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May 2022 Calendar of LWV Events

Wed., May 4, 1:30 p.m. — Book Club — *Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss* by Margaret Renkl. Virtual meeting. Link will be emailed.

Mon., May 9, 3 p.m. — Board meeting — via Zoom
Minutes are on the LWVMPC webpage under Board Minutes.

Sat., May 21, 1 p.m. — Great Decisions: *Drug Policy in Latin America*
Virtual meeting. Link will be emailed.
Discussion leader: Diana Upton

Wed., May 25, 4-6 p.m.: Annual Meeting with milliner Mela Hoyt-Heydon speaking on
“From Suffragists to the Supreme Court — Women’s Hats 1900 – 2022”

Wear a hat and celebrate getting together & meeting new members at Roth’s in West Salem. This will be a Happy Hour event with hors d’oeuvres, punch, coffee & tea.

Cost \$10. Make check payable to LWVMPC.

We plan an in-person event but will change to Zoom if COVID is still high. In that case, your check will be returned.

While you’re writing a check for Annual Meeting, write another check for \$65 to
pay your dues for 2022-23. (Form on Page 15)

More meeting details on Page 2.

Summer Events:

Wed., June 1, 1:30 p.m. — Book Club — *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides

Thur., June 2, 6 - 8 p.m. — Humanity of Homelessness — A Storytelling Event
Cone Chapel at Willamette University. Details & tickets: <https://fb.me/e/2iHnvksLB>

Sat., June 18, 1 p.m. — Great Decisions — *Changing Demographics* led by Kathy Terman

Wed., July 6, 1:30 p.m. — Book Club — *The Women with Silver Wings* by Katherine Sharp Landdeck

Annual Meeting on May 25

Amy Vandegrift, Membership Chair

Our 2022 Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, from 4 - 6 p.m.

The plan is to meet in person in the Founders' Room of Roth's in West Salem.

The menu: Hors d'oeuvres, punch, coffee and tea

Cost: \$10.00

Please make your check payable to *LWVMPC*.

Checks must be received by Friday, May 13, so mail yours right away!

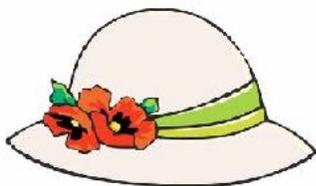
The Board will watch the numbers for COVID and will change to a Zoom meeting if necessary. If that happens, we will return your checks.

It has been a long two years since we could meet in person. Come and enjoy time to visit face to face with other League members while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, punch, coffee and tea.

Our Annual Meeting business will follow a delightful program "From Suffragists to the Supreme Court – Women's Hats 1900 – 2022" presented by Mela Hoyt-Heydon owner of Atelier Mela hat shop at the Willamette Heritage Center. For over thirty years, Mela has been a custom designer of hats for individuals and the entertainment industry as well as teaching millinery and design skills at Fullerton College in California before moving to Salem. Stop by her shop and see her exquisite creations.



Mela Hoyt-Heydon, milliner



Wearing a hat is encouraged but not mandatory.

The Annual Meeting Workbook, Parts 1 and 2, will be sent two weeks before our meeting. Please bring Part 1 with you to the meeting.

Primary Election Day is May 17. A new state law allows ballots postmarked by 8 p.m. on election day and received within seven days to be counted.

[VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org): Enter your address to see the races on your ballot, biographical information about each candidate as well as their answers to questions posed by the League so you can compare their views.



Milliner Mela Hoyt-Heydon

Adapted from the website of Atelier Mela

Mela's training in millinery started with an apprenticeship during graduate studies at the University of California at Irvine with Los Angeles milliner Lloyd Lambert and continued as she passed on her skills teaching millinery workshops and classes across the United States.

While working as an union costume designer, Mela's love of Victorian clothing led her to research historical millinery techniques, poring over rare manuscripts and vintage teaching manuals. At every opportunity, Mela used these techniques to create period reproductions for theatre, film, theme parks, cruise lines and re-enactors. This, in turn, led to her study millinery designed for specific customers in London with Rose Cory, milliner to the late Queen Mum, along with assisting London theatrical milliner, Jane Smith. Mela has been a practicing milliner since 1982.



Mela Hoyt-Heydon

In addition to designing hats for the entertainment industry, Mela headed the costume department at Fullerton College in California. She made her hats available to the public only at Costume College and a few other select venues. The opening of Atelier Mela in Fullerton, CA, in 2016 allowed Mela's creations to be enjoyed by a more diverse clientele while allowing Mela to design and create a much wider range of head wear including vintage inspired hats, historical reproductions, whimsical Disney Bound hats, romantic bridal confections, modern fascinators, raceway hats, floral fantasy wreaths and headpieces, along with a wide range of men's headwear.

In 2020 the Fullerton store was closed, and on October 1, 2021, the shop reopened at Willamette Heritage Center in Salem.

The majority of the hats at Atelier Mela are created in-house, by hand, using traditional techniques. These techniques include hand blocking, hand rolled edges, custom dyed or vintage trimmings and handmade flowers, helping to insure that each hat is one of a kind.



Victorian tea party hat

Report on new Civics Education interest group

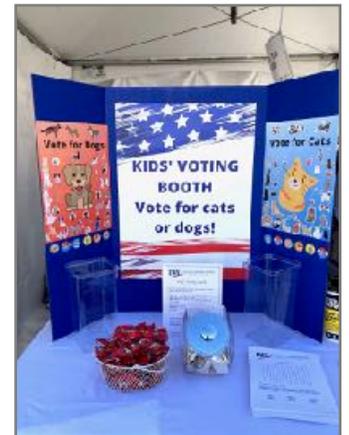
Alice LaViolette

Anita Owen hosted an initial meeting for members interested in Civic Education. Marta White and Alice LaViolette attended. The group discussed the need for opportunities to promote civic education for adults and students. Anita shared examples of several resources produced by the League of Women Voters of Washington. LWVWA has created a very sophisticated program for promoting Civics Education. They have written a textbook, *The State We're In: Washington*. They publish two editions of the book; one is designed for 3rd - 5th grades and the other for older students and adults. There is also a teacher's guide which is available online. Chapters cover the workings of local and state governments and are designed to help students understand how rules and laws are made and how they can take part in making the decisions that affect their lives. LWVWA produces a large colorful poster, "What Does it Take to be a Good Citizen," which Anita shared. There is also a Spanish version of the poster.

Initial suggestions from the new Civics Education interest group include creating a link on our LWVMPC webpage to resources on Civics Education. The group is very interested in the 4-part class "Civics for Adults" taught by Donna Cohen (<http://www.civichinker.info>) and suggests that LWVMPC help sponsor the classes in Salem.

The group is planning an outreach activity at the Salem Art Fair in mid-July. They will have a table/booth in the "Free Speech Area" at the south end of Bush Park. This will be an opportunity to provide resources on Civic Education, Vote411, a voting activity for kids, and information on LWVMPC events and membership. At the May Annual Meeting there will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers willing to help staff the booth at the Salem Art Fair. Anyone who is interested in joining the group or participating in the July outreach activity is encouraged to contact Anita Owen, Marta White or Alice LaViolette.

Kids Vote activity that Alice LaViolette's daughter put together for LWV of Greater Tucson. They used Skittles for "ballots" and also had a word-search handout and "I voted" stickers.



Voter Service Activities

Deanie Anderson, Voter Service Co-chair

LWV members interviewed candidates for Salem City Council and Marion & Polk County Commissions for the CCM program "Your Vote Counts." The interviews are also posted on LWV's VOTE411.org at which a voter may enter their address to access biographical information on candidates and compare candidates' answers to questions asked by the League.

Primary Election Day is May 17. Remember to vote and encourage others to vote!

Kudos to Deanie Anderson: Wendy Brokaw of CCM wrote: *Since 2008 when I first started producing CCTV's "Your Vote Counts" Deanie has been there, coordinating all the moderators, moderating and keeping tabs on myriad important details and timelines. When candidates leave the studio or Zoom meeting they are impressed and often pleased. I am grateful to the members of the LWV of Marion and Polk County for years of their enthusiasm, dedication, media literacy and passion for equal opportunity and treatment.*

Membership

Welcome, New Member!

Welcome to new member Jan Dillon who is transferring from the Olympia Washington LWV. She enjoyed working on their water quality study and transcribing the discussion from all seven forums they held. She also worked on voter registration and voter information. In her spare time, she enjoys golf and walking her standard white poodle.

Member thoughts

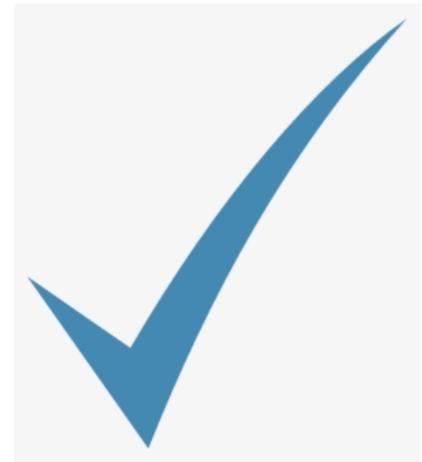
Amy Vandegriff

Earlier this year I wrote about how we can each have different levels of involvement in League. Each level is important to the whole group. We all have dozens of commitments pulling us in all different directions and need to remember to add a bit of “me time.”

So how did you do this year in the League?

Here is a mental check list:

- read the *Focus*
- attended one or more Zoom meetings
- read *Pesticides & Other Biocides* (LWVOR study)
- attended a small group (Great Decisions, Book Group)
- helped with Voter Service
- served on the board
- filed an Observer report
- told a friend about VOTE411.org for election information
- read LWVOR President's Newsletter
- read LWVOR *Legislative Report*
- supported LWV by paying my dues (Members are important!)



Observer Corps to Continue Remotely

Alice LaViolette

As the statewide mask mandate ended, many groups that have been meeting remotely are discussing the option of returning to in-person meetings. At the April meeting, the LWVMPC Board discussed what effect such changes could have on the ability of Observer Corps to easily and efficiently continue to observe and report on public meetings. Board members voted to send a letter to all of the public bodies LWVMPC members are currently observing, requesting that they continue to offer remote viewing. Letters were sent to Cherriots Transit Board, Salem City Council, Salem-Keizer School Board, Salem Public Library Advisory Board, Marion County Commissioners and Polk County Commissions.

In response, Polk County Commissioner Jeremy Gordon wrote: *Thank you for the information about the Observer Corps program. Such an amazing service for everyone! I would love to find someone to cover Falls City :) Thanks for all you do.*

Highlights of Marge Easley’s Discussion of Gun Safety

Barbara Sellers-Young

Marge Easley, a member of LWVOR Action Committee, provided an informative and comprehensive “Gun Safety Update” to LWVMP members via Zoom on Wednesday, April 20. Her presentation covered the history of gun violence in the United States and Oregon over the last twenty years, the gun laws that Oregon has enacted since 2015 and proposals for ballot measures in the upcoming November 2022 election.



Marge Easley

For Oregon the statistics were startling as they indicated that Oregon deaths from gun violence are higher than those of its more populated neighbors—California and Washington. There were, for instance, 144 shootings in Portland in March of 2022.

The Oregon legislature changed gun laws in 2015 to expand background checks, in 2017 to preclude people designated extreme risk from having guns, in 2018 to include boyfriends as well as spouses in gun restrictions, in 2019 to provide protection of school age children, in 2021 to require safe storage of guns and to ban guns in the Capitol, and in 2022 to expand community development programs. Despite these legislative changes, Oregon is still behind its neighbors in its focus on gun safety and thus receives a B- rating from Gabby Giffords’ gun safety organization.

For this reason, a combination of religious organizations and Lift Every Voice Oregon have put forward two statewide imitative measures for the November 2022 ballot:

IP 17 bans ammunition magazines over 10 rounds and requires a permit to purchase a gun.

IP 18 bans future sales of assault weapons in Oregon.

A permit to purchase is a particularly important part of IP 17 as it requires gun owners to pass a background check, complete safety training that includes classroom and live-fire practice as well as an improved database to assist law enforcement in tracking guns that are lost or stolen and have been used to commit crimes.

Those interested in helping to collect signatures for the petitions can find further information at lifteveryvoiceoregon.com.



Do you know what happens at meetings of the Salem City Council or the Marion County Board of Commissioners or the Salem-Keizer School Board?

Read the Observer Reports on the following pages and be impressed by the variety and amount of work performed by the citizen members of these democratic organizations.

Observer Corps Reports

Marion County Commissioners—03/16/2022

Amy Vandegrift

Main Points/Issues Discussed

A presentation was made for the 2021 Student Recycled Art Calendar Awards to the area students whose picture will be part of the calendar.

The consent calendar included approval of a list of tax-foreclosed properties in Marion County for public auction on April 25, final consideration of a zoning change in the Brooks area, and approval of property tax refunds for Commonwealth Properties Management.



Decisions Made/Actions Taken

The Commissioners approved:

- Appointing Herschel Sangster as a citizen-at-large member to the Marion County Parks Commission. There are two additional open slots for citizens if anyone is interested in being part of this citizen advisory board.
- Approved accepting funding from Oregon Health Authority for Exceptional Needs Care Coordination (ENCC) for at-risk individuals in the Choice Model Services program. The funding helps fill in gaps for an individual's assistance or other funding shortfall.
- An intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for Marion County Parks to operate and maintain the North Santiam State Recreation Area through December 31, 2023. Plans are being made to give the state park to the county permanently.
- Funding from Western Federal Lands Highway Division for the North Fork Road Slide Stabilization project and chip and sealing on this and Gates Hill Road by December 31, 2023. There was no public hearing.

Marion County Commissioners—03/23/2022

Amy Vandegrift

Main Points/Issues Discussed

The Commissioners proclaimed March Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. They authorized county administrator staff to sign records for joint programs with other agencies, approved zone changes, and the use of *Woodburn Independent* as the newspaper for publication of 2022 tax foreclosure lists.

Actions Taken/Decisions Made

The Commissioners approved:

- Realignment of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds. Part of the funds were shifted to a home rehab program for low-income county residents. Originally the funds were intended to build affordable houses in Mill City, but sewer capacity problems prevented building there.

This shift in funds also included other programs that could not be completed in the appropriate time frame. Health and Human Services requested that unspent funds be transferred to the Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) program for nurse home visits to new mothers.

- Funding from OR Health Authority to be used by partner, Regional Partnership Implementation, for supplemental service for clients that are not available from other sources.
- Request from Public Works to rezone property in the Brooks area for commercial use.
- Request from Health and Human Services for a Class Special Procurement contract to be used by 15 providers of services for individuals who reside in adult foster homes, residential treatment homes and residential treatment facilities. The program provides ongoing support and services for adults with chronic mental illness.

In a Public Hearing, Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Second Supplemental Budget.

Marion County Commissioners—03/30/2022

Amy Vandegrift

Main Points/Issues Discussed

- During Public Comment a woman asked the Commissioners if they had any plans to help people in the county with inflation, rent increases and possible food shortages. Although this is a time for Commissioners just to listen, they all gave their views on rent caps and other actions taken at the state level.
- By consent the Commissioners approved:
 - Three appointments to the Marion County Compensation Board
 - Two OLCC applications
 - Temporary appointment of Sam Brentano as Treasurer
 - To allow Danielle Bethell, County Board Chair, to execute all documents for the purchase of property on East Blaine St. in Woodburn
 - To approve two new classifications for Health and Human Services
 - Reducing the price for building and septic permits for structures damaged in the September 2021 wildfire



Decisions Made/Actions Taken

The Commissioner approved:

- The construction agreement with Triplett Wellman, Inc., for a new Health and Human Services Building (\$14,332,000) that will house all its services in one building. Funding comes from State and Federal programs and does not include any Marion County property tax money.
- The extension of the lease agreement for the County Archive.
- The resubmitted road project for guardrails improvement and two kiosks on North Fork Road, and reconstruction of Wintel Road and a wooden bridge. These projects no longer need county matching funds with the Western Federal Lands Act program.
- The purchase of an Etnyre chip spreader to replace the one in current use.
- Two changes to the Comprehensive Plan from Single Residential to Multi Residential on 4310-30 Monroe Ave and the 300 block of Gwendolyn Loop.
- The one-time purchase of a Fastwater 25-foot Center Console boat to be used in Marion County waterways.

Marion County Commissioners—04/06/2022

Amy Vandegrift

Main Points/Issues Discussed

- The Commissioners appointed people to the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council and to the Marion County Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee (LADPC).
- They approved adjusting the pay grade for Chief Medical Legal Death Investigator, and a property tax refund for Corelogic Tax Service.
- The county's Broadband strategic plans are moving forward into phase 3.

Decisions Made/Actions Taken

The Commissioners approved:

- An Assessors Office contract with Scan-it to convert their office deed books and account jackets to digital form.
- Community Services - A grant agreement with Santiam Hearts to Arts for upgrades to its noncommercial KYAC-FM Radio that will allow it to send its signal into Detroit and Idana. This will strengthen communication into the canyon. The station worked during the 2020 wildfire to keep the public informed.
- A contract with Megellan Advisors to provide broadband consulting services for the North Santiam Area Broadband Strategy for Economic Development and Marion County Broadband Strategic Plan. The plan, referred to as "Middle mile," is to have corridors of fiber optic cable installed along roadways that will be accessible to property owners and businesses along the roads. Individuals will need to make their own connections to the system.
- A Contract-Specific Special Procurement with Galaxux to maintain the Community Resource Network (CRN). It is a website that shares resources and allows case managers and others to access things their clients' need.
- Health and Human services contracts for professional services for adults with mental health and behavioral health through county treatment and a contract with Premier Office Technologies for medical transcription services.
- Funding with Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services to provide pass-through grant funds for fire hardening of rebuilt structures from the 2020 wildfire.

Marion County Commissioners—04/13/2022

Amy Vandegrift

Main Points/Issues Discussed

- Presentation of Wildfire Recovery Update #16: There are 62 applications for septic systems. This is the leading indicator that the property owner is considering rebuilding. Records show that the rebuilt homes have higher assessed values that will lead to additional tax revenue for these communities. Long term Recovery Group has planted trees, collected donations of building supplies and built sheds for fire victims. Santiam Service Integration Team works with people who were impacted by the fire to access services and needs.
- The first quarter report on Economic Development funded by Oregon Video Lottery dollars was presented by the county contracted partner, SEDCOR. They work to foster economic development that includes business retention and bringing in new business to the area.
- April 11-15 was proclaimed Work Zone Awareness Week in Marion County with a presentation from Public Works on the importance of special attention to highway worker safety.

Decisions Made/Actions Taken

The Commissioners approved:

- The appointment of four new members to the Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District. The fire board no longer has a quorum to conduct business because four elected members quit. Under Oregon Law, the county commissioners had the responsibility to appointment four people to serve out the term of office to June 30, 2023.
- A new purchase contract with Galaxux to create a cloud-based service for the Community Resource Network (CRN) that case managers can use to fill in gaps in services and support for their clients. The CRN will be removed from the county server.
- A Purchase Order for Public Works with Fastenal Company for safety equipment, parts and supplies.
- A contract with the Sheriff's Office and Center for Hope and Safety to provide services for victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault and human trafficking.

Marion County Commissioners—04/20/2022

Amy Vandegrift

Main Points/Issues Discussed

- Public comments were shared by residents in the 47th Ave and Silverton Road area regarding homeless trash, vehicles, and graffiti. The Commission Chair urged citizens to report their concerns about code enforcement to the Sheriff's non-emergency number, 503-588-5032. The county does not have a graffiti abatement program like the city does. Residents are responsible for removing graffiti on their property at their own expense rather than through county taxes.
- April 17-23 was proclaimed as Volunteer Week in Marion County. Sherry Lintner, volunteer coordinator, made her annual report for 2021 and three volunteers spoke about their work.
- April 22 was proclaimed Earth Day in Marion County. Information about the county recycling program and the Master Recyclers training was presented to the Commissioners.
- In the discussion of Solid Waste Management, Commissioner Cameron talked about a tour of our facilities. Marion County is doing a good job but the tour of Toledo, OR, facilities demonstrates that 52% of their recycling is reclaimed compared to Marion County's 20+%.
- The Commissioners are looking at the Rails to Trails project up the Canyon this next week.



Decisions Made/Actions Taken

The Commissioners approved:

- Finance Dept. quitclaim deed sale on foreclosed property.
- Juvenile Dept. licensing renewal application for the Guaranteed Attendance Program (GAP)
- Solid Waste Management Advisory Council appointments of Bonnie Sullivan and Kevin Hines. These meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday at 5:30.
- Business Services. request for housekeeping revising policy for the Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace.
- Public Works request for additional funds for tree and debris removal from the February 2021 ice storm. This project is 85% complete and should be finished in about 4 weeks. 75% of the funding will be from the US Federal Government FEMA program
- Sheriff's Office contract with Liberty House for assessment, treatment and prevention services to children and families.

Salem City Council—04/11/2022

Alice LaViolette

Main Points/Issues Discussed

A 90-minute public hearing was held regarding the Salem Planning Commission's approval to change the zoning for 24.84 acres of a 36.86-acre parcel located at the 2100 Block of Doaks Ferry Rd NW, from RA (Residential Agriculture) and NCMU (Neighborhood Center Mixed Use) to RM-II (Multiple Family Residential).

Decisions Made/Actions Taken

- Approved Juneteenth Day as a paid city holiday.
- Approved transfer of \$200,000 from contingency funds to begin implementation of work on Climate Action Plan.
- Approved annexation of land at 4090 Milton St. NE and 4929 Auburn Rd. NE.
- Approved fee waiver for Children's Educational Theater for use of Gerry Frank Amphitheater.
- Approved motion by Councilor Nordyke directing staff to explore creating an RFP to operate a mobile crisis unit.
- Approved a collective bargaining agreement between the City and Salem Professional Fire Fighters Union.
- Approved a collective bargaining agreement between the City and 911 Professional Communication Employees' Association.
- Approved a zoning change for 24.84 acres located in the 2100 block of Doaks Ferry Rd. NW from RA and NCMU zoning to RM-II by vote of 6 to 2. Councilors Varney and Leung voted against the motion.

Salem City Council Work Session on Housing Needs—04/18/2022

Alice LaViolette

Main Points/Issues Discussed

Topic: Salem's Housing Needs

Host: Kristin Retherford, Interim City Manager

Panelists: Mike Erdman, CEO Home Builders Association of Marion & Polk Counties; Traci Manning,

Executive Director Housing Development Center; Nicole Utz, Salem Housing Authority; Ian

Lewallen, Finance Director Deacon Development; Richard Berger, Sr. Director of Development, Neighborly Ventures

In attendance: City of Salem Councilors, Marion County Commissioners, Polk County

Commissioners, Salem Area Mass Transit Board of Directors, Members of the Salem-Keizer School Board

The meeting consisted of a presentation by each of the panelists followed by questions from the members of the various governing boards who were in attendance. The discussion centered on problems that contribute to the housing crisis in Salem.



Some of the issues discussed at the Salem City Council Work Session:

The Oregon Office of Economic Analysis states that Oregon's housing crisis is due to being under-built by 111,000 houses statewide, rising interest rates, low supply of available land and low vacancy rates. Under-building began in 2008. The average home price in Salem is \$500,000 but a median-income family of four can qualify for a home mortgage loan of only \$330,000. Last year about 450 new homes were built in Salem compared to the 1970's when a thousand or more new homes were built each year. An average new home this year costs \$36,000 more for lumber than last year. The cost for the lot represents 25% of the cost for the home. Builders are hesitant to start middle-housing projects (duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, cottage clusters, townhouses) until they see how much demand there will be for them.

Statewide, 25% of renters spend 50% or more of their income for rent. Construction costs have jumped from \$115 per square foot to \$245 per square foot. Market rates for rentals are about 20-25% lower in Salem than in Portland, but the cost to build is about the same. Affordable housing projects are more costly to develop and profit margins are much lower. The process is very cumbersome when there are multiple funding sources (local/state/federal) with varying requirements. Tax reduction incentives and SDC (System Development Charges) breaks make these projects more desirable.

Government subsidies are needed to build affordable housing, otherwise affordable housing only comes from the aging process of current housing stock until the price becomes affordable, which can take 20 years.

Salem City Council—04/25/2022

Alice LaViolette

Main Points/Issues Discussed

- Public hearing/presentation on Annual Action Plan for using CDBG and HOME entitlement funds.

Use of the funds:

\$1,177,000 for programs aimed at ending homelessness

\$2,250,000 for programs that expand affordable housing

\$425,000 for project delivery and program administration

- Public Hearing on Planning Administrator's approval of a 3-phased subdivision plan creating 178 single family lots at 2527 Robins Lane SE (approx. 42 acres).
- Public Hearing of an appeal of the decision of the denial by the Hearings Officer for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for property located at the 4900 block of State Street. The property is currently zoned for commercial use but the developer plans to use it for housing and apartments. Much discussion by council on why the developer didn't request a zone change for the property rather than the CUP and the interpretation of ORS 197.303, the new state law that addresses the need for additional housing.
- Information reports received from Economic Development and Salem Municipal Airport.

Decisions Made/Actions Taken

- Affirmed the Hearings Officer's decision to deny a Conditional Use Permit for development of property located at 4900 block of State Street.



- Approved an 8% salary adjustment to the Deputy Police Chief pay range retroactive to November 8, 2021, and extended the City’s Hiring Bonus Program of \$7,500 per hire for lateral police officer transfers and difficult-to-fill positions through 09/28/22.
- Approved recommendations to direct staff to submit request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$2,349,371 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for use on several programs for homelessness, affordable housing.
- Approved the Planning Administrators approval of a 178 single-family subdivision at 2527 Robins Lane SE.

Salem Public Library Advisory Board—04/13/2022

Barbara Sellers-Young

Main Points/Issues Discussed

- Kim Carroll has been hired as the new librarian.
- The Strategic Plan is underway with scheduled one-on-one interviews with important stakeholders and focus-group sessions. Staff were also invited to share their vision in two different focus-group meetings. The next steps are benchmarking and best-practice research then completion of a situation assessment report.
- Friends of the Library Book Sale on May 12-14 and 19-21.
- Meeting and Study rooms are now open for reservation. See policy on the library’s website.
- Discussion of need to integrate more languages into Library brochures.
- Discussion of the role of branch libraries.



Salem Public Library’s new entrance

Decisions Made/Actions Taken

- Potential work with Food Bank as an outreach project.

Salem Keizer School Board—04/12/2022

Kathleen West

Main Points/Issues Discussed

Spotlight on Success. Supt. Christy Perry highlighted:

- Sprague teachers Shaun Dohman and Janelle Cashin for Unified Sports Class (Sprague Unified Cup).
- McNary Social Studies Teacher, Natalie Peton, whose creativity, interesting curriculum and popularity with all students helps students succeed and graduate.
- Whiteaker Middle School students and teacher Amber Sweeny's 8th Grade Leadership Class for their support of students and the community.

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Superintendent's Report: Supt. Perry introduced Tamra Goettsch, Marion County Director of Community Services, who talked about Child Abuse Prevention efforts. Supt. Perry told about the district's LGBTQ+ Policy work to help these students succeed. Assistant Supt. Udosenata updated the District's response to fighting and aggression. School Board Student Advisor Grace Caldwell shared student voices and information about Community Ambassador meetings. She also said she will start attending budget meetings when able.



Decisions Made/Actions Taken

- Approved Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation
- Approved Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation
- Adopted Resolution 202122-19 request from City of Salem-Keizer Tax District

Scott Cantonwine, developer, provided more information and thanked the Board for supporting this multi-priced housing project.

- After discussion, Board passed 4-3 the addition of the 2nd Vice Chair to Board leadership.
- Consent Calendar:
 - Acceptance of Grants,
 - Approval of Personnel Actions and
 - Approval of Howard Street School Contract passed unanimously.
- There was discussion about returning to in-person meetings but no decision.



HOW TO BECOME an Observer for LWVMPC: In the absence of regular coverage of local governmental bodies by journalists, you can help keep all of us informed. Most councils, etc., hold their meetings online or record them for viewing.

Contact Amy Vandegrift at vandebloom@gmail.com or Alice LaViolette at aklaviolette@comcast.net to let them know which council/commission/committee you want to observe and to answer any additional questions you might have. Our LWV board will send a letter on your behalf to the committee chair to let them know you are a regular LWV Observer.

Pay dues now for the next LWV year!



League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties Membership through September 30, 2023

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all women and men 16 years of age and older.

Membership includes subscriptions to local, state, and national League publications, many of which are sent by e-mail and all of which are supported by your local dues.

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Renewing members, please add below any information that is different from what's in the newest directory. If you've mislaid your directory, contact Elsa Struble at gstruble@willamette.edu, 364-3929.

New members, please complete the following contact information.

Phone (H) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Yes, I want to join the League: _____ as a *new* member. _____ as a renewing member

I am enclosing:

___ \$ 65 for Individual Membership

___ \$ 30 for each additional Household Member, Student or Limited Income Member
(Those with limited income may also contact Amy Vandegrift or Elsa Struble about scholarships)

___ \$ 90 for a single Supporting Member

___ **\$15 extra to receive printed newsletters through the mail**

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