

## Lessons Learned regarding Race Issues During this Pandemic:

We have learned that in this year of 2020, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, race issues are still very much an undercurrent in our communities. Our hope that in many ways we had evolved and grown out of this color filled mindset has been dashed against the rocks of a different reality. This pain and frustration still ebb and flows in the veins of our American identity and ideals.

Protest across this nation and in our community of Springfield, OR and neighbor community of Eugene, OR has awakened us all to these realities. What has become even more evident is that we appear to be ill-equipped and uninformed on how to effectively manage, lead and guide our communities through these turbulent storms.

Leaders at every level and in every community are having to brace for impact of the issues we have endeavored to leave buried for far too long. Ignorance of any kind is now being challenged in the social unrest we are seeing. In some cases, it is not ignorance, but intentional silence about the pain that has now been aroused.

We must immediately educate, inform, address, and instruct ourselves as leaders on the next steps to help heal, guide, and bring peace and restoration back to our beloved communities. Avoidance is no longer a reasonable option. Direct action is required of us all. The time for intentional and deliberate leadership is upon us. We must accept this burden, willingly, and lead.

*Mark Molina,  
Director*

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### SEPTEMBER 10 BLACK UNITY

We will have local leaders of the Black Unity Movement here on September 10 to discuss their message, mission, purpose and platform as it pertains to the social injustice issues that we are facing as communities across the nation. This is the organization that has led 3 of the recent protests here locally in Springfield. We want to increase dialogue and understanding of the challenges we are having around race and race relations here in our City. We will begin to do this by offering the Black Unity leadership an opportunity to engage our community in a reasoned and rational discussion, free of the impetus to shout slogans and march. We hope this will be just the beginning of a conversation involving all aspects of our community.

### SEPTEMBER 17 – TO BE ANNOUNCED

#### OCTOBER PROGRAMS

The month of October brings us to election season. We are adding a number of programs to give members and opportunity to hear from candidates for various offices:

OCTOBER 8 — OREGON HOUSE DISTRICT 12

OCTOBER 15 — OREGON HOUSE DISTRICT 7

OCTOBER 22 — SPRINGFIELD COUNCIL, WARD 4

OCTOBER 30 — OREGON SECRETARY OF STATE

(this program is being produced by the City Club of Eugene in coordination with Springfield City Club, the League of Women voters and KLCC. It will be available on Facebook only.)

## 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

### September 8, 2020

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

High speed fiber/US Ignite Grant  
Voltage Conversion Report

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

PH: Sanipac Fee Increase  
PH: Summit Blvd. LID  
Interim Mayor Process

**September 14, 2020**

Work Session 5:30 p.m.  
Mission, Vision, Values Statement

**September 21, 2020**

Work Session 5:30 p.m.  
Economic Development Discussion  
Regular Session 7:00 p.M.

**September 28, 2020**

Work Session 5:30 p.m.  
Council Operating Policies and Procedures

**Lane County Board of Commissioners**

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

**September 1, 2020 9:00 a.m.**

COVID-19 Response and Recovery  
PH: Floodplain Code  
PH: Airport Master Plan

**September 8, 2020 NO MEETING**

**September 15, 2020 9:00 a.m.**

Evening Public Comment  
Lane Fire Authority Annexation

**September 22, 2020 NO MEETING**

**September 29, 2020 9:00 a.m.**

Supplemental budget

**Lane Transit District**

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

**September 16, 2020 Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.**

**School District 19 Board of Directors**

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

**September 14, 2020 Business Meeting 7:00 p.m**

**September 28, 2020 Work Session 4:00 p.m.**

**Springfield Utility Board**

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

**September 16, 2020 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

**Willamalane Park and Recreation District**

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

**September 16, 2020 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

**Lane Regional Air Protection Authority**

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

**September 10, 2020 Board Meeting 12:15 p.m.**

**RECENT MEETINGS**

**AUGUST 6 – THE FUTURE OF LOCAL PRINT MEDIA**

Perhaps the most startling fact that came out of Mark Garber’s presentation to the Springfield City Club was this: recently a



hedge fund bought what was left of the McClatchy newspaper chain (one of the largest newspaper chains) for \$350 million. But when McClatchy bought the Knight-Ridder chain (which then made up about one half of its

empire), it paid \$4.5 billion. Garber, who is the President and Publisher of the Pamplin Media group told a familiar story of the rapid decline of print news media in the face of explosive growth of social media and internet access to all forms of information.

Garber, the former publisher of the Springfield News, oversees the publishing of 25 local and community newspapers in the northwest, trying to fill a niche that has been virtually abandoned by the larger print media – local news. Local news has been among the first area to suffer as larger newspapers retrenched.

The old American tradition of the Sunday newspaper is an example of the transition in print media, he said. The Sunday newspaper used to be a bundle of a wide variety of information, not just news but entertainment and advertising. That bundle has been picked apart by the ability to get elements from many different sources and, in many cases, no longer exists except in large metropolises like New York and Los Angeles.

As the old business model unraveled, newspapers have transitioned away from the print form. At first, print content was offered online for free as an alternative to reach the public. Now so much of the interest in print has declined that the industry must look to an online subscription model, constructing a “pay wall” so that while reader can have some limited access to online stories, they must subscribe for full access.

In the face of this stark change in the industry, the journalism profession, he said, has not changed. A journalist still needs to be a good writer, have an excellent command of the language, and be committed to doing research and reporting objectively. What has changed is that with online access comes a greater interest in visual images. The reporter must learn to adapt to a multimedia approach. The crisis created by the current pandemic has offered one source of improved efficiency. Reporters now have grown accustomed to working remotely, doing research and reporting in the field.



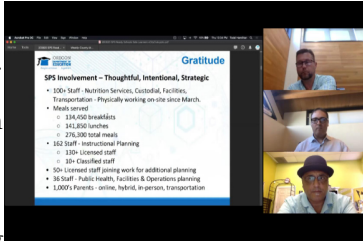
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When asked how the community might support its local media, Garber said the fundamentals haven't changed – individuals need to subscribe to the online and print media to support the media directly, and need to patronize local advertisers and let them know that they appreciate firms advertising with their local media outlet.

AUGUST 20 – THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR

With just under two weeks before school begins, the Springfield School District continues to fine tune its approach to reopening schools for the coming year. District Superintendent Todd Hamilton and Chief Operations Officer Brett Yancey updated Springfield City Club members on their plan on August 20. Another update of the Return to Lean Plan was released on August 27 and may be found at this LINK.

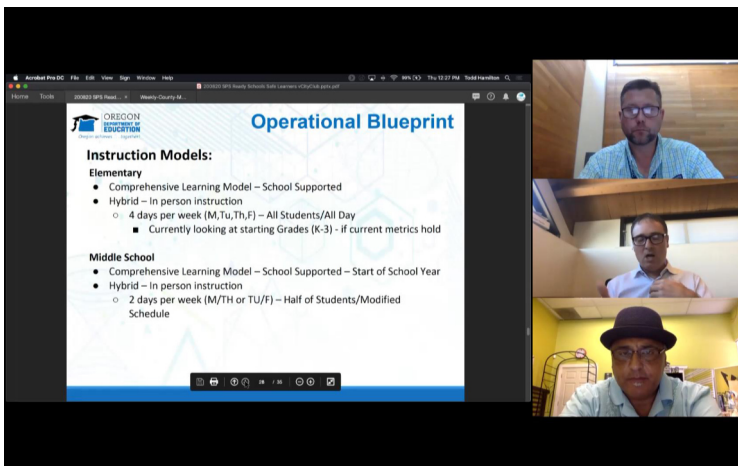
The District continues to plan for a hybrid model for the fall term. K-3 students will attend school in person four days a week (Monday Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) with grades k-1 starting September 14, grade 2 starting September 21 and grade 3 will start on September 28.



Grades 4-12 will begin on September 14 with live remote classes, also 4 days per week.

In addition, the district will be offering SPS Online, which is a fully online program that can accommodate students who are unable to be online at the time of live teaching. Schedule details are in the August 27 update mentioned above.

Building use has been redesigned to accommodate distancing requirements and allow for in person instruction for grades k-3. Entrances and exits to the building have been limited and separated to provide safe traffic flow. Hand washing stations and some portable restrooms have been added, as have additional air purifiers. Furniture that cannot be sanitized has been removed and additional desks have been installed. Each class will be limited to 15 students. Student lunches will be delivered to classrooms. For those parents who are concerned about the facilities their child will use, the District is in the process of posting videos showing school and classroom layouts.



For grades 4-12, where in person instruction is not feasible given the Oregon Health Authority requirements, the District has provided every student (including homeless students) with an electronic device to access instruction. This alleviates problems that occurred when students tried to use their own devices. The district is continuing to develop and evolve plans for students with special educational needs.

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

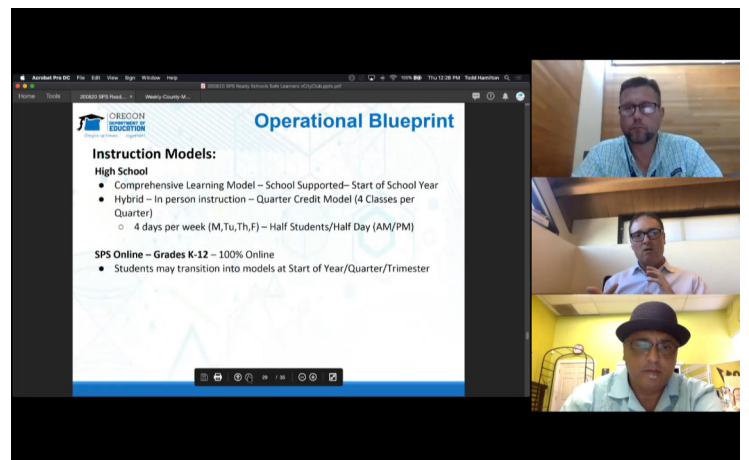
To listen to SUB Board meetings:

Dial in using your phone: Dial 1.978.990.5373

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To view LRAPA meetings:

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



Because some students do not have adequate broadband access the district has outfitted some schools, like Hamlin, with wi-fi hotspots that students can access from the parking lot. In addition, several school buses have been equipped with hotspots and will be stationed around the district to provide access. Finally, some local businesses have offered to allow use of some of their facilities where students might safely gather to access the school network. Superintendent Hamilton suggested they would welcome businesses stepping forward in this way. Mr. Yancey said that all the efforts have been funded by a combination of federal funding under the CARES Act and saving accumulated in the district budget through measure to avoid spending. He said the district is in a “pretty good place” as of now.

Teachers will have the option of going to a school to teach their class or teaching from their home or other remote location.

In response to a question, Superintendent Hamilton said the district is monitoring changing conditions daily. While Lane County Public Health has not requested that students and faculty be tested, the district is prepared to respond using facilities from McKenzie Willamette Medical Center and the University of Oregon, should testing be requested. Lane County Public Health does not plan to have staff on site at schools. They are also continuing to plan for contingencies should public health conditions deteriorate, or improve, although the hope not to make and changes except between terms.



**Minutes  
Board of Directors  
Springfield City Club  
July 7, 2020 – Zoom**

**Present:** Heather Murphy Callie Elliott Kristin Denmark Bob Fondren  
Len Goodwin Merlyn Hough Nick Nelson Terry Beyer

Absent: Terry Beyer, Mark Molina

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 11:35a.m.

On a motion by Nick, seconded by Callie, the minutes of the June meeting were approved as presented.

Bob presented the Financial Report. He said that everything was routine and there were no expenses out of the ordinary. On a motion by Len, seconded by Kristin, the report was approved.

Kristin reported that HGI has a new representative. She and Len have remained in contact with HGI. They have not asked us to resume meetings. Kristin reported that HGI would charge us for room space if we resumed meeting when no food was served. The Board agreed to continue meeting in the virtual format.

The Board reviewed a proposal by the consortium of City Clubs to expand online meetings to include multiple clubs. Len explained the details of the proposal and the Board indicated general support.

The Board noted that there are now two vacancies since Therese Lang resigned because she is moving to Portland. The Board suggested that Joe Leahy be asked to join, and Nick and Mark will consult on finding another candidate.

Patty Perlow is confirmed for July 16. Mark Garber is available for either of the August dates (8/6 and 8/20). Heather will contact Todd Hamilton at the School District and offer him first choice then Len will confirm the other date with Mark.

The Board discussed a program on diversity and inclusion. Heather reminded the Board that Paloma Medina had an excellent offering. Len reported that the consortium had not show much interest in that program. Heather will reach out to her to see what her availability is and if her rates have changed if she does a Zoom program. Len suggested that October 8 and October 22 be set aside for election programs and offered to reach out to the candidates for the contested Council seat (Ward 4) to get them committed as soon as possible. Other programs suggested include a look at the State budget, and redistricting. Terry will explore a program on the State's budget situation.

The Board agreed to not hold a program on September 4, because it is near Labor Day weekend, but to plan for programs on September 10 and 17.

Heather will prepare an article for the August newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Goodwin,  
Secretary

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