

As my year as President of Springfield City Club wraps up I want to take this chance to reflect back on what an amazing year and opportunity it has been.

It was a year of great programs. Under the leadership of Program Co-Chairs, Merlyn Hough and Dan Egan, we enjoyed a great line-up of programs including Legislative updates by Springfield's State Representative and State Senator, City happenings by Mayor Lundberg and city staff, a report on PERS by PERS Board Chair John Thomas and representatives from the City and School District, and Fake News or Alternate Facts and election coverage.... more great programs scheduled for the coming year!

It was also a year of change. New partnerships were established. Our Club joined a State wide organization of city clubs, where reciprocal agreements were established with City Clubs across Oregon. We entered into partnership with the League of Women Voters to hold a Secretary of State Debate last October at the Wildish Theater, and we're looking forward to more opportunities to partner with them in *(Continued on page 2)*

MEETING CALENDAR

July 6 – No Meeting

July 20 – Developments in Glenwood
A panel of developers will be invited to discuss future development activity in Glenwood in light of the Franklin Boulevard project

August 3 – Ken Woody – After Further Review: A fan's guide to understanding what's really happening on the football field.

Coach Woody will discuss his new book,

August 17 – Legislative Update
Senator Lee Beyer and Representative John Lively will wrap up the recent legislative session

PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change

SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Recess until September 5

LANE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT
July 19 – Board meeting 5:30 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
July 12 – Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD UTILITY BOARD
July 12 – Board meeting 6:00 p.m.

Election Results:

President – Joe Leahy
Past President – Terry Beyer
President Elect – Merlyn Hough
Secretary – Dan Egan
Director – Kristen Denmark
Director – Bob Fondren
Director – Anette Spickard

(Continued from page 1) the future. The Wildish Theater has stepped up as a partner and opened their doors to help, whether to host a speaker or a board meeting. Thank you Dan Egan.

We said goodbye to Marilou Heriot, our caterer and her staff as they moved on to new opportunities. Sadly we ended a great partnership with Willamalane as we moved Club meetings to the Hilton Garden Inn.

Your Board lost two great board members in John Tamulonis, Treasurer and Michael Eyster, Past President who are leaving the board but not the club. Thank Heaven! Thank you John and Michael for all you have done to make the club a success.

But we are excited to welcome Bob Fondren, Springfield Utility Board, Anette Spickard, City of Springfield and Kristen Denmark, Thorp-Purdy and Jewett to the Board.

Best of all, I get to welcome Joe Leahy, our 2017-18 Springfield City Club President. Joe will be an amazing President and I look forward to working with him this next year!!!

Thank you for allowing me to lead the Springfield City Club for the last year, it has been a great honor.

Terry Beyer

MEETINGS

JUNE 1 – ROBIN PFEIFFER

Want to have a vineyard? Five things you need to know:

1. Elevation should be between 400 and 800 feet
2. Land should have a slope of 5 percent
3. Soil pH should be between 6-6.4
4. Grapes are about half the cost
5. Soil must retain water.

Robin Pfeiffer, co-owner of Pfeiffer Vineyards, discussed vineyards and winemaking with City Club on June 1. Pfeiffer, which produces about 1400 cases of Pinot Noir annually, is a relatively small vineyard west of Junction City.

Mr. Pfeiffer explained that the requirement for a 5 percent slope relates to drainage, but not water drainage, air drainage. The slope reduces the risk that cold air will be trapped over the vines causing them to freeze. With respect to water drainage, he pointed out that over 95 percent of Oregon vineyards are not irrigated, making it important that the soil retain significant amounts of water.

During his discussion, he observed that the two key issues facing Willamette valley vineyards are a significant labor shortage and the increasingly warm temperatures.

There are concerns that in the very near future Oregon vintners will be able to secure only about 10 percent of the labor they need. He said this is really a worldwide challenge and that in France and Australia some communities' close schools for the harvest so that students can work in the fields. He acknowledged that a sizeable number of current works are undocumented, but, surprisingly, said that there are more undocumented workers from Canada than from any other country. He pointed out that Pinot Noir vines do not prosper in climates with long and hot summers, and require cool nights to grow. Some producers believe that in the coming decade the change in temperature will force growers to switch to grapes that tolerate long hot periods, like cabernet sauvignon. The change could prove disastrous for the industry because of the time for plants to mature into producing vines.

JUNE 15 – POLICE CHIEF RICHARD LEWIS

The Springfield Jail is reducing crime, according to newly appointed Springfield *(Continued on page 3)*

(Continued from page 2) Police Chief Richard Lewis. Chief Lewis, who spoke on June 15, before the city Council acted to place a renewal of the current special levy on the November ballot, pointed to a dramatic drop in property crimes since the jail opened. In 2005 6,745 property crimes were reported; in 2016 that number dropped to 2,745. Equally important, he said, is the fact that in 2005 65 percent of suspects failed to appear in court, while in 2016 only 27 percent failed to appear. These changes meant that Springfield police were able to resolve 75 percent of crimes in 890 days last year, as opposed to only 53 percent in 2005.

A more dramatic change in the Springfield Jail began just this week, when the jail began taking in female inmates. While this reduces the capacity from 100 to 98, because of arrangements needed to accommodate females, the jail has adequate capacity since there are typically 50 to 60 residents per day. The City does rent out beds to other jurisdictions, at a rate of \$85 per day. Although that generates \$200 thousand in annual revenue, Lewis acknowledged it did not meet original expectations.

Turning to other Police Department activities. Lewis reported that body cameras are still under study. He said that maintenance and storage of the data would cost about \$150 thousand a year, and the cameras would add greatly to the workload of prosecutors, who would be obliged to review all of the data, but that he expected the Department would ultimately acquire cameras for all officers. Two other issues that the Department faces are the difficulty in recruiting new officers and the collapse of the mental health system. Currently, the Department's work with CAHOOTS is funded through a grant that expires this year. They are looking at alternatives in case the grant is not renewed.

Finally, he noted that the number of applicants for police positions is dramatically down. This, he said, is worrisome, because it is critical to be very careful in selecting personnel. The cost of the extensive training required, and the damage that can be created by even one poor officer in the street is incalculable. The Department was be very careful in the selection process.

Springfield City Club Board Meeting Tuesday, March 7, 2017 Wildish Community Theater

In Attendance:

Terry Beyer, President	Chris Kline
Merlyn Hough	Joe Leahy, President-elect
Len Goodwin	John Tamulonis, Treasurer
Dan Egan, Secretary	

1. Call to order: The meeting began at 12:35 pm.
2. Approval of previous minutes: Joe Leahy moved and Merlyn Hough seconded a motion to approve the previous minutes. The motion carried with an abstention by John Tamulonis.
3. Financial Report: John Tamulonis stated that finances were in good shape; that the last program was a healthy one financially. He also talked about the need for someone else to act as treasurer for the Club. Terry Beyer said she is going to talk to Steve Moe about this task.
4. Membership Report: Chris Kline and the board looked at the composition of the membership as provided on a couple of different lists. Several board members divided the "call" list of former members to encourage re-joining the Club. Kris also said that his continuing on the Board was problematic with the workload he has at the bank. The Board will need to fill that position going forward.
5. Program Report: Merlyn Hough reviewed the past program and looked forward to the coming programs including a presentation by Mayor Lundberg on March 6 and the Education Funding Program on April 6. Board members discussed other possible programs including: Electoral College; Immigration; PERS; Sanctuary Cities and more.
6. Club Staff: The Board discussed the possibility of hiring a support staff person again to assist with back desk and board responsibilities. Dan Egan had shown an interest in the position. After discussion, Len Goodwin offered to fulfill those duties, and the board agreed to that relationship.
7. Adjournment: The meeting ended around 1:20 p.m.

Springfield City Club Board of Directors Minutes Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – Wildish Theater

In Attendance:

Terry Beyer, President	Chris Kline
Joe Leahy, President-elect	Steve Moe
Dan Egan, Secretary	Len Goodwin

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1. Call to order: The meeting began at 11:45 a.m.
2. Financial Report: Terry Beyer reported that the Club had paid the rent due to Willamalane. However, the Club remains in good fiscal shape. Joe Leahy will look into the need, if any, of providing Board insurance. Len Goodwin moved and Joe Leahy seconded a motion to appoint Steve Moe Treasurer of Springfield City Club. The motion carried.
3. Membership Report: The Board discussed calls to various former members. Dan Egan is to send Joe Leahy Steve Kilgore's email address. Others are to continue to make contact with former members. Chris Kline said he would remain on the board in his current capacity until the end of June.
4. Board member recruitment: The Board discussed several ideas for new board members. Prospects include: Joe Leahy/Kristen Denmark; Terry Beyer/Mary Spilde; Annette Spicard/Len Goodwin; Dan Egan/Bridget Baker.
5. Program Report: Len Goodwin reviewed the latest program – A Muslim Woman in America – what was good, what could have been better. This week is the make-up program about Education Funding. Sanctuary Cities is the upcoming meeting with Joe Leahy to provide information and bios soon to Len for publication. Joe is also writing the column for the newsletter this month. Other programs will be planned including: Electoral College; PERS and others.
6. Len Goodwin Proposal: The Board reviewed and acted upon a proposal to engage Len Goodwin in support of some administrative tasks of the Club. The proposal was prepared by Joe Leahy. Dan Egan moved and Terry Beyer seconded a motion to approve the proposal. The motion carried with Len Goodwin abstaining.
7. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 12:45 p.m.

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