Zoom invite in each email advertising and event.

Len reported that we have gotten responses from most of the candidates for the March 17 program. We discussed having a four-minute opening statement and a 90-minute time for the forum. Len reported that someone from the League of Women Voters will be on the call as part of the panel and she and Paige will do the welcome, with Tiffany moderating the forum.

We may have two programs for House District 12, since four republicans and two democrats have filed. We will send out invitations after the filing deadline of March 8.

All candidates have been invited to programs for the County Commission seats. We have had some discussion with the incumbents. Mr. Berney has asked for the forum to be in person, and Ms. Buch has asked for the two programs to be combined. They have been advised that we will stick to the original plan and have two separate forums, both on Zoom. There is a report that Mr. Sherer has withdrawn from the Springfield race, but that has not been confirmed.

For the Senate seat for District 6 there is only one candidate filed – Mr. Hayden; unless someone else files, we will not hold a program. For House District 7 only one republican and one democrat have filed, so we might not hold a primary forum. That would make it possible to move up the program for the City Council to April 28. The planning group will meet on March 10 to finalize all details.

The Board discussed future programs for May and afterwards. Home Share is interested in presenting. The Board agreed that would be probably fit best with a program of two or three pieces on housing issues.

The Board discussed a target date for resuming in person programs. It was the consensus that it would help to find a new venue if we had a sense of when we wanted to start in person programs. The Board suggested May would be a good time. Venues that will be considered include the Alvord Taylor facility, the Elks lodge, the Chambers construction meeting facility, or the Chambers communications facility. It was agreed that we need to figure out how to handle lunch at in person meetings. Elmer's Willie's and Roaring Rapids were mentioned as potential sites. We should also explore the new development of restaurant delivery services for catering of in person meetings. Callie reported that she believes with her current job responsibilities she will be unable to assume the role of President in July. The Board agreed that she should remain on the Board, and we should find another candidate to become President at that time.

There was no report from the Statewide consortium.

Tiffany will do an article on LTD redistricting for the March Newsletter. Deadline will be on February 28.

Len reported that according to Facebook's statistics, we reached 1,432 people with the last program on renewable natural gas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Goodwin,
Secretary