

Civic Engagement. Politics. Partisanship.

City Club's mission is to promote civic engagement; to provide a forum for education, information and civil discourse on issues of interest to the community. Inevitably, this leads to discussion of politics and political issues: those topics which affect how our society deals with growth, change, decline, stasis and how we and our fellow travelers on this planet interact and relate one to another. Because we have an abiding interest in assuring the we, and our fellow creatures, survive and prosper, this inevitably leads to partisanship. We hold views, some of them strongly. Others hold different views, also strongly. City Club exists to promote the ability to exchange those views, to learn, and, at the end of the day, remember that we are all one society. We must be able to disagree, without being disagreeable.

As we enter the coming year, much of this will be challenged. The society seems polarized and there seems to be small tolerance for disagreement. At the same time, as a society we face existential issues about which there is often no consensus.

Our first test will come this Thursday (December 5), when Prof. Stuart Chinn will discuss the provisions of the U.S. Constitution relating to impeachment. Whatever your views on the propriety of the process, or of the actions which impelled some to instate the process, we must remember the City Club is a forum for communication, not for polemics.

The following program, on December 19, will offer a presentation by Chris Cadwell, staff of the Association of Oregon and California Counties. Although his principal focus will be to educate our listeners on the nature and function of AOCC, and how it advocates for management of certain federally owned timer, inevitably there are conflicts about the proper management which are likely to be of interest to our listeners.

That program will be followed on January 9 by a preview of the 2020 short session of the Legislative Assembly, where we will have panel including Sen, Lee Beyer, Rep. Cedric Hayden and Representative John Lively. That session will follow on the most rancorous session in living memory and has already become the subject of intense speculation.

2020 is an election year, and we expect to offer many programs which focus on relevant topics. Although we have no intent to address national election issues (following the guidance of the late Tip O'Neill that "all politics is local") we do intend to offer topics on the issues that will confront the voters, and fora for state and local candidates to discuss and debate their positions.

We urge all of our members and guests to remember that our purpose is civic engagement, not politics nor partisanship. If we continue civil discourse, we will all be more successful in achieving a good result.

*Len Goodwin,
Secretary*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 5 – IMPEACHMENT: POLITICAL SHENANIGANS OR CONSTITUTIONAL REMEDY

The Congress seems consumed by the possibility of an impeachment proceeding directed against the President of the United States. Stuart Chinn, from the University of Oregon law School, will present an objective assessment of the nature an purpose of impeachment as laid out in the U.S. Constitution.

Stuart Chinn writes and teaches on constitutional law,

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Lunch Price Increase

Starting January 1, the price of lunch at the Hilton Garden Inn will increase to \$15.

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.

[City of Springfield Council](#)

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

December 2, 2019

Work Session 6:00 p.m.

Development Code Update Project

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Fire Code Amendment (2nd Reading)

TSP Project Deliberation

Recess December 3 through January 5, 2020

[Lane County Board of Commissioners](#)

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

December 3, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

December 10, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Justice Reinvestment Grant Budget

AOCC Board Member Appointment

Work Session – Conestoga Housing

Climate Action Plan

Work Session on Nuisance Properties

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Lane County CAFR

December 24, 2019 No MEETING

December 31, 2019 No MEETING

Lane Transit District

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

December 18, 2019 4:00 p.m.
Special Board Meeting

School District 19 Board of Directors

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

December 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting

Springfield Utility Board

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

December 11,2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

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

December 11, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Lane Regional Air Protection Authority

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

Thursday, December 12, 12:15 p.m.

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legislation, and legal and political history. At Oregon Law, he is the associate dean for programs and research and an associate professor of law. His book, RECALIBRATING REFORM: THE LIMITS OF POLITICAL CHANGE was published by Cambridge University Press in 2014. Additionally, Stuart has published in peer-reviewed venues such as University of Chicago Press, Law & Social Inquiry, and Polity. He has also published (or has articles forthcoming) in law reviews such as the Maryland Law Review, Utah Law Review, and the University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law, and others.

Stuart is currently conducting research that examines competing conceptions of legal impartiality. Prior to arriving at Oregon Law, Stuart was a visiting assistant professor at the University of Texas School of Law. A native of Eureka, California, Stuart received his B.A., Ph.D. (political science) and J.D. degrees from Yale University.

DECEMBER 19 – MANAGING THE OREGON AND CALIFORNIA FOREST LANDS

For many years, counties in Oregon received significant revenue from the federal government on account of lands owned by the federal government and managed by the Bureau of Land Management. This money was considered compensation for the fact that a large amount of timber land was not subject to property taxes. These lands (the Oregon & California Forest, have been the subject of controversy, particularly since the federal payments have essentially disappeared. Chris Cadwell a retired forester who served for 44 years with the Bureau of Land Management, will discuss the history of this forest, how the lands are now managed by BLM and how management of the forest can provide a broad range of benefits for rural communities in Oregon.

Mr. Cadwell is now a staff consultant with the Association of O&C Counties and represented AOCC during the development of the current BLM Resource Management Plan. A resident of Springfield, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management from Humboldt State University and tends his own small forest plot in the McKenzie Valley.

RECENT MEETINGS

November 14, 2019 – Commissioner Joe Berney



Commissioner Joe Berney touched on a range of topics during his update to Springfield City Club discussing his first year in office.

He is still adjusting, he said, to not rolling up his sleeves and getting things done. “The County Commission doesn’t do that,” he said, noting that the Commission focuses on setting policy that the Administrator and staff implement. In response to a question, he said that he believes the Commission is less partisan than in the past, and he is hopeful it will function more smoothly, and he hopes, can become a more action-oriented board.

Speaking to a packed house, he emphasized that improving housing capacity is one of his major issues. He noted that over one-half of the housing funded through County efforts this year is or will be constructed in Springfield. He wants to see more of the “missing middle” housing and noted that more attention needs to be devoted to affordable housing that is suitable for families – housing with two or three bed-

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rooms – not small units suitable only for single individuals. Even so, he said transitional housing like the project to provide veteran’s housing in Glenwood, is critical to reducing the size of the unhoused population.

With respect to Glenwood, he said that the Commission is interested in further development in Glenwood but wants to proceed at a pace set by the Springfield Council.

The Commission continues to work on the effort to develop the Goshen area, and he noted that the Board has recently approved a study to determine how to provide sewer and water services to the Short Mountain landfill, which lies between Springfield/Eugene and Goshen.



Commissioner Berney was also asked about his decision to support a one-year suspension in the County’s dues payments to the Association of Oregon and California Counties (AOCC). That organization lobbies on behalf of counties who had previously received payments from the federal government to account for the loss of tax revenues on land owned by the federal government and managed by the Bureau of Land Management. That funding has decline markedly in the past two decades as the Congress first converted it to more limited aid under the Secure Rural Schools Act and has, since then, whittled away at the amounts appropriated, with adverse financial consequences to most counties and cities in rural western Oregon. The dispute which led to the suspension apparently relates to disagreements over whether the AOCC is supporting the right level of harvesting.

Commissioner Berney said he agreed to support the suspension only after being assured that it would not adversely affect existing sales or harvest. The subject will come up again in this year’s budget discussion, he said. Chris Cadwell, who is staff to AOCC was at the meeting but did not speak. He is, however, scheduled to speak to City Club on December 19 and will probably discuss this topic further.

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Minutes
Board of Directors
Springfield City Club
September 3, 2019 – LRAPA offices

Present:

Kristin Denmark	Bob Fondren	Len Goodwin	Terry Beyer
Callie Barry Elliot	Therese Lang	Nick Nelson	

Absent: Merlyn Hough

Also present: Joe Leahy

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

On a motion by Bob, seconded by Callie, the minutes were approved as presented.

Bob presented the Financial Report. He noted that Denise needs email addresses for several business members. Len agreed to provide those. On a motion by Len, seconded by Therese, the financial Report was approved as presented.

Kristin reviewed the meeting she and Merlyn had with the Hilton Garden Inn. There are no conflicts with normal program dates for 2020.

She reported that HGI has requested several adjustments to the agreement for 2020, to reflect issues faced with supporting City Club programs. HGI will be increasing lunch prices to \$15 effective in January 2020. They also plan to reduce the typical preparation to 25, from the current 40, and have asked that City Club take responsibility for collecting lunch fees.

They have asked that we correct their address, which current has numbers transposed, and that we include Margie Gillespie in our regular emails, and provide at least 48 hours' notice of AV requirements. They have agreed to have lunch ready at 11:30 which should reduce the complaints of cold food. The Board agreed to accept all those changes, and Callie, Bob and Len volunteered to be trained in the use of the HGI credit card machine. The Board also agreed to explore the possibility of providing a City Club laptop to use at programs.

On a motion by Len, seconded by Terry, Kristin was authorized to sign the proposed agreement for 2020 as presented.

Joe reviewed his work in getting a sponsor's poster printed. Janet Smith of Sterling has requested higher quality graphics. Joe will check with Mackenzie and Len will send the new City Club logo.

The Board discuss existing vacancies, which include two director positions and the office of President-elect, following Carolyn's resignation. Cheryl Eyster seems interested, and Joe will bring her to the next meeting. He will also talk to Heather Murphy about her interest. The Board agreed to defer selecting a new President-elect until the other Board positions are filled. Marl Molina has expressed some interest in City Club. We will invite him to attend meetings before considering whether to appoint him to a position.

The Board reviewed upcoming programs. Len will facilitate the September 12 program with MWMC, and Joe will introduce the September 19 program with John van Landingham and Jim Straub on rental regulation. Future programs ideas would include Michael Reeder and Kristina Kraaz discussing HB 2001, which mandates the placement of some multi-family housing in certain single-family residential zones, and we will explore the possibility of having Maria Zarate present a program on local community gardens

on October 17. The new district 19 superintendent would be a program for November 14, and we will still pursue a program discussing the potential for an indoor track facility in Glenwood.

We will not hold a program on November 21 because HGI is not available. Programs for December 5 and 19 are not set at this time.

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Nick will write an article on housing issues for the October newsletter. Due date is September 25.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Goodwin,
Secretary

Minutes
Board of Directors
Springfield City Club
October 1, 2019 - LRAPA offices

Present:

Kristin Denmark Bob Fondren Len Goodwin Nick Nelson

Absent: Terry Beyer, Callie Barry Elliott, Merlyn Hough, Therese Lang

Guests:

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

The absence of a quorum was noted.

The minutes of the September meeting and the September Financial Report were presented, but no action was taken.

Nick reported that he had spoken to Joe Leahy, who advised him that Heather Murphy was interested in becoming a member of the Board. She will be invited to the next meeting. Cheryl Eyster said she was interested but that she could not make the time commitment at this moment.

Future programs were discussed. Kristin offered to contact Michael Wargo of Willamalane for the October 17 program. Joe Berney is confirmed for November 14. There will be no meeting on November 21.

Bob will explore programs for the month of December on the history of the timber industry in Oregon.

Joe reports that the new signs are ready and that Speedy Fast has agreed to donate \$250 worth of its work.

Kristin will draft a letter to solicit dues renewals and pass it around by email for editing.

Len reported that he experienced challenges meeting all the front desk duties on October 3, while trying to set up a laptop as well. He believes it will be important to have a separate person to handle lunch charges for HGI once the responsibility shifts at the beginning of the year. We will arrange for training on the HGI credit card machine for December 5.

Len will write the article for the November newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Goodwin,
Secretary